

GENERAL INFORMATION

All lectures are open to all Garden Club members and to the public for the stated fees. Seating will be assigned in order of receipt of paid registration. Refreshers taking the exam will be given preferred front seating. Judges taking the course for Audit or Refresher MUST attend all lectures in their entirety and be in their seat when classes start.

NGC CREDENTIALS

*No Credentials will be accepted at the door.
NCA Judges please email form 13, 15L, or
15M, and Out-of-State Judges, form 18,
no later than September 1st to:*

NCA Credentials Chair

Caroline Carbaugh
cscarbaugh@verizon.net
301-502-5425

NCA Symposium Chair

Robin Hammer
RJLHammer@gmail.com
202-257-1415

REQUIRED TEXT

Judges must have a personal copy of the "*Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Revised Edition*". (Revised July 2024). It may be on a phone, tablet, or computer. The *Handbook* is available for free download from the NGC website:
www.gardenclub.org.

PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL

Late arrivals will be seated at breaks only. Remember to bring pencils, study outlines, clipboards and the *NGC Handbook* with updates included.

2025 SYMPOSIUM AREAS OF STUDY

Horticulture: Coleus & Capitulum

Allied Topic: Subdividing Horticulture

Design: Floor Designs & Illuminary/Reflective Designs

Allied Topic: Contrived Forms (Hands on)

COURSE SCHEDULE

Day I Tuesday, September 16, 2025

7:30 am Registration – Coffee served
8:00 am Welcome
8:15 am Allied Topic – David Robson
9:15 am Break
9:30 am Horticulture - David Robson
11:00 am Break
11:15 am Horticulture & Practice Point Scoring
12:45 pm Lunch
1:45 pm Horticulture Practice Point Scoring
2:45 pm Exam Instructions/Break
3:00 – 5:00 pm Point Scoring Exam

Dinner on your own

Day II Wednesday, September 17, 2025

7:30 am Registration – Coffee served
8:00 am Welcome
8:15 am Allied Topic – Gina Jogan
9:15 am Break
9:30 am Design – Gina Jogan
11:00 am Break
11:15 am Design & Practice Point Scoring
12:45 pm Lunch
1:45 pm Design Practice Point Scoring
2:45 pm Exam Instructions/Break
3:00 – 5:00 pm Point Scoring Exam

REGISTRATION

July 1 – August 30, 2025
Deadline: September 1, 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

Garden Club: _____

E-mail: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Name for Badge: _____

Please indicate dietary needs: _____

Judging Status: _____

Good Standing Date: Dec 31, 20____

___ Full Course with exam or audit **\$275**

*Includes tuition, two lunches, refreshments,
reserved seating in order of receipt, if taking
exam for credit.*

___ Horticulture/Lunch only (Tuesday) **\$150**

___ Design/Lunch only (Wednesday) **\$150**

**Please mail this form along with your
check payable to *Judges Council* to:**

Jo Sellers

NCA Symposium Registrar

5831 Fitzhugh Street

Burke, VA 22015

Questions? Please contact Jo Sellers

josellers@cox.net

703-731-5858

INSTRUCTORS

Gina Jogan

Design

Gina Jogan is a National Garden Club Master Accredited Flower Show Judge and an NGC Symposia, Design, Procedure, and Allied topics Instructor since 2002. She serves as the NGC Flower Show School Chairman and as Liaison to Design and Flower Show Procedure Instructors. She is an active member of numerous regional, state and local garden clubs. Gina's designs have been published in articles, magazines, manuals, calendars and on-line.

David Robson

Horticulture

David Robson is a National Garden Club Master Accredited Flower Show Judge and Flower Show School Symposium Instructor. David is a graduate of Iowa State University and University of Illinois. He is serving as NGC Flower Show School Vice-Chairman. He has taught for more than 43 years. David is a horticulture and pesticide safety specialist. He also serves on the NGC Board of Directors as the Liaison to Horticulture Instructors, Credentials, and State Chairmen, and has held many more positions on the National and Illinois State Boards.

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Kenwood Golf and Country Club,
please call 301-320-3000 and mention
HAMMER/SYMPOSIUM
Room rate is \$112, including tax and
Continental breakfast.
There is no charge for parking.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From 495 take the River Road
(Washington) exit #49 South, bearing
onto River Road. Follow River Road 3
miles to Springfield Drive, turn left at
that light and enter Kenwood Club.

SHOPPING

A variety of containers and components will be
available for purchase as a fundraiser for our
Judges Council. Thank you for your support!
Cash or check only, please.



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