



National Garden Clubs

# Bi-Refresher

GARDENING SCHOOL  
AND  
LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Tuesday & Wednesday

February 27 & 28, 2024

1:00 PM - 5:15 PM

Sponsored by Michigan Garden Clubs





The Bi-Refresher Course will be presented live via Zoom



### Important Tech Requirements

All participants must participate via computer or tablet.  
Cell phone participation is not allowed

Participants should be fluent with Zoom.

If you need a practice session, contact Denise Clegg:  
[dclegg@migardenclubs.org](mailto:dclegg@migardenclubs.org)

*To receive course credit, all eight hours of course material  
must be attended in-person, at the time of the presentation.*





# Curriculum

Tuesday, February 27

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**Spoiler Alert: Free Plants!**

Linda Whitlock  
Retired MSUE Agent

2:00 PM - 4:15 PM

**Landscaping with Native Plants**

*This instructor's content will cover both Landscape Design and Gardening but may not be clearly delineated as such.*

Matthew Ross  
Executive Director, The Botanic Gardens at Historic Barns Park

There will be a 15-minute break at 3:00 PM

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

**Accessible, Enabling and Therapeutic Gardens**

Tim Banfield  
President/Owner of Outdoor Living, Inc. and a Licensed Landscape Architect







# Curriculum

Wednesday, February 28

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

## Gardening for Your Condominium or Patio

**Amanda Hyman**

Greenhouse Manager and Landscape Designer for Vandersalm's Garden Center

15-minute Break at 3:00 PM

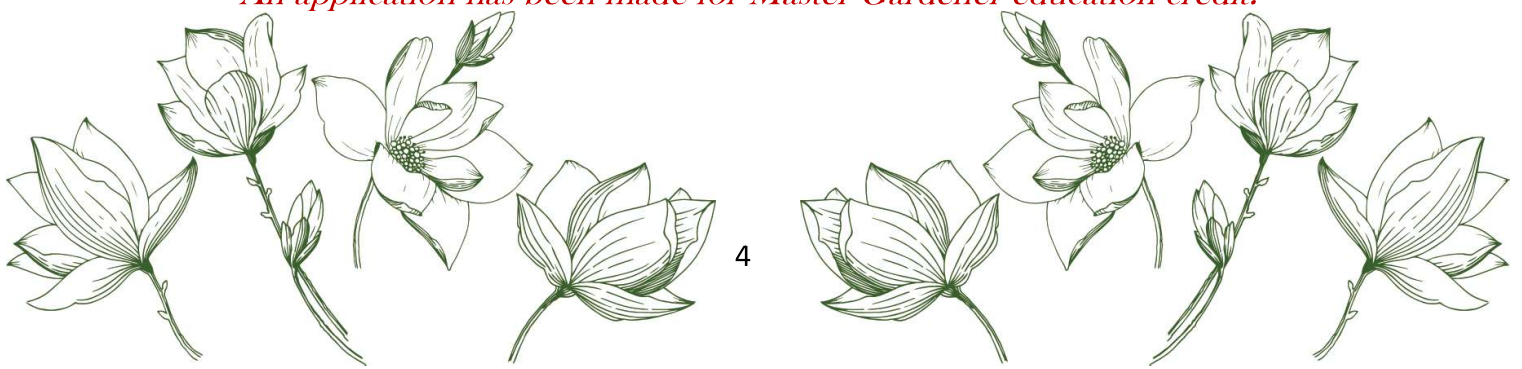
3:15 PM - 5:15 PM

## Learning About Your Ecosystem and Overused, Often Invasive Plants and Native Plants Alternatives

**Leah Knapp**

Professor of Biology and Biology Program Director, Olivet University

*An application has been made for Master Gardener education credit.*





## What is a Bi-Refresher?

Bi-Refreshers are an opportunity for National Garden Club's Consultants to maintain their accreditation status, in two Schools, Gardening and Landscape Design.

Refreshers are open to anyone interested in expanding their knowledge of the natural world in their community or in their own backyard.

Local experts engage attendees with topics related to the environment, gardening, and landscape design.





## Consultant Status

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. offers four schools for the enrichment and educational growth of its members. Schools offered are Environmental, Gardening, Landscape Design, and Flower Show.

Upon completion of four courses in any one school (Environmental, Gardening or Landscape Design), a member attains the status of Consultant. To maintain consultant status the consultant must refresh at least every five years.

Upon completion of four Refresher Credits, one attains the status of Master Consultant. To maintain Master status, Consultants must refresh at least once within a five-year period.

A Consultant can receive one refresher credit per school per calendar year.







## Credit for Multiple Refresher Courses

### **CONSULTANT STATUS IN 1-3 SCHOOLS**

Consultants receive credit for refreshing in 1 school when attending a multiple refresh course or by attending an individual course in that school. You determine which school to apply the credit to when you register for a multiple refresh course. The chair of that school determines eligibility.

