



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

# FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course 3 of 4

May 24 and May 31- June 2, 2023

May 24, 2023 Flower Show Procedure (Instruction & Exam via Zoom)

May 31- June 2, 2023 Horticulture, Design, and Exams (in-person)

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 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 the 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, FGCT President**

**Peggy Townsend, Flower Show School Chair**

**203-791-8321 <mailto:fsschair@ctgardenclubs.org>**

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**MaryEllen Unger, Design Chair**

**Cheryl Cappiali, Horticulture Chair**

**Jessica Fischer, Proctor**

## **OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS**

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

**695 Bridgeport Avenue**

**Shelton, Ct 06484**

**Ask for the Flower Show School group rate:**

**Code: C-FSC \$119.00 plus tax, per night if reserved before May 15, 2023.**

## **INSTRUCTORS**

### **Design and Flower Show Procedure**

**Lynn Fronk** is a National Garden Club Master Flower Show Judge, Flower Show Schools Design and Procedure Instructor. She has taught in 42 States, Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia, Ecuador, Uruguay and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She has judged the Philadelphia Flower Show, Newport Flower Show and the Rhode Island State Flower Show. Lynn is a Past President of Garden Club of Ohio. She is a member of the NGC Media Committee and the Media Committee for the Garden Club of Georgia. She is a member of the Crabapple and Stonehedge Garden Clubs, Creative Arrangers of the Americas, The Designer's Club of Georgia and the National Flower Arranger Guild. She is the author of "Merry Christmas from My House to Yours" a booklet Using Natural Materials for Holiday Designs.

### **Horticulture**

**Jan Griffin** was born and raised in the Pacific NW but moved to Florida in 1989. She became a Garden Club member to learn what plants to grow in a totally different environment. She quickly fell in love with her garden club friends, the horticulture, and designing. She has served in many capacities of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and the Florida Flower Show Judges. Now a Master Flower Show Judge, she served as the horticulture chairman for the local horticulture show held at the Florida Strawberry Festival for over 20 years; served as the horticulture chairman for six state flower shows; and written and given many horticulture and design programs for garden clubs as well as judges. She also teaches Floral Design Studies classes in Florida. Currently she is serving as the immediate Past President of the Florida Flower Show Judges. To all my designing friends my favorite saying is: You need great horticulture to create great design!!

### **Required Reading**

NGC Website [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

- *Handbook for Flower Shows (HB, 2017 Ed., Revised 2022)*
- *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  
*Guide to the New Petite Floral Designs*
- *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*
- *Table Settings for All Seasons: Wood & Smith*

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

### **COURSE PROGRAM**

#### **Wednesday, May 24, 2023 via Zoom**

- 10:00 Flower Show Procedure (1 hr.)
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Flower Show Procedure (1 hr.)
- 12:15 Break
- 12:30 Exam (on-line)

#### **Wednesday May 31, 2023 in Derby, CT**

- 8:30 Registration and Coffee
- 8:45 Welcome and Announcements
- 9:00 Horticulture (1 hr.)
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Horticulture (2 hr.)
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Horticulture & Practice Point Scoring (1 hr.)
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 Horticulture & Practice Point Scoring (1 hr.)
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Written Point Scoring Exam (2 hr.)

#### **Thursday, June 1, 2023**

- 8:30 Registration and Coffee
- 8:45 Welcome and Announcements
- 9:00 Design (1 hr.)

**10:00 Break**  
**10:15 Design (2 hr.)**  
**12:15 Lunch**  
**1:00 Design & Practice Point Scoring (1 hr.)**  
**2:00 Break**  
**2:15 Design & Practice Point Scoring (1 hr.)**  
**3:15 Break**  
**3:30 Written Point Scoring Exam (2 hr.)**  
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## **Friday, June 2, 2023**

**9:30 Sign-In for Written Exam**

**10:00-12:00 WRITTEN EXAM – This exam has ten questions on both Horticulture and Design.**

### **Course Fees**

Half-day: May 24 Zoom FS Procedure	\$ 40.00
Full Course, Zoom, Exam, Lunch	\$140.00
Course, Zoom, No Exam, Lunch	\$135.00
One-day: May 31, Horticulture, Lunch	\$ 80.00
One-day: June 1, Design, Lunch	\$ 80.00

**NO REFUNDS AFTER May 15, 2023**

**Outlines will be emailed upon completion of registration.**

[Click Here for On-Line Registration](#)