

Friday 15, 2026

Registration	8 - 8:15am
Welcome	8:15 - 8:30am
Allied Instructor: <i>Claudia Bates</i>	
<i>How to Evaluate a Flower Show</i>	8:30 - 9:30am
Break	9:30 - 9:45am
Design Instructor: <i>Claudia Bates</i> –	
Armature & Abstract	9:45 - 10:45am
Break	10:45 - 11am
Armature and Abstract	11am - noon
Lunch	noon -12:30pm
Practice Point Scoring Armature	12:30 - 1:30pm
Break	1:30 - 1:45pm
Practice Point Scoring Abstract	1:45 - 2:45pm
Break	2:45 - 3pm
Point Scoring Exam	3:00 – 5pm

Saturday 16, 2026

Registration	8 - 8:15am
Welcome	8:15 - 8:30am
Allied Instructor: <i>Jan Griffin</i>	
<i>How to sub-divide Horticulture</i>	8:30 - 9:30am
Break	9:30 - 9:45am
Horticulture Instructor: <i>Jan Griffin</i>	
Goeppertia	9:45 - 10:45am
Break	10:45 - 11am
Practice Point Scoring Goeppertia	11am - noon
Lunch	noon - 12:30pm
Paeonia	12:30 - 1:30pm
Break	1:30 - 1:45pm
Practice Point Scoring – Paeonia	1:45 - 2:45pm
Break	2:45 - 3pm
Point Scoring Exam	3 - 5pm

Jan Griffin - Born and raised in the Pacific NW but moved to Florida in 1989. I became a Garden Club member to learn what plants to grow in a totally different environment. I quickly fell in love with my garden club friends, horticulture, and designing. It has been my honor to serve in many capacities of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and the Florida Flower Show Judges. Now a Master Flower Show Judge, I served as the horticulture chairman for the local horticulture show held at the Florida Strawberry Festival for over 20 years, served as the horticulture chairman for six state flower shows, written and given many horticulture and design programs for garden clubs as well as judges and I also teach Floral Design Studies classes in Florida. Currently I am serving as the recording secretary for the Florida Flower Show Judges Council, the Floral Design Chairman of FFGC and an NGC Accreditor for Flower Show Schools.

My other interests include my family, golf, my community, and working in my friend's florist shop.

To all my designing friends my favorite saying is: You need great horticulture to create great design!!

Claudia Bates - a seventh generation Floridian who has been a member of the Gainesville (Florida) Garden Club for 34 years. Claudia graduated from the University of Florida, is an avid GATOR, and taught Math, English and Gifted Education at the Middle School level.

Claudia is a nationally accredited Master Flower Show Judge, an NGC, Inc. Flower Show Schools Instructor in Design and Symposia and a certified Floral Design Instructor for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Design Series developed by the late Bob Thomas. She is a former President of her Circle and Club (622 members), and a former *President of FFGC, Inc.* She is currently serving on the NGC Board of Directors as a member of the Flower Show Schools Committee. She has been awarded Life Memberships in Gainesville Garden Club, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Deep South and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. She is a Pillar of Pride recipient and a member of the Hall of Fame and a Guardian of Gardening for FFGC. She is also a member of DAR and UDC Chapters in Gainesville, FL.

Claudia has presented Design Programs for CFAA, OFAD and several State Judges' Councils and has taught Symposiums in 21 states and has devised and taught several Contrived Flower (now known as 'fantasy forms') and texturizing plant material workshops for CFAA and several judges' councils. Her designs have been published in the Vision of Beauty, NCG, Inc. calendar, the Florida Federation of Garden Club's calendar 16 times (2019 cover), the FFSJ Design Manual *Just My Type* and she has two designs featured in the Wafa book, *Designing the American Way*.



**Oklahoma Council of Nationally Accredited
Flower Show Judges**

Symposium

May 15 - 16, 2026

First Baptist Church Family Center
1024 South 3rd Avenue
Stroud, Oklahoma 74079-5221

Approved by
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.

Council Chair *Phyllis Steinhour*
NGC Symposium Chair *Sue Kirkman*
Symposium Chair *Judy Grotts*
Assistant to Judy Grotts: *Pamela Grotts*

REGISTRATION FORM

Oklahoma Council of Flower
Show Judges
Flower Show Symposium
May 15 - 16, 2026

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Good Stand Date _____

(Must have this date for credit)

Current Judging Status (check one)

Master Life Accredited

Student Non-judge

Check if taking for credit by

Auditing Point Scoring

Registration for Credit/Audit both days

(meals not included) \$240 _____

Meals (check below) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Registration by day (not for credit)

1st Day Horticulture \$120 _____

2nd Day Design \$120 _____

Friday Lunch Pot Luck Provided \$16 _____

Saturday Boxed Lunch

• Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich \$16 _____

• Ham and Turkey Wrap \$16 _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to OKFSJ

Mail to: Judy Grotts
349334 E. 870 Road
Chandler, OK 74834

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cattle Country House 1200
North 8th Avenue
Stroud, Oklahoma 74079
918-968-9515

When making your reservation, use “Symposium”
as code word to receive the special room rate of \$75

per night plus tax (2 double beds). Other room
configurations are available.

Other hotels in the area:

Hampton Inn & Suites ~~ or ~~Skyliner Motel

SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

First Baptist Church Family Center 1024
South 3rd Avenue
Stroud, Oklahoma 74079-5221

Attending for credit? You must:

- **Attend all sessions**
- **Bring updated Handbook for Flower Shows - Revised 2017 Plus Updates**

All attendees, please study appropriate HB Chapters,
Design pp. 77, 78 & 130 and Horticulture pp. 58, 59,
& 129.

Attendees taking point scoring exam will have
RESERVED Seating for lectures. Clip-boards and
pencils will be provided for taking exams.

All attendees, please, place cell phones on Air- plane
Mode, vibrate, ringers off or phones off!

Questions?

Call! Or Email!

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JUDGES REFRESHING CREDENTIALS

In-State Judges

See **NGC Handbook for Flower Shows - Revised 2017**, updated 2024, Chapter 12 Judges,
for requirements:

Accredited Judge - submit Form #13

Accredited Life - submit Form #15L

Master Judges - submit Form #15M

Send your form by **April 27, 2026**.

Out-of-State Judges

Before **April 13, 2026**, submit to your state
Credentials Chairman, your request to attend this
OKFSJ Symposium in Stroud, OK, May 15-16, 2026.

He/She will then submit* Form #18 on your behalf to
Judy Grotts by **April 27, 2026**.

*Submit Forms:

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NO CREDENTIALS WILL BE APPROVED
DURING SYMPOSIUM