

**Tuesday, August 11, 2026**

8:45-9:00 Registration  
9:00-10:00 Flower Show Procedure  
10:00-10:15 Break  
10:15-11:30 Horticulture  
11:30-11:45 Break  
11:45-1:00 Horticulture  
1:00-1:30 Lunch  
1:30-3:00 Horticulture/Practice PS  
3:00-3:15 Break  
3:15-4:15 Practice Point Scoring  
4:15-4:30 Break  
4:30-5:30 Point Scoring Exam

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026**

8:45-9:00 Registration  
9:00-10:00 Flower Show Procedure  
10:00-10:15 Break  
10:15-11:30 Design  
11:30-11:45 Break  
11:45-1:00 Design  
1:00-1:30 Lunch  
1:30-3:00 Design/Practice PS  
3:00-3:15 Break  
3:15-4:15 Practice Point Scoring  
4:30-5:30 Point Scoring Exam

**Thursday, August 13, 2026**

9:15-9:30 Registration  
9:30-12:30 Exams on procedure, Design,  
And Horticulture

**Instructor**

**Pam Braun – Horticulture** Pam is a NGC Horticulture. Flower Show Procedure and Symposium instructor. She is also a member of two garden clubs in District II Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs. A member of numerous plant societies, she is a judge for four of them. She enjoys growing plants both inside and outside her home and uses them in both horticulture exhibits and design.

**Cathy Waitinas – Design, FSP** Cathy is an NGC Master Accredited Flower Show Judge. She serves as a FSS Design and FSP Instructor. Cathy is a member of Arissa, Garden Guild Society, and Middlesboro Clubs, and the Society of American Florist. Before retiring, she taught school and spent 30+ years in the nuclear industry in safety and technical writing. Cathy and her husband Jerry live out in the country near Oliver Springs, TN. She enjoys native horticulture (especially ferns and wildflowers), carpentry projects and giving Design programs.

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**FLOWER SHOW JUDGES SCHOOL**

**COURSE I**

Sponsored by

Louisiana Council of NGC Flower Show Judges

Southwest Louisiana Judges Council

August 11, 12, 13, 2026

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

2206 Johnston St

Lafayette, Louisiana

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Show Judges

LGCF President, Carla Gauthier

LCNAFSJ President, Dana Troxillo

La. Flower Show School Chairman, Mary Ellen  
Miller

Registrar : Karen Hoyt

**School I Curriculum**

**Flower Show Procedure:** Introduction to *Handbook For Flower Shows*; Flower Show composition including over-view of divisions, sections, classes and subclasses; definitions, purpose of different flower show types; standard system of awarding; explanation NGC non-Top Exhibitor Awards; overview of flower show schedule.

**Horticulture:** Plant nomenclature; filling out entry tags; general requirements NGC Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards; explanation judging qualities on Horticulture point scoring form; Horticulture commenting language; judging procedure; growing and showing plants and cuttings; Conifers emphasizing Junipers , Zinnias; Practice Point Scoring

**Design:** Brief history of floral design; emphasis on the Elements and Principles of Design; general requirements for NGC Design Top Exhibitor Awards; explanation of judging on Design point scoring form; Design commenting language; judging procedure; Traditional Designs; Practice Point Scoring

**Reading list for Flower Show School**

All books may be ordered through Member Services, NGC Headquarters via the website or by phone 1-800-550-6007. Students should download the *Handbook for Flower Shows from the NGC website* either in a printed notebook form or obtain a free digital form for use on a tablet. There is a list of other books for both Design and Horticulture on the NGC Website. One, *Outlines of Period Flower*

*Arranging* is required for Course I and is available through the NGC online store.

Available Lodging  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Lafayette/Cajundome  
2350 W. Congress St.  
Lafayette, Louisiana 70506  
1-337-291-1977

Rates:  
King single \$129 , 152.22 w/ breakfast  
Double \$139, w/breakfast (2) \$164

**Registration**

Registration deadline is August 1, 2026

No refunds after August 1

Mail to:

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Fees

Full course, outline and exam \_\_\_\_\_ \$160

Full course, outline, no exam \_\_\_\_\_ \$155

Lunch optional \$10 per day, please pre register

Partial: Please circle one attending

Tuesday - \$80

Wednesday - \$80