

Our Instructors

Gina Jogan

Design and Flower Show Procedure

Gina has been an Instructor: Design and Flower Show Procedure for NGC's Flower Show Schools (FSS) since 2002 and NGC Symposia, Design and Allied topics since 2004. She is an NGC National Garden Clubs, Inc. Accredited -Master Flower Show Judge, and Master Emeritus Consultant in NGC Gardening Consultant and Landscape Design. Gina is 2025-2027 Flower Shows and FSS Chair.

Jan Griffin

Horticulture

Jan moved from the Seattle area to Florida where all the plants she knew would not thrive in Florida's climate. She joined a Garden Club and started her quest for learning about other varied and interesting plants. She became a NCG Flower Show Judge. Jan now teaches floral design classes as well as horticulture for flower show schools and has developed several horticulture programs, for clubs, judges, and civic groups.

Being actively involved in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and Florida Show judges keeps her busy. She has served as horticulture chairman for six flower shows and several district shows. Her interests other than Garden Club are her family, golf, and working in her friend's florist shop. Her comment to all her wonderful design friends is that 'you need great horticulture to create great designs'!

Required Reading

- *Handbook for Flower Shows 2017 Edition* revised July 2025, digital version is available free online at www.gardenclub.org/flower-show-schoolresources
Headquarters phone # 800-550-6007
- *Outlines of Period Flower Arrangement* by Frances J. Hannay. Available online at the NGC Store at www.gardenclub.org for \$5.00.

All taking courses for credit must:

- Attend all sessions. Be on time.
- Have attendance verified.
- Bring *Handbook for Flower Shows 2017*, Revised July 2025.
- Outlines provided to study
- Pencils
- Review Page 124 of Handbook For FS, Course 1

Study Outline will be emailed in advance to registrants.

Please review material to understand what will be taught by the instructors.

LODGING

Hotel Information

Ramada Inn

1520 Blue Ridge Parkway
Raleigh, NC 27607
919-832-4100

Room Rates \$89 plus tax
Buffet Breakfast included
Deadline to book a room is
October 15, 2026

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL



Course I

Growing, Staging, Exhibiting, Judging

October 26-28, 2026

JC Raulston Arboretum

4415 Beryl Road

Raleigh, NC 27636

Sponsored by

North Carolina

State Judges Council

State Flower Show Chairman

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FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL is a comprehensive program with all you need to know about judging, entering, competing and chairing a National Garden Clubs (NGC) flower show.

Four (4) courses are scheduled over a two-three (2-3) day period each with its own curriculum in horticulture, design, and Flower Show Procedure (FSP) and may be taken in any order. **Course 1** is the perfect place to start!

All are welcome to attend. NGC members who take the full course with examinations are eligible for credit.

- Become a flower show judge!
- Plan a beautiful, educational flower show!
- Learn more about horticulture and design!

Join this unique experience. Become an active part of flower shows. Learn more about growing, preparing, planning, staging, and judging for smooth, seamless, successful shows!

Course 1 is facilitated through a variety of methods by NGC accredited, qualified instructors with outlines provided. See the NGC Handbook for flower shows and all related forms on GardenClub.org.

Learn:

- To display and critique horticulture and floral design
- Point-scoring to evaluate how entries are judged and see what it takes to get the blue ribbon.
- About awards, types of shows, and what committees are needed to produce a show.

Register early to guarantee space and supplies. Garden clubs are encouraged to sponsor and provide registration for at least one member

Interested in learning more about flower shows?
Visit NGC Flower Shows on GardenClub.org.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL Course 1 AGENDA

Flower Show Procedure (FSP) & Design

Gina Jogan

Horticulture ~ Jan Griffin

Possession of Handbook required for CREDIT.

Must be on time and seated when sessions begin and attend all sessions. Please bring pencils, clipboard will be provided.

Personal devices must be silenced throughout all sessions and Exams.

Monday, October 26, 2026

1:15 Registration

2:00 Announcements

2:30-4:30 Flower Show Procedure (FSP)

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 27-28

8:00 (Tuesday) FSP Exam

8:00 (Wednesday) Design Exam

8:00 (Thursday) Horticulture Exam

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:15 Announcements

9:15 - 10:15 Design or Horticulture

10:15 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 12:30 Design or Horticulture

12:30 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Design or Horticulture

2:00 - 2:15 Break

2:15 - 3:15 Practice Point Scoring

3:15 - 3:30 Break

3:30 - 4:30 Point Scoring

**Flower Show School
Course I
October 26-28**

Deadline to Register October 10th, 2026

Complete form and mail check payable

to NCFS Judges Council

to Registrar Connie Goodson

1320 N. New River Dr

Surf City, NC 28445

conniejog@gmail.com

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Your Garden Club _____

Full Course, plus exam and lunch __ \$170

Full Course, no exam and lunch __ \$160

One Day - \$80 + \$20 Lunch

Total Enclosed _____

Checks payable to:

North Carolina State Judges Council

No refunds after October 15, 2026

More information is available on the GCNC website

