

REGISTRATION FORM

July 20-23, 2025

**NGC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL
COURSE NO. 1**

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
CLUB: _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

FULL COURSE:

(WITH/WITHOUT EXAMS) \$150 _____

(Includes tuition, 2 lunches, and snacks)

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

ONLY (Sun) \$40 _____

HORTICULTURE & LUNCH (Mon) \$80 _____

DESIGN & LUNCH (Tuesday) \$80 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

District 1 Judges Council

(Note: Flower Show School in Memo line)

MAIL TO:

Mary Heim, Registrar

4159 Chickasaw Road

Memphis, TN 38117

NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 8, 2025

Attendance at all sessions

is REQUIRED for credit

(Tests are only for those students taking
the course for credit.)

Sun. July 20

3:45-6:00 pm Flower Show Procedure

Mon. July 21

8:00-9:00 am Procedure Exam

9:00-9:15 Break

9:15 -11:30 Announcements/Horticulture

11:30-12:30 pm Lunch

12:30- 2:00 Horticulture

2:00 - 2:15 Break

2:15 - 3:45 Hort. Point Scoring Practice

3: 45 - 4:45 Point Scoring Exam

Tues. July 22

8:00 - 9:00 am Horticulture Exam

9:00 - 9:15 Break

9:15 - 11:30 Annou./Design Lectures

11:30 - 12:30pm Lunch

12:30- 2:00 Design Lectures

2:15: - 3:45 Design Point Scoring Practice

3:45 - 4:45 pm Design Point Exam
Scoring Exam

Wed. July 23

9:00 - 10:00 am Design Exam

LOCAL LODGING:

Courtyard by Marriot

6015 Park Ave, Memphis, TN

888/691-9410

Hampton Inn

5320 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN

901/554-7018



NGC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course No. 1

July 20-23, 2025

Memphis Botanic Garden

750 Cherry Road

Memphis, TN 38117

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Sponsored by

District 1 Judges Council



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901-681-9222

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Printed outlines that will be emailed to you three weeks before the course and after you have paid. Bring the outlines with you to the course. Read and study before the school.
2. Suggested - bring *Handbook for Flower Shows 2017 Revised*. - Download on iPad or iPhone, or print. (150 pages)
3. Bring a Reusable cup for beverage.
4. Bring a jacket -- can get cold

FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL TAKING COURSE FOR CREDIT AND TAKING EXAMS:

1. **Required** if you are taking the tests, *NGC Flower Show Handbook, 2017 Edition, Revised 2024* - can download free: NGC - www.gardenclub.org
2. Attend ALL Sessions
3. Have attendance cards punched after each session
4. Bring a clipboard for taking the point scoring tests

Encouraged to Read:

Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging - \$30
Outlines of Period Designs - \$5
Both can be purchased from NGC

FRANCES THRASH Design Instructor

Francis is a Master Flower Show Judge and is the NGC Chairman for Floral Design. She is also a Master Judge for the American Iris Society and Senior Judge for the Hemerocallis Society.

In 2009 she earned a Gold Award in the WAFA-World Association of Flower Arrangers show in D.C. She is also an FTD Master Designer and runs her own small business doing flowers for weddings, meetings, and churches. She is a gardener and loves all plants. Frances lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia

VIRGINIA (BESSIE) MORSE Horticulture Instructor

Bessie Morse is a Master Flower Show Judge and has been the Horticulture Chair and Schedule Editor for the Garden Club of St. Petersburg's annual Flower Shows since 2015. She is a Master Gardener with 18 years of experience. She trained at Florida Botanical Gardens and now works on revitalizing a large Florida Native Garden at Coconut Park. She often guides visitors through Sunken Gardens, a tropical park in a sinkhole, owned by the City of St. Petersburg. Bessie also belongs to the Rare Plant Society. She lives in Florida with her husband and 5 rescue cats.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL is a comprehensive program that teaches all you need to know about judging, entering, competing and chairing an NGC Flower Show.

There are four (4) courses, each scheduled over a 2-3 day period and each with a specific curriculum that includes horticulture, design, and flower show procedure.

If you are considering becoming a flower show judge; planning to chair a flower show; or simply want to learn more about horticulture and flower arrangements, your first step is to attend Course 1.

Subjects are taught by qualified instructors and outlines will be provided. Examples of horticulture and designs are displayed and critiqued. You will learn point scoring to evaluate how entries are judged and see what it takes to earn a blue ribbon.

Course 1 -The Design Session studies traditional line, line mass, and mass designs.

Flower Show Procedure covers types of flower shows, awards, and what it takes to produce a flower show.

The Horticulture Session covers labeling, growing, selecting, grooming, conditioning, exhibiting and judging your plants.

Horticulture Topics:

Container Grown – Begonias
Araceae (Aroids)