

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE IV

June 3, 10-12, 2026

NAME _____

(Please Print)

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

CELL _____

EMAIL _____

GARDEN CLUB _____

Course Fees

Full Course and Exam \$180.00 _____

Course, No Exam \$175.00 _____

One-day: 6/3/26,
FS Procedure, Exam \$ 40.00 _____

One-day: 6/10/26
Design, Exam \$ 90.00 _____

One-day: 6/11/26
Horticulture, Exam \$ 90.00 _____

Total Remittance \$ _____

Lunch is included in course fees (no lunch on Zoom FS
Procedure or written exam days)

Vegetarian ____ Food Allergy _____

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED.

**Make check payable to: FGCCT, Inc. and mail check
with registration form to:**

Peggy Townsend, Registrar

6 Almar Dr.

Bethel, CT 06801

Mail in registrations must be received by **May 29, 2026**

NO REFUNDS AFTER May 29, 2026

Questions:

Peggy Townsend, Registrar

203-791-8321 or pegtownsend@yahoo.com

**Outlines will be emailed upon completion of
registration.**

COURSE CONTENT

ZOOM FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

Lynn Fronk, Instructor

- Review of judging etiquette/ethics.
- Flower Show Achievement Awards
- Flower Show Schedule writing assignment.
- Evaluating an NGC Flower Show, Flower Show Evaluation Form and Criteria.

DESIGN

Lynn Fronk, Instructor

Review Design Schedule Writing.

- Elements and Principles of Design as related to Abstract Design.
- Review Characteristics of Creative Design, Plastic Organization Penetration of Space and Dynamic Balance.
- Discussion of Botanical Arts
- General requirements for all NGC Design Top Exhibitor Awards, review section and division awards
- Review Judging procedures, Judging qualities on the design point scoring form and design commenting vocabulary.

HORTICULTURE

Heidi Muschick, Instructor

- Introduction to Collections and Displays.
- Review Horticulture Schedule writing.
- Discussion of Botanical Arts Horticulture, and review of all Botanical Arts Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards.
- Discussion of growing and showing two Horticulture Types: Collections and Displays and Roses
- Review judging qualities on Collections Point Scoring Form.
- Point Scoring will be discussed, practiced, and written.



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June 3, 10 – 12, 2026

Optional Exam October 12, 2026

**Kellogg Environmental Center
500 Hawthorne Avenue
Derby, CT 06418**

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COURSE PROGRAM

Wednesday June 3, 2026, Time TBA

ZOOM FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

(2 Hours Lecture)

Wednesday June 10, 2026

DESIGN (3 hours lecture, 2 hours practice point scoring)

8:30 Registration
8:45 Welcome and announcements
9:00 DESIGN (1 Hour Lecture)
10:00 Break
10:15 DESIGN (2 Hours Lecture)
12:15 Lunch
1:00 DESIGN (1 Hour Oral Point Scoring)
2:00 Break
2:15 DESIGN (1 Hour Oral Point Scoring)
3:15 Break
3:30- WRITTEN POINT SCORING EXAM
5:30

Thursday, June 11, 2026

HORTICULTURE (3 hours lecture, 2 hours practice point scoring)

8:30 Registration
8:45 Welcome and Announcements
9:00 HORTICULTURE (1 Hour Lecture)
10:00 Break
10:15 HORTICULTURE (2 Hour Lecture)
12:15 Lunch
1:00 HORTICULTURE (1 Hour Oral Point Scoring)
2:00 Break
2:15 HORTICULTURE (1 Hour Oral Point Scoring)
3:15 Break
3:30- WRITTEN POINT SCORING EXAM
5:30

Friday, June 12, 2026

OPTIONAL WRITTEN EXAM

8:45 Sign-In for Optional Exam
9-11 EXAM

Required Reading

- NGC Website www.gardenclub.org
- *Handbook for Flower Shows (HB)*, 2017 Ed)
- *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*, 2012 NGC Supplement to Handbook for Flower Shows
- *The National Gardener*-online www.gardenclub.org

Recommended Reading

- *Designing by Types* – H. Osborne
- *Creative Flower Arranging* by Belcher (Note: not up to date with current HB)
- *Hortulana*, The 21st Century Edition – Heber
- *NGC - Plants and Their Respective Families*
- *NGC -Plant Families for Designers Constructing Monobotanic Designs*

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Nan Merolla, FGCCT President

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Cheryl Cappiali, Horticulture Chair

Cindy Eadie, Proctor

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS OPTION

Hampton Inn Shelton

695 Bridgeport Avenue

Shelton, CT 06484

203-925-5900



INSTRUCTORS

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE and DESIGN

Lynn Fronk

Lynn is a National Garden Club Master Flower Show Judge, Flower Show Schools Design and Flower Show Procedure Instructor. She has judged major flower shows including the Philadelphia Flower Show, Newport Flower Show and the Rhode Island State Flower Show. She is the winner of the Mildred-Heter Buckingham Award for outstanding service for the Garden Club of Ohio and has several designs featured in *Designing by Types*.

Lynn is a Past President of Garden Club of Ohio. She is a member of the Flower Show Schools Committee serving as Symposium Chairman for 2023-2025 for the National Garden Clubs, the Symposium Chairman for the Garden Club of Georgia. She is a Master Environmental Consultant and a Gardening Consultant for NGC. Lynn is a retired nurse from Columbus Children's Hospital and is active in many community activities such as Buford-Lanier Women's club and the Card Committee for Prince of Peace Church. She is the author of "Merry Christmas from My House to Yours" A small booklet on Using Natural Materials for Holiday Designs.

HORTICULTURE

Heidi Muschick

Heidi, originally from Upstate NY, 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. 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.

A member of NJ and NY Judges Councils, she holds the distinction of being a National Garden Club Accredited Master Flower Show Judge and a Daffodil Judge and she has been honored to judge at the Philadelphia Flower Show.