

**Required Reading:** • **The National Gardener** 4 issues per year • **Guide for Students and Consultants** (Will be provided in student packets with course outlines.)

**Recommended Reading:** • Darke, Rick and Tallamy, Douglas W., **The Living Landscape: Designing For Beauty And Biodiversity In The Home Garden**; Timber Press, (2014) • Miller, Tyler G. Jr., **Living in the Environment: Principles, Connections and Solutions**; Books/Cole Publishing CO. (Living in the Environment is continuously revised.) • Tallamy, Douglas W., **Bringing Nature Home; How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants**. Updated and Expanded; Timber Press, (2009) for Course 1 • Tallamy, Douglas W., **Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard**; Doug Tallamy, 2020

### **Tampa Garde Club Specifics for NGC's Environmental School Series**

**Tampa Garden Club** has engaged a highly qualified & professional group of instructors from

- our local universities' Environmental Program,
- Hillsborough County Extension Service
- Hillsborough Community College

**For questions or more information,**  
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### **National Garden Clubs, Inc. Environmental School**

#### **Goals and Objectives:**

- A. Develop a citizenry that is aware of, and concerned about, the total environment and its associated problems, and which has the knowledge, attitude, motivation, skill and commitment to work individually and collectively toward solutions of current problems and the prevention of new ones.
- B. Promote NGC, Inc. Env. School
- C. Foster value systems that preserve the biotic community
- D. Increase awareness of the interdependence of life on earth
- E. Prevent pollution to protect public health and heal the planet
- F. Help citizens become involved with their communities and natural world
- G. Network and reach out to all segments of the community to achieve goals
- H. Encourage conservation education
- I. Promote inclusion of environmental education in classrooms and youth organizations throughout the country
- J. Establish Environmental Councils to provide opportunity for personal growth and community service for NGC, Inc. Environmental Consultants and Provisionals.



**Tampa Garden Club  
In conjunction with**

**Florida Federation of  
Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Presents**

**National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Environmental School  
Series XII, Course 1  
Hybrid  
April 11 & 12, 2023**

## NGC, Inc. Environmental School Series

**Mission Statement:** To teach Environmental Literacy; to cherish, protect and conserve the living earth.

**School Description:** The Living Earth Environmental School is composed of a minimum of 40 hours of study divided into four courses of ten hours each, which includes a two-hour field trip. The courses investigate AIR, LAND and WATER. The units are divided into Ecology and Environmental Science, Life on Earth, and Earth Stewardship. The courses teach participants environmental literacy, appreciation of the natural world, encourage action for sustainable development and appreciation of the interrelationship of all living things. Particular emphasis is presently placed on land conservation, water conservation and air quality.

Optional open book exams are offered for those wishing to become NGC Accredited Environmental Consultants. **These four courses must be completed within seven years. Exams are optional, however; if you wish to be an accredited Environmental Consultant, you must take the exams. After passing two courses, a student may become a Provisional Consultant and join an Environmental Consultants Council\*. To remain in Good Standing, every five years Environmental Consultants must attend ES Refresher or an ES Course, no exam required**

\*Florida has a Tri-Council serving Environmental, Gardening & Landscape Design Schools.

**ALL VIRTUAL STUDENTS NEW TO ZOOM MUST ATTEND ZOOM TRAINING: INFO TO FOLLOW**

**Course 1: The Living Earth  
Offered Tuesday, Wednesday  
April 11, 12, 2023  
10:00 am – 4 pm**

Course 2: Land and Related Issues  
To Be Offered Fall 2023

Course 3: Air and Related Issues  
To Be Offered Spring 2024

Course 4: Water and Related Issues  
To Be Offered Fall 2024

*Classes open to all Garden Club members and the general public!*

**All Classes will take place either in person at the Tampa Garden Club or through virtual platform.**

**Tampa Garden Club  
2629 Bayshore Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33629**

Each class will also include a mandatory 2-hour field trip in addition to class time. Specific details will be provided closer to class date. Be sure to dress accordingly, if attending in person. Virtual option is provided.

In person: Lunch, Coffee, Tea, Water, Juice will be provided.

**Environmental School Series  
Course 1, Series XII - Hybrid  
April 11 & 12, 2023  
Registration Form  
Register by April 1, 2023\***

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Garden Club** \_\_\_\_\_

**Virtual format (\$40) or\***

**In person (\$65)\***

**New Student or**

**Refresher Class**

Send Registration form with check to:  
**Registrar, Pamela Slagg,  
4315 W San Pedro Street  
Tampa, FL 33629;**

**\*Add Late fee of \$25,  
if registering after April 1, 2023.**