



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course II of IV

October 5, 9-10, 2024

Optional Exam October 11, 2024

to be held at

The Kellogg Environmental Center

500 Hawthorne Avenue

Derby, CT 06418

Offered by:



The
Federated Garden Clubs
of Connecticut, Inc.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc. (FGCCT) is pleased to offer the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) Flower Show School. The curriculum is divided into a series of four individual courses. All are welcome to attend but only those who are members of NGC and are taking the full course with exam are eligible for credit.

The NGC provides the educational opportunity through its Flower Show Schools (FSS) Program whereby its members may become Accredited Flower Show Judges or attend sessions merely to enrich their knowledge of horticulture, design, and flower show procedure.

The courses, which may be taken in any order are structured to meet the following goals and purposes:

- To teach and accredit prospective flower show judges and to provide opportunities for Accredited Judges to expand their knowledge and remain in good standing.
- To create increased interest and knowledge in horticulture and design for all garden club members whether or not they are seeking to become NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges.
- To provide greater understanding of standards of exhibiting and judging of a Standard Flower Show as clarified in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Revised 2017.
- To promote flower shows of highest quality and educational value.

We urge everyone to take the optional exam offered the morning of the third day in order to start on journey to become an NGC-accredited Flower Show Judge. Students become Student Exhibitors after passing their second course, and Student Judges after passing their third course. Students are encouraged to attend the Judges Council meetings which provide programs that further the education of its members.

DIRECTIONS TO:

Kellogg Environmental Center
500 Hawthorne Ave
Derby, CT 06418
See: www.mapquest.com or:

From Rte. 8 Southbound – Exit 15, then left onto Rte. 34

From Rte. 8 Northbound – Exit 15, then left onto Rte. 34

From I-95 Northbound – Exit 27 to Rte. 8 North; Exit 15, then left onto Rte. 34

From I-95 Southbound – Exit 47 to Rte. 34 connector; stay on connector until junction with Ella Grasso

Boulevard; take right onto Boulevard; move into left lane; at intersection turn left onto Rte. 34 West; in Derby, Rte. 34 makes a hard-left turn and passes under Rte. 8 overpass.

From Rte. 15 Northbound – Exit 52 to Rte.8 North; Exit 15, then left onto Rte. 34

From Rte. 15 Southbound – Exit 58; then right to Rte. 34W

Downtown Derby: From Main Street Rte.34/Rte. 8 intersection continue West on Rte. 34 for about 1.5 miles; take a right onto Lakeview Terrace (there is a road sign for Kellogg Environmental Center/Osbornedale State Park at the corner); continue to stop sign at the end of the road; turn left at stop sign. Parking is on left.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Karin Pyskaty, FGCCT President

Mel Unger, Flower Show School Chair

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Diane White, Design Chair

Cheryl Cappiali, Horticulture Chair

Jessica Fischer, Proctor

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Hampton Inn (203) 925-5900

695 Bridgeport Avenue

Shelton, Ct 06484

(Block of rooms reserved by Federated Garden Clubs of CT)

INSTRUCTORS

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

Barbara D. May is a Master Judge; NGC Instructor in Flower Show Procedure and approved to teach by Zoom. Barbara has been the Chairman of both Local, District and State Flower Shows. She served as NGC 60th President from 2007-2009. A former President of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc; she is a Trustee Emeritus of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and holds a Master's Degree from Boston University. Currently she serves on the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs on the Strategic Planning Committee; State Evaluation Chairman for Flower Shows and Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman.

HORTICULTURE

Cathy Felton has a B.S. in Zoology from the University of Rhode Island and has studied Landscape History and Landscape Design at the former Landscape Institute of Harvard University. In addition to being an NGC Master Judge and Horticulture Instructor she is also a Garden Club of America Horticulture Judge, an American Hosta Society Judge, and an American Daffodil Society Judge and Instructor. In Massachusetts, she belongs to two garden clubs Hamilton-Wenham GC and North Shore GC and many other horticulture organizations.

Whenever she has free time she loves to plant and 'play' in her one plus acre garden which flowers from February till November.

