



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

# FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course I of IV

June 7 – 9, 2022

Optional Exam June 9, 2022

to be held at

The Kellogg Environmental Center  
500 Hawthorne Avenue  
Derby, CT 06418

Offered by:



The  
Federated Garden Clubs  
of Connecticut, Inc.

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc. (FGCCT) is pleased to offer the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) Flower Show School. The curriculum is divided into a series of four individual courses. All are welcome to attend but only those who are members of NGC and are taking the full course with exam are eligible for credit.

The NGC provides the educational opportunity through its Flower Show Schools (FSS) Program whereby its members may become Accredited Flower Show Judges or attend sessions merely to enrich their knowledge of horticulture, design, and flower show procedure.

The courses, which may be taken in any order after completing Course I, are structured to meet the following goals and purposes:

- To teach and accredit prospective flower show judges and to provide opportunities for Accredited Judges to expand their knowledge and remain in good standing.
- To create increased interest and knowledge in horticulture and design for all garden club members whether or not they are seeking to become NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges.
- To provide greater understanding of standards of exhibiting and judging of a Standard Flower Show as clarified in the *Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2017*.
- To promote flower shows of highest quality and educational value.

We urge everyone to take the optional exam offered the morning of the third day in order to start on journey to become an NGC-accredited Flower Show Judge. Students become Student Exhibitors after passing their second course, and Student Judges after passing their third course. Students are encouraged to attend the Judges Council meetings which provide programs that further the education of its members.

## **DIRECTIONS TO:**

**Kellogg Environmental Center**

**500 Hawthorne Ave**

**Derby, CT 06418**

See: [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) or:

From Rte. 8 Southbound – Exit 15, then left onto Rte. 34

From Rte. 8 Northbound – Exit 15, then left onto Rte. 34

From I-95 Northbound – Exit 27 to Rte. 8 North; Exit 15, then left onto Rte. 34

From I-95 Southbound – Exit 47 to Rte. 34 connector; stay on connector until junction with Ella Grasso Boulevard; take right onto Boulevard; move into left lane; at intersection turn left onto Rte. 34 West; in Derby, Rte. 34 makes a hard-left turn and passes under Rte. 8 overpass.

From Rte. 15 Northbound – Exit 52 to Rte.8 North; Exit 15, then left onto Rte. 34

From Rte. 15 Southbound – Exit 58; then right to Rte. 34W

**Downtown Derby:** From Main Street Rte.34/Rte. 8 intersection continue West on Rte. 34 for about 1.5 miles; take a right onto Lakeview Terrace (there is a road sign for Kellogg Environmental Center/Osbornedale State Park at the corner); continue to stop sign at the end of the road; turn left at stop sign. Parking is on left.

## **FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Polly Brooks, FGCCT President**

**Peggy Townsend, Flower Show School Chair**

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**MaryEllen Unger, Design Chair**

**Maureen Carson, Horticulture Chair**

**Jessica Fischer, Proctor**

## **OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Hampton Inn (203) 925-5900**

**695 Bridgeport Avenue**

**Shelton, Ct 06484**

## **INSTRUCTORS**

### **HORTICULTURE & FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE**

**Pam Braun**, a garden club member for over 40 years, is currently a member of Leipers Fork Garden Club, which she founded in 2004. She is the TN District II Director and a board member for the TN Federation of Garden Clubs and Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. She is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge, an NGC Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure, and Symposium Instructor, member of numerous plant societies and judge for four of the societies. She specializes in exhibiting collections and displays of different plant groups and has won numerous top exhibitor awards for her horticulture. Besides horticulture, she enjoys floral design and has been a speaker, leader of workshops, or exhibitor at all levels from district to internationally.

### **DESIGN**

**Kaye Vosburgh** has a B.S. in Biology and a Master's Degree in the Art of Teaching. She is an NGC Master Judge and a Design and Procedure Instructor. Kaye has chaired several award-winning Standard Flower Shows and won numerous awards in the New England Spring Flower Show. She is a member of 3 garden clubs, including the one she started with her Master Gardener Co-workers. Kaye is a Sogetsu Ikebana Instructor of the highest rank, Riji. She has demonstrated throughout the Central Atlantic Region, at CFAA in Florida and in Ecuador. Kaye's favorite activity is sharing creative moments with other designers and students. She is the author of a new book, [Creations from the Garden](#).

### Required Reading

- NGC Website [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)
- *Handbook for Flower Shows (HB, 2017 Ed )*
- *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging, 2012 NGC Supplement to Handbook for Flower Shows*
- *The National Gardener*-online [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) >Member Login > TNG Online

### Recommended Reading

- *Designing by Types* – H. Osborne \$44.95
- *Creative Flower Arranging* by Belcher  
(Note: not up to date with current HB)
- *Hortulana, The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Edition* – Heber \$10.00
- *NGC - Plants and Their Respective Families*
- *NGC -Plant Families for Designers Constructing Monobotanic Designs*

Books may be purchased from the NGC, by phone at (800) 550-6001 or online at [shopgardenclub.org](http://shopgardenclub.org)

### COURSE PROGRAM

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022**

**8:00 Registration**

**8:15 Welcome and announcements**

**8:30 FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE**

**Pam Braun, Instructor**

- Introduction to the Handbook for Flower Shows
- Overview of Flower Show divisions, sections, classes, and subclasses
- Definition, purpose, and requirements of Standard Flower Shows and Specialty Shows
- Explanation of the Standard System of Awarding and NGC Exhibitor Awards
- Overview of a Flower Show Schedule

**9:30 Break**

**9:45 DESIGN**

**Kaye Vosburgh, Instructor**

- Brief history of floral design with emphasis on the Elements and Principles of Design
- Explanation and practice of Judging qualities and comments on Design Point Scoring Form
- Discussion and critique of 4 Floral Designs:  
Traditional Line, Traditional Line-Mass, and  
(2) Traditional Mass Designs Illustrating symmetrical and asymmetrical balance

**11:45 Lunch**

**12:30 DESIGN (continued)**

**1:30 Break**

**1:45 Design and Oral Practice Point Scoring**

**3:15 Break**

**3:30-5:30 Written Point Scoring**

## **COURSE PROGRAM**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022**

**8:00 Registration**

**8:15 Welcome and Announcements**

**8:30 FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE**

**Pam Braun, Instructor**

**9:30 Break**

**9:45 HORTICULTURE**

**Pam Braun, Instructor**

- Plant Nomenclature
- Writing and Filling out Entry Tags
- General Requirements of NGC Horticulture and Top Exhibitor Awards
- Discussion of growing and showing two Horticulture Types:  
Hosta and Spring Flowering Branches
- Point Scoring will be discussed, practiced, and written

**11:45 Lunch**

**12:30 HORTICULTURE (continued)**

**Discussion of growing and showing Hosta**

**1:30 Break**

**1:45 ORAL PRACTICE POINT SCORING**

**3:45 Break**

**4:00 WRITTEN POINT SCORING EXAM**

**Thursday, June 9, 2022**

**8:45 Sign-In for Optional Exam**

**9:00-12:00 OPTIONAL EXAM**

Mail in registrations must be received by May 15, 2022