

Flower Show School is a comprehensive program that teaches you all you need to know about judging, entering, competing and chairing an NGC flower show. There are 4 courses, each scheduled over a 2-3 day period and each with a specific curriculum that includes horticulture, design and flower show procedure (FSP). If you are considering becoming a flower show judge, planning to chair a flower show or simply want to learn more, your first step is to attend FSS. Subjects are taught by qualified instructors and outlines will be provided. Examples of horticulture and design are displayed and critiqued. Learn point scoring to evaluate how entries are judged and see what it takes to earn a blue ribbon.

Course 3 Design studies angular and cascade designs. Flower Show Procedure covers types of flower shows, awards, and what it takes to produce a flower show. Horticulture covers labeling, growing, selecting, grooming, exhibiting and judging your plants. We will study succulents and combination plantings.

Bring :

1. Required if you are taking the tests. NGC Flower Show Handbook 2017 Edition Revised 2025-free download www.gardenclub.org-schools-flower show school-flower show school resources-handbook (print double-sided because it is 150 pages or download it to laptop or ipad.
2. Print outlines that will be emailed to you 3 weeks before the course and after you have paid. Bring the outlines with you to the course.
3. Jacket because the AC can get cold.
4. Reusable cup for coffee, water or tea.
5. 8 ½ x 11 clipboard for taking the point scoring tests.
6. Pencils if taking the tests

Students are encouraged to read:

Designing by Type

\$5 gardenclub.org

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL 3

A National Garden Clubs, Inc School

Aug 16-18, 2026

Memphis Botanic Garden

750 Cherry Road

Memphis, TN 38117

901-636-4100

Sponsored by the District 1 Judges Council

Julie Wilson-Flower Show School Chairman

juliedyerwilson@gmail.com for questions

PLEASE label correspondence –Flower Show School

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Frances Thrash –Design Instructor

Frances is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge, and is the NGC Chairman for Floral Design She is also a Master Judge for the American Iris Society and a Senior Judge for the Hemerocallis Society.

In 2009, she earned a Gold Award in the WAFSA-World Association of Flower Arrangers show in D.C. She is also an FTD Master Designer and runs her own small business doing flowers for weddings, meetings and churches. She is a gardener and loves all plants. Frances lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia and her daughter Ann Juniker, also a judge. lives in Germantown.

Attendance at all sessions is REQUIRED for credit

Tests are only for those students taking the course for credit.

Aug 16	3:45-6pm	Flower Show Procedure
Aug 17	8-9 am	Flower S Procedure Exam
	9:15 -3:30	Horticulture
	12 -1	Lunch
	1-3	Horticulture Point Scoring
	3:15-5:15	Point Scoring Exam
Aug 18	8-9 am	Horticulture Exam
	9:15-3:30	Design
	12-1	Lunch
	1-3	Design Point Scoring
	3:15-5:15	Point Scoring Exam
Aug 19	9-10 am	Design Exam

Lodging Suggestions

Hyatt Place Memphis 1220 Primacy Parkway, 901-554-7575
Hampton Inn, 5320 Poplar, Memphis, 901-554-7018

Pam Braun-Horticulture Instructor

Pam is a master flower show judge and has enjoyed growing plants all her life. She specializes in exhibiting collections and displays of numerous different plant groups. She has been a garden club member for almost 50 years.

Registration Form Flower Show School Course 3

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Email _____
Cell Phone _____
Club _____ District ____
Taking tests _____ Not for Credit _____
Vegetarian lunch _____
Full Course with/without exams \$150 _____
(Includes tuition, 2 lunches and snacks)
Flower Show Procedure only (Sun) \$40 _____
Horticulture & Lunch (Monday) \$80 _____
Design & Lunch (Tuesday) \$80 _____
TOTAL _____

**Make checks payable District 1 Judges Council with
Flower Show School in the memo line and mail to:**

**Mary Heim,
4159 Chickasaw
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NO REFUNDS AFTER August 1, 2026