

REGISTRATION
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL
COURSE 4, October 1, October 6-8, 2026

NAME:

(PLEASE PRINT)

EMAIL:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

GARDEN CLUB/DISTRICT:

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Full Course with Exam, (lunch optional) \$200 _____

One-day Instruction Hort., Tuesday \$125 _____

One-day Instruction Design, Wednesday \$125 _____

One-day Flower Show Procedure Zoom _____

Thursday, October 1, 9-11:15am \$25 _____

Optional Lunch includes:

(sandwich/wrap, dessert, chips & drink)

Vegan option/ gluten-free option (circle one)

One-day optional lunch \$20 _____

Two-day optional lunch \$40 _____

Club Special: Two for One _____

Clubs can sponsor 2 people for both days for \$200

(not for credit). Club checks only! Include names & emails of attendees. (Club Special does not include Zoom instruction nor lunch. One Club Special per club.)

TOTAL REMITTANCE: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: FGCNYS, Inc.

Mail completed registration form and checks

BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 to:

Gail Berti, Registrar

5 Norman Place, Huntington, NY 11743-3010

chiara215@aol.com

NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

INSTRUCTORS

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE • Barbara D. May

Barbara D. May is a Master Judge; NGC Instructor in Flower Show. Procedure and approved to teach by Zoom. Barbara has been the Chairman of both Local, District and State Flower Shows. She served as NGC 60th President from 2007-2009. A former President of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc; she is a Trustee Emeritus of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and holds a Master's Degree from Boston University. Currently she serves on the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs as State Evaluation Chairman for Flower Shows and Flower Show Achievement Award.

DESIGN • Anna Burns

Anna Burns, hailing from Griffin, GA, is author of the *Guide to the New Petite - Floral Design 12" and Under*, which is featured on the Recommended Reading List for NGC Flower Show Schools. She has transitioned her expertise in teaching and leadership within public education to the realm of floral design. As a Master Flower Show Judge and Garden Club of Georgia Basic and Advanced Basic Design instructor, Anna has delivered presentations and conducted workshops across the Southeastern United States, including four appearances at the Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas. Her designs have been showcased in several national publications.

HORTICULTURE • Heidi Muschick

Originally from Upstate NY, earned her BS in Chemistry from William Smith College. Her journey into horticulture began with an internship at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Geneva. This led her to NJ where she continued studies at New York Botanical Gardens, completing horticulture certificates in Arboriculture, Propagation, and Sustainable Garden Design. Heidi focuses on native plants and pollinators and delights in cultivating and collecting Clivias. She is an active member of several plant societies, including those dedicated to Clivias, Dahlias, Hostas and Conifers. She is a member of the Garden Club of Montclair (NJ) and Glenville Hills Garden Club (NY). She is a National Garden Clubs Master Flower Show Judge and Instructor, and an ADS Daffodil Judge.

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Donna Donnelly, NGC President

Beverly Kazisckas, CAR-SGC Director

Elizabeth Walker, FGCNYS President

LOCATION:

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Albany County
24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186

ACCREDITED by:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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FGCNYS LOCAL FSS CHAIR:

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SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hotel is about 15-20 minutes from FSS at CCE-Albany.

Hampton Inn- Albany Western Ave./ University Area

1442 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203

518-438-0001 or 1-800-Hiltons

\$160/ night, Plus taxes (NYS sales tax exempt) (register by September 5 for special rate). Arrival 10/5/26; Departure 10/8/26.

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=ALBUAHX&groupCode=CHH91H&arrivaldate=2026-10-05&departuredate=2026-10-08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Booking by Phone: mention Federated Garden Clubs of New York State.

Directions to Hampton Inn:

From South: 87N exit to US20W/Western Ave. Guilderland to Duanesburg from Adirondack Northway/ Fuller Rd. Alt. to US20W/Western Ave.

From North: 87S exit to US20W/Western Ave. (see above)

From East: 90E, exit to US20W/Western Ave. (see above)

From West: 90W exit to US20W/Western Ave. (see above)

Directions to CCE, Voorheesville from Hampton Inn:

NW on Western Ave. (.3 mi.), left on Johnston Rd. (2.8 mi.), continue on Normanskill Rd. (1.2 mi.), left on NY155 (.7 mi.), to traffic circle, 1st exit onto NY85A (2.3 mi.), right onto Martin Rd. (1 mi.) on right.

NGC recommends that a course series be taken in sequential order, but this is not required. Students may attend, for credit, no more than three FSS in one calendar year with no less than four months between each course, except for make-up of failures.

All are welcome to attend, but only those who are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and are taking the full course with examination are eligible for credit.

Remittance must accompany the application which should be received by the Registrar by:

September 18, 2026.

No refunds after September 28, 2026.

NOTE:

- Student seating will take preference over observers.
- Student seating will be assigned in order of receipt of paid registration.

INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Students must attend all sessions for credit.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026 via Zoom

8:45am	Registration and Announcements
9:00-10:00	Flower Show Procedure via Zoom, Barbara May Instructor
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Flower Show Procedure (cont.)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

8:30am	Registration and coffee
8:45-9:00	Greeting and Announcements
9:00-10:30	Horticulture, Heidi Muschick Instructor
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:15	Horticulture (cont.)
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:15	Registration
1:15-3:15	Horticulture/ Practice Point Scoring
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-5:30	Horticulture Point Scoring Exam

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

8:30am	Registration and coffee
8:45-9:00	Greeting and Announcements
9:00-10:30	Design, Anna Burns Instructor
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:15	Design (cont.)
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:15	Registration
	Design/ Practice Point Scoring
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-5:30	Design Point Scoring Exam;

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

7:45am	Registration
8:00am	Announcements
8:15-11:15am	Written Exam: Procedures, Horticulture, and Design

**The exam includes 25 questions on each of the three subjects.*

REQUIRED READING LIST, COURSE 4

NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, revised July 2026 (HB)

Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging

CURRICULUM FOR FSS COURSE 4

Flower Show Procedure: FS Achievement Awards, Flower Show Schedule writing assignment, Evaluating a Flower Show, Judging Ethics and Etiquette review. (HB, pp. 48, 97-99, 113-116, 132-135.)

Horticulture: Horticulture Schedule Writing review; Botanical Arts Horticulture; Collections and Displays, Judging qualities on Collections; Fruits, Vegetables and Nuts and *Cucurbita* (HB, pp. 26-28, 44, 59-61, 91-93, 100-105.)

Design: Design schedule writing review; Elements and Principles of Design in Abstract Design; Botanical Arts Design and Artistic Crafts; Top Exhibitor Awards review; Judging qualities for Design review. (HB, pp. 28-29, 39-40, 42-44, 72-73, 77, 93-95, 106-109.)

STUDENTS MUST BRING:

• A downloaded copy or an updated hard copy of *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, revised December 2025* to be presented at registration. Downloadable free copies and all updates for the hard copies of the HB are available on the NGC website: gardenclub.org under Flower Show Schools Resources.

• 8.5"x11" clipboard and pencils with erasers

• Copies of the Instructors' Outlines and Point Scoring Sheets which will be emailed in September 2026.

STUDENTS ATTENDING FROM OUT OF STATE:

Must submit NGC Form 18 (available on the NGC website: gardenclub.org under Flower Show Schools Resources) to their own State Credentials Chair six weeks in advance. Her/His State Credentials Chair sends completed NGC Form 18 to the FGCNYS Credentials Chair: Karen Stephens-Mace: kmace@hughes.net.