### **CONSULTANT STATUS IN 1-3 SCHOOLS; MASTER CONSULTANT IN 1 SCHOOL**

A master consultant in 1 school receives credit for only one school when attending a multiple refresher course. You determine which school to apply the credit to when you register. The chair of that school determines eligibility.

### **CONSULTANT IN 0-1 SCHOOLS; MASTER CONSULTANT IN 2-3 SCHOOLS**

A master consultant in multiple schools receives refresh credit for all the schools in which they are a master, but not in a school in which they are a consultant. To refresh in the school where they are a consultant, that person would need to take a separate multiple refresh course or an individual course in that school.

The school chair determines eligibility.

You pay the NGC registration fee, \$5.00, for each course you are seeking to refresh.





## Cost

*This program is open to the public*

<b>NGC Member Fee:</b>	<b>\$45</b>
<b>Non-Member Fee:</b>	<b>\$50</b>

**There will be a 10% late fee  
after the February 13 registration deadline,  
if late registration is accepted by the Chair.**

Payment will be accepted on-line when you register.

If you are unable to pay on-line, you may request to pay by check.

Please email us for instructions:

[rpolad@migardenclubs.org](mailto:rpolad@migardenclubs.org)







## Committee

NGC Multiple-Refresher Course Chair: Doris Duckworth

Nancy Ryan: MGC President

Nancy Stark: Michigan Consultants Council Chair

Committee Members:

Denise Clegg: MGC 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-president and Gardening School Chair

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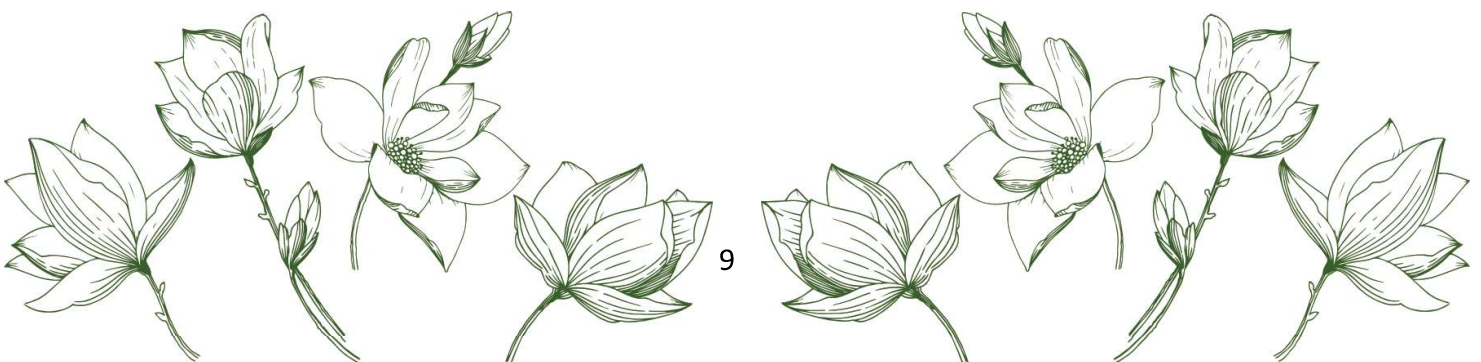
Deb Plichta: Landscape Design School Chair

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Bethany Goodman

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## Contact Us

All communication with registrants will be via email:

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*Please be sure to add this email address to your contacts  
so our communication with you does not go to your spam folder.*

For further information on all NGC Schools see the websites below:



National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)



Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC): [www.migardenclubs.org](http://www.migardenclubs.org)



Central Region National Garden Club [www.ngccentralregion.com](http://www.ngccentralregion.com)

**We welcome your questions and feedback.**





# Important NGC Form 7

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Members:

If your most recent refresher occurred *before 2021*, or if this is your *first refresher*:

- Please initiate a Form 7, available via the link below.
- Send the completed form to the appropriate school chair via email, listed.
- The form must be in fillable pdf format.
- One Form 7 must be submitted for each school for which you are seeking credit.
- Submitting this form is the first step in the registration process.
- Please see the final page to fully register.

The link to NGC Form 7 is available here:

[www.gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/ngc-tri-schools-form-7.pdf](http://www.gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/ngc-tri-schools-form-7.pdf)

If your most recent refresher is *2021 or later*, your Form 7 should be on file  
and you need not re-submit it.

Denise Clegg: Gardening School Chair: [dclegg@migardenclubs.org](mailto:dclegg@migardenclubs.org)

Deb Plichta: Landscape Design School Chair: [dplichta@migardenclubs.org](mailto:dplichta@migardenclubs.org)







# Registration

Registration for the **Bi-Refresher Course** will be conducted on-line.

We are limited to 50 attendees.

**Registration deadline is February 13**

There will be no refunds made  
after the registration deadline.

Please see the following page for a link to the **Registration Form**.





## Register

If you wish to register, please click on the blue box below.  
You will be re-directed to Michigan Garden Clubs website  
to complete your registration.



*By clicking on the registration box above,  
you acknowledge that you understand the information  
presented in this brochure, and wish to register.*

