**FFGC and NGC Horticultural Classes**

For more information, costs, how to register, etc is on the FFGC website <http://www.ffgc.org> click on classes.

**Horticulture Studies**

**“**[**Digging It!**](https://ffgc.org/Digging-It)**”** is Florida’s NGC Award winning Horticulture Study Series. This year’s classes will be held at the Orlando Garden Club, 710 E. Rollins St., Loch Haven Park, Orlando except Unit 2. Cost: $90.00 for series of 6 classes. If you elect to take individual classes they are $20 each. Cost includes instructor fees, some plant samples and handbook materials.

**Unit 1 Jan 9** (8:30-noon) Tina Tuttle, FFGC Horticulture Chairman

**Unit 2 Jan. 23** (10-2) Camellias by Robert Bowden, Director, Leu Gardens NOTE: HELD AT LEU GARDENS

**Unit 3 Feb. 13** (10-2) Roses by Elaine Pawlikowski, American Rose Society Master Rosarian

**Unit 4 Feb. 20** (10-2) Butterfly Gardening by Teresa Watkins, Environmental Consultant, Designer

**Unit 3 March 6** (10-2) Orchids by Charlie Chapman Gr., grower, lecturer

**Unit 6 March 20** (10-2) Cacti and Succulents by Pinky Ormand, Horticulture Specialist at Leu Gardens.

**National Gardening School**

The School consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination (which is optional). Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of local interest. You can take the classes in any order.

Classes held nearby:

**Feb. 12-13** Course IV, Series 5 at New Smyrna Beach Garden Club (Jane Villa-Lobos will be giving a talk on succulents on Feb. 13.

**Feb. 4-5 and March 4-5** Course III, Series 6 at Ribault Garden Club, Jacksonville

**NGC Environmental School** was developed to teach the science behind many of today’s environmental issues, most of which are quite complex. How people can make a significant effect in their homes and communities is stressed.

The school consists of a series of four two-day sessions, focusing on the living earth, land, air and water issues.  Particular emphasis is placed on regional issues as they relate to the land, air, water, plants, and animals. This is particularly important in Florida with its unique environment and geology. The curriculum is constantly reviewed and periodically updated to reflect new concerns and changing situations. The required field trip in each course is an opportunity to directly explore the special interests and issues for that region. Instructors are professionals in their fields or have the requisite higher education to make the classes interesting, relevant, and meaningful.

**Course 1 March 19-20** (8:30-3) New Smyrna Beach Garden Club