

Danielle Brabazon
Horticulture

Daneille Brabazon is a Pennsylvania farm girl at heart who earned a PhD in Chemistry and tenure before deciding her life would be greener staying home with her two children. The world of garden clubs presented itself, the seed was planted in her neighborhood club and now, 25 years later, she has bloomed into President of the National Capital Area Garden Club, the state associated with Washington DC. Her passion for knowledge has resulted in NGC Four Star status with a goal to become a Five Star. Her husband supports the ever changing landscape of their backyard as they experiment with vegetables, shrubs and perennials.

Danielle loves to travel and looks forward to inspiring others to appreciate the wonders of Horticulture through Flower Show School. She is a Life Judge.

Cathy Waitinas

Design, Flower Show Procedure
Cathy Waitinas is an NGC Master Accredited Flower Show Judge and FSS Design Instructor. Currently Cathy serves as an NGC Board Member in Environmental Schools Accrediting. She is a member of Arissa and Garden Guild Garden Clubs and the Society of American Florists. Cathy taught school then spent 30+ years in the nuclear industry in safety and technical writing. She and her husband Jerry live out in the country near Oliver Springs, TN. Cathy enjoys carpentry projects and giving Design programs.

Required Reading:
Handbook for Flower Shows,
Revised 2017, Latest Edition

Recommended Reading:
Table Settings of all Seasons - Dean Day
Sanders and June Wood
*Guide to the New Petite: Floral Designs 12”
and Under* - Anna Burns

Books available at garden.club.org
Handbook available for digital download

Possession of Handbook is required for
Credit (either printed or digital)

Syllabus outlines will be mailed in advance.
Print and bring to class.

For a successful Flower Show School
experience, becoming familiar with the
Handbook and studying the handouts
before the course is **highly** recommended

Overnight Accommodations:

Fort Payne, AL

(15 minutes from venue)

Holiday Inn & Suites (888.465.4329)

Candlewood Suites (877.336.3539)

Avid Hotels (877.495.2843)

Hampton Inn (256.304.2600)

Numerous cabin rentals are available in the
Mentone area (30 min. from venue)

NGC Flower Show School Course 2

August 24-27, 2026

Minvale Baptist Life Center
205 19th St NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Sponsored by the:
Alabama Council of Flower Show
Judges

Chairman:
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REGISTRATION FORM - Flower Show School, Course 2

August 24-27, 2026

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Email _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Garden Club _____ District _____ State _____

Pre-Registration Required
 Registration DEADLINE: July 24, 2026

All options include lunch

Full Course for credit \$150.00 _____
 Tuesday only, Horticulture \$ 65.00 _____
 Wednesday only, Design \$ 65.00 _____
 Late fee if received after 8/1 \$ 20.00 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

No Refunds after Aug. 7, 2026

Check payable to: FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL
 Send check and registration form to:

David Tuttle, Registrar
 19508 Scenic Hwy
 Mentone, AL 35984

Flower Show School Schedule
 (Alabama is on Central Daylight Time)

Monday, August 24, 2026

2:00 pm (CDT) Registration
 2:30 Announcements
 2:30-4:30 Flower Show Procedure (FSP)

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 - HORTICULTURE

7:45-8:00 (CDT) Announcements (Coffee)
 8:00-9:00 Written FSP Exam
 9:00-9:15 Break
 9:15- 10:30 Horticulture Lecture
 10:30-10:45 Break
 10:45-12:00 Horticulture, continued
 12:00-12:30 Lunch
 12:30-1:00 Horticulture, continued
 1:00-1:15 Break
 1:15-3:15 Point Score Practice
 3:15-3:30 Break
 3:30-5:30 Horticulture Point Score Exam

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 - DESIGN

7:45-8:00 (CDT) Announcements (Coffee)
 8:00-9:00 Written Horticulture Exam
 9:00- 9:15 Break/Registration for others
 9:15-10:30 Design Lecture
 10:30-10:45 Break
 10:45-12:00 Design continued
 12:00-12:30 Lunch
 12:30-1:00 Design continued
 1:00-1:15 Break
 1:15-3:15 Point Score Practice
 3:15-3:30 Break
 3:30-5:30 Design Point Score Exam

Thursday, August 27, 2026

8:00-8:15 (CDT) Announcements (Coffee)
 8:15-9:15 Written Design Exam

Instructors may choose to change order of presentation

If you are interested in becoming a flower show judge, planning to chair a flower show, interested in preparing horticulture to enter or just want to learn more about design types, come to FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course 2 Curriculum

Flower Show Procedure includes:

Review of Standard Flower Show (FS) and Specialty Flower Show requirements; Review Standard System of Awarding; Duties of FS Chairman and FSCCommittee.; Writing a FS Schedule; Explanation of Botanical Arts Photography section/requirements, Botanical Arts Photography Award

Horticulture includes:

Innovative Horticulture (Hort.) Staging; Discussion of Petite Hort.; Requirements for NGC Hort. Top Exhibitor Awards -Elfin Award; Review Judging Quality on Point Score Sheet and vocabulary; Review Judging Procedures; Practice point scoring

Coleus and Zinnia will be point scored
 Students are encouraged to bring horticulture.

Design includes:

Table Designs: Functional, Exhibition Tables; Role of Balance, Color and Texture in table designs, Discuss Petite Designs, requirements for Petite Award; NGC requirements for Table Artistry Award; Review judging qualities on Design Point Score Sheet; Review Design Vocabulary; Review Judging Procedures; Discuss examples of table designs; Practice Point Scoring

Functional Table, Exhibition Table, Table/ Tray for one & Petite Designs of different sizes will be studied