

REGISTRATION FOR FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

COURSE III, OCTOBER 15-18, 2025

NAME: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

GARDEN CLUB: _____

FULL COURSE WITH EXAM AND LUNCH
(HORTICULTURE, DESIGN AND FSP VIA ZOOM) \$225.00 _____

TWO-DAY INSTRUCTION NO EXAM AND LUNCH \$220.00 _____
(HORTICULTURE AND DESIGN ONLY)

ONE-DAY INSTRUCTION NO EXAM AND LUNCH \$110.00 _____

☐ HORTICULTURE – OCTOBER 15, 2025

☐ DESIGN – OCTOBER 16, 2025

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE ONLY (ZOOM)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025 \$35.00 _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ _____

FOOD ALLERGIES: _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **GCFM, INC.** AND MAIL

COMPLETED REGISTRATION WITH CHECK BEFORE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 TO:

KATHY HAWES

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PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

8:00 am Registration and Coffee
8:30 - 8:45 Greeting and Announcements
8:45 - 10:30 Horticulture
Heidi Muschick, Instructor
10:30 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 12:00 Horticulture (cont.)
12:00 - 12:45 Lunch
12:45 - 1:00 Registration
1:00 - 3:00 Horticulture/Practice Point Score
3:00 - 3:30 Break
3:30 - 5:30 Horticulture Point Score Exam

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

8:00am Registration and Coffee
8:30 - 8:45 Greetings and Announcements
8:45 - 10:30 Design
Frances Thrash, Instructor
10:30 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 12:00 Design (cont.)
12:00 - 12:45 Lunch
12:45 - 1:00 Registration
1:00 - 3:00 Design/Practice Point Scoring
3:00 - 3:30 Break
3:30 - 5:30 Design Point Scoring Exam

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

8:30am Registration
9:00 - 12:00 Written Exam

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

*Zoom Program times:

9:15-9:45 Registration
9:45-10:00 Greeting and Announcements
10:00-11:00 Flower Show Procedure
Barbara D. May, Instructor
11:00-11:15 Break
11:15-12:15 Flower Show Procedure (con't.)
12:15-12:30 Break
12:30-1:30 Exam

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**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL
COURSE III**

October 15-18, 2025



Kim Edwards, State President
Yvonne Capella, State FSS Chairman
Ruth Gorman, FSS Local Chairman

**LOCATION:
Double Tree by Hilton
11 Beaver Street
Milford, MA 01757**

Accredited by:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
www.gardenclub.org

NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2025

Important Notes about FSS:

NGC recommends that a course series be taken in sequential order, but this is not required.

Required Reading List, Course III

"Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition"
revised July 2025.

The National Gardener

available online at www.gardenclub.org

Designing by Types – Osborne, Essence of Creativity ...A Legacy...

Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging Plants and Their Respective Families

download from www.gardenclub.org

Plant Families Frequently used in Flower Shows

download from www.gardenclub.org

For full course curriculum description, see Chapter 13, page 126 of the "Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition" revised July 2025.

INSTRUCTORS

DESIGN

FRANCES THRASH

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.

HORTICULTURE

HEIDI MUSCHICK

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.

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

BARBARA MAY

Barbara D. May is a Master Judge; NGC Instructor in Flower Show Procedure and approved to teach by Zoom. Barbara has been the Chairman of Local, District and State Flower Shows. She served as NGC 60th President from 2007-2009. A former President of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc; she is a Trustee Emeritus of the Massachusetts

Horticultural Society and holds a Master's Degree from Boston University. Currently she serves on the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs on the Strategic Planning Committee; State Evaluation Chairman for Flower Shows and Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman.

COMMITTEE

Yvonne Capella, State FSS & Credentials Chairman
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Ruth Gorman, Local Flower Show School Chairman
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Horticulture Chair: tbd

Design Chair: Lisa Pattinson
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Designers: Members of GCFM Judges Council
Members of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

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All are welcome to attend, but only those who are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc and are taking the full course with examination are eligible for credit. Registrations should be made early to guarantee sufficient preparation time (study guides sent in advance of the school). Remittance must accompany the application which should be received by the Registrar before September 23, 2025.