

GENERAL INFORMATION

Study Topics: **BOTANICAL ARTS**
Design: Botanical Arts Designs
Horticulture: Botanical Arts Horticulture
Allied Topic: Artistic Crafts

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. Students must bring an 8.5" x 11" clipboard, pencils and a good eraser for the point scoring exams. Refreshers and Audits must present their personal copy of the 'Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Revised Edition'. (Revised July 2026) at the Registration desk. It may be on a phone, tablet, or computer. Judges taking the course for Audit or Refresher MUST attend all lectures in their entirety and be in their seat when classes start.

ACCOMODATIONS

Symposium 2026 is all-inclusive! Your stay includes two nights in the Florida Elks Smith Center luxury guestrooms and executive cabins as well as six meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners) prepared by the award-winning chef. **Walk from your room to the adjacent event center in just minutes.** All rooms have refrigerators. **Free parking.**
www.smithcenterflorida.com

NOTE: BEVERAGES AND SNACKS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THIS FACILITY.

SHOPPING

A variety of plants and design components will be available for purchase. Cash or check only.

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Present

Flower Show SYMPOSIUM 2026

November 11-13, 2026

The Smith Center

at



**24175 SE Highway 450
Umatilla, FL 32784**

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Garden Club _____ District _____

Date of Certification of Good Standing: _____

Please check where indicated

Status: Student Accredited Life Master
 Point Scoring Exam Auditing Neither

Registration Deadline 10/30/26

\$10 Cancellation Fee No refunds after 10/30/26

****ALL INCLUSIVE! INSTRUCTION, MEALS, ROOM****

OPTION 1: Full Course for Credit or Audit, 6 meals, 2 nights* (11/11-12/26)

- hotel room - 6 meals, 2 nights* \$ 429
- executive cabin - 6 meals, 2 nights* \$ 549

OPTION 2: One Day Instruction, 3 meals, 1 night*

- Design: 3 meals, 1 night* (11/11) \$ 229
- Hort: 3 meals, 1 night* (11/12) \$ 229

OPTION 3: One Day Instruction, Lunch

- Design Instruction (11/12) Lunch \$ 129
- Hort. Instruction (11/13) Lunch \$ 129
- Late Fee postmarked after 10/19 \$ 20

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

I plan to attend the free Point Scoring Practice by Claudia Bates Wednesday afternoon.

Special Dietary Needs: _____

*Room registration is based on two-person occupancy.

FFGC does not coordinate roommate assignments.

Please list the name of your roommate: _____

On-line registration is available at ffgc.org

Mail this form (make a copy for yourself) with your check payable to **District VII FFSJ**: to the Registrar:

Joanne Mulinare

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407-628-0946 love2garden@gmail.com

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 11/11/26 DESIGN POINT SCORING & ALLIED TOPIC

1:00 - 3:00 **FREE** Sign-up required	SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY CLAUDIA BATES DESIGN POINT SCORING See Registration Form
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3:00 - 5:00 Registration
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
7:15 - 9:15 Allied Topic

THURSDAY 11/12/26 DESIGN

7:00 - 8:15 Breakfast
8:00 - 8:30 Registration
8:30 - 8:45 Welcome/Announcements
8:45 - 9:45 Design
9:45 - 10:15 Break
10:15 - 11:15 Design
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch
12:30 - 2:30 Design Point Scoring
2:30 - 3:00 Break
3:00 - 5:00 Design Point Scoring Exam
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner

FRIDAY 11/13/26 HORTICULTURE

7:00 - 8:15 Breakfast
8:00 - 8:30 Registration
8:30 - 8:45 Welcome/Announcements
8:45 - 9:45 Horticulture
9:45 - 10:15 Break
10:15 - 11:15 Horticulture
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch
12:30 - 2:30 Horticulture Point Scoring
2:30 - 3:00 Break
3:00 - 5:00 Horticulture Point Scoring Exam

NGC INSTRUCTORS

DESIGN: Penny Decker, NGC Master Judge and Instructor. Penny teaches and competes throughout the country and has represented the United States in international competition. Her work has been showcased in *Design Dimensions* and *Concepts* magazines as well as FFGC and NGC Calendars.

HORTICULTURE: Jan Griffin is an NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, teaches Horticulture and Procedure for NGC Flower Show Schools and Symposia, and serves on the NGC FSS Committee. Jan has developed several horticulture programs for clubs, judges, and civic groups, and has served as the horticulture chair for six state flower shows, and several district shows.

ALLIED TOPIC: Carol Friedman, Always artistic, with a great fondness for crafts, Carol saw her first flower show in 2012, inspiring her to join MRGC in 2013. She became hooked on floral design and went on to become an NGC flower show judge. She has won awards in Design and Artistic Crafts as well as Horticulture for her innovative and meticulously created exhibits.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Claudia Bates is a Master Flower Show Judge and has been an NGC Design Instructor for 19 years. She has taught Flower Show Schools and Symposia in 32 states. Claudia is a former FFGC President and holds Life Memberships in NGC, Deep South, FFGC & Gainesville Garden Club.

IMPORTANT!!!

JUDGES must submit the completed appropriate form, (NGC FORM 13, 15L or 15M) along with required credentials to Credentials Chair, Barb Jacobson Chuck7503@aol.com, one (1) month prior to attending Symposium (by 10/11/26).

OUT-OF-STATE-JUDGES must submit credentials form and request to her/his State Credentials Chairman six (6) weeks in advance. His/her State Credentials Chair sends NGC Form 18 to the Florida Credentials Chairman, Barb Jacobson.

No Credentials will be accepted at the door.

Have a safe trip home!