NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course I of IV

April 18 (ZOOM), 24 – 26, 2024
Optional Exam April 26, 2024
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 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 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

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OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

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INSTRUCTORS

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

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 on the Strategic Planning Committee; State Evaluation Chairman for Flower Shows and Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman.

HORTICULTURE

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

Julia Clevett is a National Design Instructor and Master Flower Show Judge. She has studied under British Flower Arranger Sheila McQueen and American Creative Floral Designer Bob Thomas. Her designs have won many national and international awards have been featured on the covers of the NGC book "Designing by Types" and the NGC millennium edition of the "Visions of Beauty Calendar" and in the WAFA book "Flower Arranging the American Way". Julia was invited to represent National Garden Clubs at the Chelsea Flower Show in London. She is also the recipient of the prestigious "Silver Award for Creative Design" and the GCA "Harriet de Waele Puckett Creativity Award".

REQUIRED READING

- NGC Website 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 >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 21st 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

COURSE PROGRAM

Thursday, APRIL 18, 2024
ZOOM FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE (2 hours), 10am-12pm
Barbara May, 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
- Online exam immediately following class

Wednesday, April 24, 2024
8:30 Registration
8:45 Welcome and announcements

9:00 DESIGN (5 Hours)
Julia Clevett, 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.

10:00 Break

10:15 DESIGN (continued)

12:15 Lunch
1:00 DESIGN (continued)
2:00 Break
2:15 Design and Oral Practice Point Scoring
3:15 Break

3:30- Written Point Scoring
5:30

THURSDAY, April 25, 2024
8:30 Registration
8:45 Welcome and Announcements
9:00 HORTICULTURE (5 hours)
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: Spring Flowering Branches and Flowering Bulbous Plants
- Point Scoring will be discussed, practiced, and written.

10:00 Break
10:15 HORTICULTURE (continued)

12:15 Lunch
1:00 HORTICULTURE (continued)
2:00 Break
2:15 ORAL PRACTICE POINT SCORING
3:!5 Break
3:30- WRITTEN POINT SCORING EXAM
5:30

FRIDAY, April 26, 2024
8:45 Sign-In for Optional Exam
9:00-12:00 OPTIONAL EXAM

On-line Registration only.

Click *here* or on the link for Registration: https://ctgardenclubs.org/flower-show-school-registration/

NO REFUNDS AFTER April 1, 2024