

David Robson

Flower Show Procedure & Horticulture

David Robson is a retired horticulture and pesticide safety specialist with the University of Illinois, first as a horticulture adviser in Sangamon County (Springfield), and then a regional horticulture educator covering the bottom ½ of the state, and finally a campus-based specialist in Urbana. A graduate of Iowa State University and University of IL, he has taught for more than 43 years. He was president of the Springfield Civic Garden Club from 1995-1997, after serving on the board of directors for many years. He currently is the Recording Secretary of the Club. He has served 10 years (2 different terms) as the Garden Clubs of IL Awards Chairman. He currently is the 3rd Vice-President. He is a National Garden Club Master Judge since 1992, and Flower Show School and Symposium instructor since 2008, teaching Horticulture Judging and Flower Show Procedures, traveling to all but 5 states. He is the past chairman of Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure Instructors for the NGC Flower Show Schools and was chairman of the Handbook Revision Committee. He is also an IL State Fair Food Judge for the past 12 years. He currently serves on the NGC Board of Directors as the Plant America Community Projects Grant Chairman, NGC Headquarters Grounds Chairman, Finance Committee Member, and a PH&E Trustee.

Judy Binns

Design

Judy is a member and former president of the Salisbury GC, NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, former President of Piedmont District and President of Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs from 2011-2013. She was awarded the National Garden Clubs Member of Honor Award for the South Atlantic Region for All-Around Excellence in 2006 and has served on the National Garden Clubs Board of Directors since 2007. She has exhibited designs in “Fine Arts and Flowers” at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and served as “Fine Arts and Flowers” Co-Chairman in 2007 and 2010. Judy is an NGC Flower Show School Design Instructor and has given floral design programs and workshops in Virginia as well as North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and West Virginia. She is a member of the Piedmont District Judges Council, Virginia Flower Show Judges Council, Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas, and National Flower Arrangers.

Judy is a native Virginian from the Shenandoah Valley. She enjoys spending time in her garden and specializes in floral designs for weddings and other occasions.

Flower Show School Course IV

A National Garden Clubs, Inc. School

March 24-27, 2025

*Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
1800 Lakeside Avenue
Richmond, VA 23228
804-262-9887*

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs



VFGC President – Val Story

For more information contact:

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Flower Show School – Course IV

Date: March 24-27, 2025

Location: Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens,
1800 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, VA 23228

Design: Judy Binns

Judy will teach abstract creative designs.

Horticulture & Flower Show Procedure: David Robson

David will teach FSP, collections and displays, and echeverias

Attendance at all Sessions is Required for Credit

Schedule:

		Flower Show
Monday, Mar 24	3:45 – 6 pm	Procedure
Tuesday, Mar 25	8:00 – 9:00 am	FSP Exam
	9:15 am – 3:30 pm	Horticulture/Lunch
	3:45 – 5:45 pm	Point Scoring Test
Wed., Mar 26	8:00 – 9:00 am	Horticulture Exam
	9:15 am – 3:30 pm	Design
	3:45 – 5:45 pm	Point Scoring Test
Thursday, Mar 27	9:00 – 10:00 am	Design Examination

Hotel Information: Suggested hotel is Candlewood Suites, Richmond South, 4301 Commerce Road, Richmond, VA 23234, 804-271-0016.

Required Books to have:

Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, NGC Exhibiting & Judging, both available on the NGC Website for purchase or Handbook may be downloaded.

Flower Show Procedure will cover a review of judging etiquette & ethics, Flower show achievement awards, flower show writing assignments, writing a flower show schedule with emphasis on format and general rules along with evaluating an NGC flower show.

Horticulture will cover collections & displays, review of horticulture schedule writing, botanical arts horticulture section, club competition displays and gardens, review of top exhibitor horticulture awards, & review of the collections point scoring form. Discussion of echeverias.

Design will include creating a design schedule with sections & classes; creative design general characteristics; elements & principles as they relate to creative design; dynamic balance, penetration of space, & plastic organization. General requirements for TEA Design Awards; Discussion of Design Botanical Arts Division; Review of judging qualities found on the design point scoring form and design commenting vocabulary.

REGISTRATION FORM: Flower Show School-Course IV

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Credit _____ Non-Credit _____

Full Course with/without exam \$150 _____
(Includes tuition, two lunches,
and reserved seating on Front
rows.)

Flower Show Procedure (Mon.) \$40 _____

Horticulture & Lunch (Tues.) \$75 _____

Design & Lunch (Wed.) \$75 _____

Manual will be e-mailed (free of
charge)

Printed Manual available at \$10 _____

Registration if preordered.

TOTAL _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

****No refunds after February 24, 2025**

Make check payable to **Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.** with **Flower Show Schools** in the memo line and mail to:
Brenda McManaway, Flower Show School Registrar, 5612 Bethlehem Road,
Boones Mill, Virginia 24065-2321