DESIGN

Judy B. Binns is a member of the Salisbury GC, former President of Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge and NGC Flower Show School Design Instructor. She has served on the National Garden Clubs Board of Directors since 2007, and currently serves as the Flower Show Schools Chairman. Judy is a member of The Council at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts where she been actively involved with "Fine Arts and Flowers"— as an exhibitor, co-chairman and sponsor liaison. She is a member of the Piedmont District Judges Council, Virginia Flower Show Judges Council, and Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas.

Judy enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and introducing them to the wonders of gardening and flower arranging.

REQUIRED READING

- NGC Website www.gardenclub.org
- *Handbook for Flower Shows (HB)*, 2017 Ed)
- *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*, 2012 NGC Supplement to Handbook for Flower Shows
- *The National Gardener*-online www.gardenclub.org >Member Login > TNG Online

RECOMMENDED READING

- *Designing by Types* – H. Osborne \$44.95
- *Creative Flower Arranging* by Belcher
(Note: not up to date with current HB)
- *Hortulana*, The 21st Century Edition – Heber \$10.00
- *NGC - Plants and Their Respective Families*
- *NGC -Plant Families for Designers Constructing Monobotanic Designs*

Books may be purchased from the NGC by phone at (800) 550-6001 or online at shopgardenclub.org

COURSE PROGRAM

Saturday, October 5, 2024

ZOOM FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE (2 hours), 10am-12pm (exam immediately follows)

Barbara May, Instructor

- Review of Standard Flower Show and Specialty Flower Show requirements
- Review Standard System of Awarding
- Duties of Flower Show Chairman and Flower Show Committees
- Writing a Flower Show Schedule, with emphasis on format and general rules
- Explanation of Botanical Art Photography section and requirements for Botanical Arts Photography Award.

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

8:30 Registration

8:45 Welcome and announcements

9:00 DESIGN (5 Hours)

Judy B. Binns, Instructor

- Table Designs: Functional, Exhibition Tables
- Role of Balance, Color and Texture in Table Designs
- Creative Staging Table Designs
- Discuss Petite Designs. General requirements for the Petite Award.
- General Requirements for NGC Design section Top Exhibitor Awards Table Artistry Award
- Review of Judging Procedures
- Review of Judging qualities found on the Design Point Scoring Form
- Review of Design Commenting Vocabulary

10:00 Break

10:15 DESIGN (continued)

12:15 Lunch

1:00 DESIGN (continued)

2:00 Break

2:15 Design and Oral Practice Point Scoring

3:15 Break

3:30- Written Point Scoring

5:30

THURSDAY, October 10, 2024

8:30 Registration

8:45 Welcome and Announcements

9:00 HORTICULTURE (5 hours)

Cathy Felton, Instructor

- Staging Horticulture Innovatively
- Discussion of Petite Horticulture
- General Requirements for NGC Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards; Section Awards, including Elfin Award
- Review Judging Procedures
- Review Judging Qualities found on the Horticulture Point Scoring Form
- Review of Horticulture Commenting Vocabulary
- Discussion of growing and showing container plants and evergreen branches with emphasis on exhibiting and judging. Local Flower Show Schools
- Practice point scoring:
(2 hrs.) **10:00 Break**

10:15 HORTICULTURE (continued)

12:15 Lunch

1:00 HORTICULTURE (continued)

2:00 Break

2:15 ORAL PRACTICE POINT SCORING

3:15 Break

3:30- WRITTEN POINT SCORING EXAM

5:30

FRIDAY, October 11, 2024

8:45 Sign-In for Optional Exam

9:00-12:00 OPTIONAL EXAM

All registrations must be received by October 1, 2024

[Click Here for On-Line Registration](#)

Flower Show School Course I

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NAME _____

(Please Print)

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

CELL _____

EMAIL _____

GARDEN

CLUB _____

Course Fees

Full Course, Exam, Lunch \$160.00 _____

Course, No Exam, Lunch \$150.00 _____

One-day: Oct 5 - FS Procedure \$ 80.00 _____

One-day: Oct 9 - Design, Lunch \$ 90.00 _____

One-day: Oct 10 - Horticulture, Lunch \$ 90.00 _____

Vegetarian _____ Food Allergy _____

Total Remittance _____

Make check payable to: FGCCT, Inc.

Mail check and Registration Form to:

Peggy Townsend, Registrar

6 Almar Dr.

Bethel, CT 06801

NO REFUNDS AFTER September 5, 2024. Outlines will be emailed upon completion of registration.