

**REGISTRATION  
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL  
COURSE 3, April 18, April 20-22, 2026**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

GARDEN CLUB/DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION OPTIONS:**

- Full Course with Exam, (lunch optional) \$200** \_\_\_\_\_
- One-day Instruction Design, Monday \$125 \_\_\_\_\_
- One-day Instruction Horticulture, Tuesday \$125 \_\_\_\_\_
- One-day Flower Show Procedure Zoom  
Saturday, April 18, 9-11:15am \$25 \_\_\_\_\_
- Optional Lunch includes:**
- (sandwich/wrap, salad, dessert & drink)
- Vegan option/ gluten-free option (circle one)
- One-day optional lunch \$20 \_\_\_\_\_
- Two-day optional lunch \$40 \_\_\_\_\_
- Club Special: Two for One** \_\_\_\_\_
- Clubs can sponsor 2 people for both days for \$200  
(not for credit). Club checks only! Include names & emails  
of attendees. (Club Special does not include Zoom instruc-  
tion nor lunch. One Club Special per club.)*
- TOTAL REMITTANCE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: FGCNYS, Inc.  
Mail completed registration form and checks  
BEFORE APRIL 10, 2026 to:**

**Gail Berti, Registrar**  
5 Norman Place, Huntington, NY 11743-3010  
chiara215@aol.com

**NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 15, 2026**

**INSTRUCTORS**

**FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE • Barbara D. 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 both 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 as State Evaluation Chairman for Flower Shows and Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman.

**DESIGN • Carol English**

Carol is an NGC Master Judge, a Flower Show Procedure Zoom Instructor and Design Instructor. She is currently serving on the NGC Flower Show School Committee as Schedule Writing Chair. Carol has an MS in Art Education from Pratt Institute. She has attended the European Masters Technique Workshop and Hitomi Gilliam's Creative Master Class. Carol has exhibited at CFAA, Philadelphia Fine Arts Museum, the Montclair Art Museum, and the Philadelphia Flower Show. She has been an NGC Flower Show Schools Chair, club president, district director, and an active club member in New Jersey. Carol now resides in New York with her husband and two Labrador Retrievers, Hudson and Caz. She is currently a member of the Schuylerville Garden Club.

**HORTICULTURE • Danielle Brabazon**

Danielle, a Pennsylvania farm girl, earned a PhD in Chemistry and received tenure before deciding that raising two children was more important. The world of garden clubs presented itself and twenty-five years later, she became President of the National Capital Area Garden Club. Her husband supports their backyard gardening as they experiment with vegetables, shrubs, and perennials. Danielle loves to travel and looks forward to inspiring others to appreciate the wonders of Horticulture through Flower Show School.

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**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL  
COURSE 3**

**Zoom April 18, April 20-22, 2026**



Elizabeth Walker, State President  
Kim Thomson, FSS Local Chairman

**LOCATION:**

Cornell Cooperative Extension-  
Albany County  
24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186

**ACCREDITED by:**

National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

**FGCNYS LOCAL FSS CHAIR:**

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## SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hotel is about 15-20 minutes from FSS at CCE-Albany.

**Hampton Inn- Albany Western Ave./ University Area**

1442 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203

518-438-0001 or 1-800-Hiltons

\$145/night, plus taxes (*NYS sales tax exempt*) (*register by March 20 for special rate*). Arrival 4/19/26;

Departure 4/22/26.

**Booking Link:** <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=ALBUAHX&groupCode=CHH91G&arrivaldate=2026-04-19&departuredate=2026-04-22&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

**Booking by Phone:** mention

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**Directions to Hampton Inn:**

From South: 87N exit to US20W/Western Ave. Guilderland to Duanesburg from Adirondack Northway/ Fuller Rd. Alt. to US20W/Western Ave.

From North: 87S exit to US20W/Western Ave. (see above)

From East: 90E, exit to US20W/Western Ave. (see above)

From West: 90W exit to US20W/Western Ave. (see above)

**Directions to CCE, Voorheesville from Hampton Inn:**

NW on Western Ave. (.3 mi.), left on Johnston Rd. (2.8 mi.), continue on Normanskill Rd. (1.2 mi.), left on NY155 (.7 mi.), to traffic circle, 1st exit onto NY85A (2.3 mi.), right onto Martin Rd. (1 mi.) on right.

NGC recommends that a course series be taken in sequential order, but this is not required. Students may attend, for credit, no more than three FSS in one calendar year with no less than four months between each course, except for make-up of failures.

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.

**Remittance must accompany the application which should be received by the Registrar by:**

**April 10, 2026.**

**No refunds after April 15, 2026.**

**NOTE:**

- Student seating will take preference over observers.
- Student seating will be assigned in order of receipt of paid registration.

## INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

**Students must attend all sessions for credit.**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 via Zoom

8:45am	Registration and Announcements
9:00-10:00	Flower Show Procedure via Zoom, Barbara May Instructor
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Flower Show Procedure (cont.)

### MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

8:30am	Registration and coffee
8:45-9:00	Greeting and Announcements
9:00-10:30	Design, Carol English Instructor
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:15	Design (cont.)
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:15	Registration
1:15-3:15	Design/ Practice Point Scoring
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-5:30	Design Point Scoring Exam

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

8:30am	Registration and coffee
8:45-9:00	Greeting and Announcements
9:00-10:30	Horticulture, Danielle Brabazon Instructor
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:15	Horticulture (cont.)
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:15	Registration
	Horticulture/ Practice Point Scoring
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-5:30	Horticulture Point Scoring Exam;

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

7:45am	Registration
8:00am	Announcements
8:15-11:15	Written Exams: Procedures, Horticulture, and Design

*\*The exam includes 25 questions on each of the three subjects.*

## REQUIRED READING LIST, COURSE 3

*NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition (HB), revised December 2025*

*Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*

## CURRICULUM FOR FSS COURSE 3

**Flower Show Procedure:** Education Division and judging Education; FS schedule writing review; Youth and Sponsored Groups; requirements for becoming a judge and etiquette/ethics. (*HB*, pp. 19-30, 85-89, 97-99, 110-111, 113-117.)

**Horticulture:** Creating a FS Horticulture schedule and top awards; judging procedures and commentary vocabulary review; arboreal flowering branches and Combination Plantings, Dish Gardens. (*HB*, pp. 27-29, 58-59, 100-105.)

**Design:** Creating a FS Design schedule; Creative Design characteristics (dynamic balance, plastic organization, juxtaposition, abstraction); judging qualities and commentary vocabulary review; creative staging. (*HB*, pp. 28-29, 63-73, 76-79, 106-109.)

## STUDENTS MUST BRING:

• A downloaded copy or an updated hard copy of *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, revised December 2025* to be presented at registration. Downloadable free copies of the *HB* are available on the NGC website: [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org) under Flower Show Schools Resources.

- 8.5"x11" clipboard and pencils with erasers
- Copies of the Instructors' Outlines and Point Scoring Sheets which will be emailed in March 2026.

## STUDENTS ATTENDING FROM OUT OF STATE:

**Must submit NGC Form 18** (available on the NGC website: [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org) under Flower Show Schools Resources) to their own State Credentials Chair six weeks in advance. Her/His State Credentials Chair sends completed NGC Form 18 to the FGCNYS Credentials Chair: Karen Stephens-Mace: [kmace@hughes.net](mailto:kmace@hughes.net).