

Dear Gardening Friends,

May 14, 2012

This is a reminder that the National Garden Clubs' Gardening Studies Course I, hosted by the Venice Area Garden Club, will be held in November, 2012. Many of you took Course III and IV and we hope you will come back and study with us again. In addition to what we learn from our instructors, we learn so much from each other. I have several plants growing in my garden from our March seed exchange including the hard to find Giant Milkweed.

Last time, several of you did not get the information about required reading early enough, so here it is, right up front.

Required

Reading:

Living with Plants, Schumann, Chapters 1 thru 4 and Ch.8

Secrets of Great Soils, Stell, Chapters 1 and 2

The National Gardener, the quarterly publication from NGC

All publications are available from NGC by phone 314 776-7574 or through the website, www.gardenclub.org.

Date:

Thursday, November 8 and Friday, November 9, 2012

Time:

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Location:

Colonial Oaks Park, 53 Colonial Oaks Blvd., Sarasota, Florida.

Directions: From I-75, take Exit 207 west (toward the Gulf) onto Bee Ridge Road. Turn right at the light onto Cattleman Rd., turn left onto Colonial Oaks Blvd.

Cost:

\$45 for the course and lunch plus \$5 for testing

Lunch:

Included in the registration fee, along with snacks

Testing

Required for Credentialing, optional otherwise.

Credentialing: My plan is to make application for credentialing, following Course II in March 2013, as quick and painless as possible for you. To do this, I am asking you to provide me with your subscription label from The National Gardener in November. If you have given it to me in the past, I still have a copy. At the end of the last course, I will have all of your scores and your label on your credentialing application and will submit it along with our course documentation.

Final Course Course II will be held in March, 2013

Registration: Mail a check along with your phone number, address and email to me at PO Box 823, Elk Rapids MI, 49629

Contact Me: Between May 22 and October 8, phone 231 264-0705 or at rborton@aol.com

Maida Atkins and I look forward to seeing you in November

Rose Borton, Registrar