

Jan Warshauer, NGC Flower Show Schools Committee Chairman

Due to the extensive cancellation of FS schools and flower shows due to the COVID 19 virus, the FSS Committee requests the following items which go into effect immediately.

1. That any FSS series that is currently in progress may reduce the number of months required between courses from 4 to 3 months until Dec. 31, 2021. HB page 114. No more than 3 courses within a calendar year remains in effect.
2. That Student Judge judging requirements for NGC flower shows be the same as Accredited Judges, 6 classes including at least one class in horticulture, one class in design and four classes in any of the five divisions, except Photography. HB page 115
3. That an extension to December 31, 2021 be granted to Student Judges approaching the seven year timeframe limit for completion of requirements to become an Accredited Judge in 2020. HB page 116
4. That the Good Standing date of all levels of Accredited Judges expiring in 2020 be extended to December 31, 2021. HB page 120
5. That the Handbook Exam scheduled for April 23, 2020 be cancelled. The next exam will be given Oct. 22, 2020, the fourth Thursday in October. HB page 115-116
6. That the deadline for Schedule Writing directives that have been assigned to Student Judges is extended to July 1, 2020.

State FS School/Symposium personnel will coordinate with contracted instructors to reschedule events as necessary with flexibility in mind. Please notify the FSS Accrediting chairman for your region or the NGC Symposium chairman with updates. During this period, if necessary, Course II, III and IV do not need to be held sequentially.

The FSS Committee encourages all clubs to reschedule cancelled flower shows as soon as possible to stimulate the enjoyment of sharing our love of nature.