



**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL  
COURSE III**

**April 27, 28, 29, 2026**

**Sponsored by the**

**Garden Club Federation of  
Pennsylvania (GCFP)**  
Pat Wolanski, President

**GCFP Judges Council**  
Karen Wychock, Chair

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**Flower Show Procedure**  
Frances Thrash

**Horticulture – Heidi Muschick**  
Cut Hosta  
Combination Plantings

**Design – Frances Thrash**  
Creative Line Mass & Angular Designs

**SCHOOL LOCATION**

**Gettysburg Fire Department Social Hall  
35 N. Stratton St.  
Gettysburg, PA 17325**

**LODGING**

**A block of rooms have been reserved at the:**

**Hampton Inn by Hilton Gettysburg  
1280 York Rd  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
717-338-9121**

**The cost is \$129 per night plus tax. Ask for the  
GCFP Flower Show School group rate (code –  
906). Rates are guaranteed until March 26,  
2026**

A complimentary buffet breakfast is included with  
your guestroom booking (6am – 10am).

WI-FI is free and reliable in the lobby and  
guestrooms. Parking is complimentary.

The hotel is a 10 minute drive from the social hall.

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**GCFP Flower Show School Coordinator**  
Joanne Baylis, 717-688-5571 or  
[cjb3fan@yahoo.com](mailto:cjb3fan@yahoo.com)

**Registrar:** Evie Matzke  
4900 Old Hanover Rd  
Westminster, MD 21158  
410-346-6676 or [eviemat52@aol.com](mailto:eviemat52@aol.com)

**Treasurer:** Maryan Daniels

**REGISTRATION FORM – COURSE III**

Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Phone
Email Address
Garden Club
Federation
Name for Badge
Indicate If Needed (Vegetarian or Gluten-Free)

**FEES**

**Registration Deadline: March 26, 2026**  
**No refunds after this date**

Full Course for credit w/lunch.....\$290 \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Course – no credit w/lunch.....\$280 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 April – Horticulture w/lunch.....\$160 \_\_\_\_\_  
28 April - Design w/lunch.....\$160 \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee \$25 if received after March 26, 2026**

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form (make a copy for yourself) with your  
check payable to: **GCFP FSS Course III** to the  
Registrar:

**Evie Matzke**  
**4900 Old Hanover Rd**  
**Westminster, MD 21158**

## COURSE III INSTRUCTORS

### FRANCES THRASH Flower Show Procedure and Design

Frances is originally from Jackson, Mississippi, but has lived in Virginia since 1988. Frances attended the University of Mississippi where she earned a degree in Education and Math.

At the tender age of 6, Frances joined the junior garden club affiliated with her mom's garden club where she remained a member until high school graduation. Frances rejoined a garden club in 1989 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She currently is a past president & founding member of Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club and president of the Richmond Designers Guild. A past president (twice) of the Tidewater District of the VA Federation of Garden Clubs and serves her state as Flower Show Schools Chair. Frances is a Master Judge and a Design & Flower Show Procedure Instructor for both NGC flower show school & symposiums. Frances is also a master judge for the American Iris Society and a Senior Judge for the Hemerocallis Society (daylilies), as well as a board member of CFAA (Creative Flower Arrangers of the Americas).

Frances finds time to work at a Wholesale Flower Market in Chesapeake, VA, where she is a FTD Master Designer and runs her own small business (Seascapes) out of her home. Frances is a gardener, loves plants of all sorts, her 5 grandchildren and her Persian kitties Ruby & Jasper.

### HEIDI MUSCHICK Horticulture

Heidi, originally from Upstate New York, earned her BS in Chemistry from William Smith College. Her journey into horticulture began with an internship at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Geneva, where she developed a keen interest in soil science. This foundation led Heidi to New Jersey where she continued her studies at the New York Botanical Gardens, completing horticulture certificates in Arboriculture, Propagation and Sustainable Garden Design. Heidi's current interests focus on native plants and pollinators and she delights in cultivating and collecting Clivia's within her conservatory. Heidi is an active member of several plant societies, including those dedicated to Clivia's, Dahlias, Hostas and Conifers.

As a member of the Garden Club of Montclair (NJ) and the Glenville Hills Garden Club (NY), Heidi has shared her knowledge through various horticultural programs and workshops across NY and NJ. She also holds the distinction of being a National Garden Club Accredited Master Flower Show Judge and a Daffodil Judge. Her expertise is recognized through her membership in the NJ and NY Judges Councils and she has been honored to judge at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Lectures are open to all garden club members and the public for the fee stated on the registration form. To receive credit towards the Judging Certificate, student must be an active member of a National Garden Club Organization and **MUST** be in their seats at the start of all lectures. Attendance is required at all sessions for credit.

The following required reading list applies to all Flower Show School Courses. Students should read pages as noted in Student Outlines provided by each course instructor that will be emailed by the Flower Show School Coordinator once received.

- \* Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition with 2025 revised updates
- \* The National Gardener Magazine, online
- \* NGC Horticulture & Exhibiting Judging Book
- \* Outline of Period Flower Arrangements (Hannay)
- \* Table Settings for All Seasons (Wood & Smith)
- \* Designing by Types (Osburn)
- \* Hortulana The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Edition (Heber)

All books can be ordered online at the official NGC Store, [www.shopgardenclubs.org](http://www.shopgardenclubs.org)

**Course III brochure can be found on the GCFP website – [www.pagardenclubs.org](http://www.pagardenclubs.org) and on the NGC website – [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)**

**\*\*Students are required to bring to class – Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition with 2025 revised updates, a clipboard and pencils.\*\***

## COURSE III SCHEDULE

### Day 1: Monday, April 27, 2026

8:00-8:30am	Registration
8:30-8:45am	Welcome
8:45-9:45am	Flower Show Procedure
9:45-10:00am	Break
10:00-11:30am	Horticulture
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch
12:30-2:00pm	Horticulture (continued)
2:00-2:15pm	Break
2:15-4:15pm	Practice Point Scoring
4:15-4:30pm	Break
4:30-6:30pm	Horticulture Point Scoring Exam

### Dinner on your own

### Day 2: Tuesday, April 28, 2026

8:00-8:15am	Announcements
8:15-9:15am	Flower Show Procedure
9:15-9:30am	Break
9:30-11:30am	Design
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch
12:30-1:30pm	Design (continued)
1:30-1:45pm	Break
1:45-3:45pm	Practice Point Scoring
3:45-4:00pm	Break
4:00-6:00pm	Design Point Scoring Exam

### Dinner on your own

### Day 3, Wednesday, April 29, 2026

8:00-8:30am	Instructions for Exams
8:30-11:30pm	Written Exams*

\*Flower Show Procedure, Horticulture & Design

**Seating will be assigned in order of receipt of paid registrations with priority given to students taking the exam.**