



FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE IV

October 26, 27, 28, 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  
Vegetables  
Collections

Design – Frances Thrash  
Mono-Botanic and Tapestry 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 \$139 per night plus tax. Ask for the  
GCFP Flower Show School group rate (code –  
906). Rates are guaranteed until September 21,  
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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Joanne Baylis, 717-688-5571 or
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Registrar: Evie Matzke
4900 Old Hanover Rd
Westminster, MD 21158
410-346-6676 or eviemat52@aol.com

Treasurer: Maryan Daniels

REGISTRATION FORM – COURSE IV

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

FEES

Registration Deadline: September 21, 2026
No refunds after this date

Full Course for credit w/lunch.....\$290 _____
Full Course – no credit w/lunch.....\$280 _____
26 October – Horticulture w/lunch....\$160 _____
27 October - Design w/lunch.....\$160 _____

Late Fee \$25 if received after September 21, 2026

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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

Evie Matzke
4900 Old Hanover Rd
Westminster, MD 21158

COURSE IV 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 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 2026 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 21st Century Edition (Heber)

All books can be ordered online at the official NGC Store, www.shopgardenclubs.org

Course IV brochure can be found on the GCFP website – www.pagardenclubs.org and on the NGC website – www.gardenclub.org

****Students are required to bring to class – Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition with 2026 revised updates, a clipboard and pencils.****

COURSE IV SCHEDULE

Day 1: Monday, October 26, 2026

8:00-8:30am	Registration/Welcome
8:30-10:00am	Horticulture
10:00-10:15am	Break
10:15-11:45am	Horticulture (Continued)
11:45-12:45pm	Lunch
12:45-2:45pm	Practice Point Scoring
2:45-3:00pm	Break
3:00-5:00pm	Horticulture Point Scoring Exam

Dinner on your own

Day 2: Tuesday, October 27, 2026

8:00-9:00am	Horticulture Exam
9:00-9:15am	Break
9:15-9:30am	Welcome
9:30-11:30pm	Design
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch
12:30-1:30pm	Design (Continued)
1:30-2:00pm	Break
2:00-4:00pm	Practice Point Scoring
4:00-4:15pm	Break
4:15-6:15pm	Design Point Scoring Exam

Dinner on your own

Day 3, Wednesday, October 28, 2026

8:00-9:00am	Design Exam
9:00-9:15am	Break
9:15-11:15am	Flower Show Procedure
11:15-11:30am	Break
11:30-12:30pm	Flower Show Procedure Exam

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