

Judy Binns
Design

Judy is a member and former president of the Salisbury GC, NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, former President of Piedmont District and President of Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs from 2011-2013. She was awarded the National Garden Clubs Member of Honor Award for the South Atlantic Region for All-Around Excellence in 2006 and has served on the National Garden Clubs Board of Directors since 2007. She has exhibited designs in "Fine Arts and Flowers" at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and served as "Fine Arts and Flowers" Co-Chairman in 2007 and 2010. Judy is an NGC Flower Show School Design Instructor and has given floral design programs and workshops in Virginia as well as North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and West Virginia. She is a member of the Piedmont District Judges Council, Virginia Flower Show Judges Council, Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas, and National Flower Arrangers.

Judy is a native Virginian from the Shenandoah Valley. She enjoys spending time in her garden and specializes in floral designs for weddings and other occasions.

Sue Kirkman
Horticulture & Flower Show Procedure

Sue Kirkman is a member of the Garden Club of Frankfort. She is the Horticulture Symposium Chair for NGC, an NGC Flower Show Judge, NGC Flower Show School Instructor teaching Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure and Symposium. Sue is a retired college instructor and gerontologist. She and her husband live in a Civil War farm house in Frankfort, KY

Flower Show School
Course III

A National Garden Clubs, Inc. School

August 23-27, 2026

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
1800 Lakeside Avenue
Richmond, VA 23228
804-262-9887

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs



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REGISTRATION FORM: Flower Show School-Course II

Flower Show School – Course III

Date: August 24 - 27, 2026
Location: Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, 1800 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, VA 23228
Design: Judy Binns

Judy will teach creative designs.
Horticulture: Sue Kirkman. Sue will teach combination plantings, aucuba, and Flower Show Procedure.

Attendance at all Sessions is Required for Credit

Schedule:		Flower Show
Monday, Aug 24	3:45 – 6 pm	Procedure
Tuesday, Aug 25	8:00 – 9:00 am	FSP Exam
	9:15 am – 3:30 pm	Horticulture/Lunch
	3:45 – 5:45 pm	Point Scoring Test
Wed., Aug 26	8:00 – 9:00 am	Horticulture Exam
	9:15 am – 3:30 pm	Design
	3:45 – 5:45 pm	Point Scoring Test
Thursday, Aug 27	9:00 – 10:00 am	Design Examination

Hotel Information: Hotel is on your own.

Required Books to have:
Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, NGC Exhibiting & Judging, both available on the NGC Website for purchase or download.

Flower Show Procedure will cover an explanation of Education Division and judging educational exhibits. It will also cover Youth/Sponsored Groups and requirements to become an accredited judged, along with judging etiquette and ethics and a review of writing a flower show schedule.

Horticulture will cover creating a horticulture schedule, a review of general requirements for TEA Horticulture Awards, review of judging procedures, review judging qualities found on the combination plants point score form, along with a discussion of growing and showing one plant type (aucuba) and plants appropriate for combination plantings.

Design will include creative designs, creating a design schedule, staging options, general creative design characteristics, elements & principles, dynamic balance, plastic organization, juxtaposition, and abstractions of creative designs; TEA design Awards, review of judging procedures and qualities found on the design point scoring form.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Credit _____ Non-Credit _____ Audit Credit _____

Full Course with/without exam (Includes tuition, two lunches, and reserved seating on Front rows.)	\$150 _____
Flower Show Procedure (Mon.)	\$40 _____
Horticulture & Lunch (Tues.)	\$75 _____
Design & Lunch (Wed.)	\$75 _____
Manual will be e-mailed (free of charge)	
Printed Manual available at Registration if preordered.	\$10 _____
TOTAL	_____

Dietary Restrictions _____

****No refunds after July 23, 2026**

Make check payable to **Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.** with **Flower Show Schools** in the memo line and mail to: Registrar Val Story, 2122 Whithorn Hill, Jeffersonton, VA 22724-1873, 540-272-0975, valstory@aol.com