

Flower Show School Course IV

A National Garden Clubs, Inc. School

March 24-27, 2025

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Education Classroom 1400 Lakeside Ave, Richmond

Flower Show Procedure will cover an explanation of Education Division and judging education exhibits; explanation of Youth/Sponsored Groups division; requirements to become an accredited flower show judge; judging etiquette and ethics; review of schedule with emphasis on format and general rules.

Horticulture will cover creating a horticulture schedule with sections and classes; discussion of club competition award, review of general requirements for NGC horticulture TEAs; review of qualities found on Horticulture Point Scoring Form and commenting vocabulary.

Design will include creating a design schedule with sections and classes; creating staging options, creative design general characteristics; elements and principles as they relate to creating design; dynamic balance, plastic organization, juxtaposition and abstraction. General requirements for TEA Designer's Choice and Club Competition. Review of judging qualities found on the design point scoring form and design commenting vocabulary.

Horticulture & Flower Show Procedure - David Robson will teach FSP, collections and displays, and echeverias.

Design - Judy Binns will teach abstract creative designs.

Attendance at all Sessions is Required for Credit

SCHEDULE

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact Flower Show School Chairman – Frances Thrash

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David Robson - Flower Show Procedure & Horticulture

David is a retired horticulture and pesticide safety specialist with the University of Illinois, first as a horticulture adviser in Sangamon County (Springfield), and then a regional horticulture educator covering the bottom ½ of the state, and finally a campus-based specialist in Urbana. A graduate of Iowa State University and University of IL, he has taught for more than 43 years. He was president of the Springfield Civic Garden Club from 1995-1997, after serving on the board of directors for many years. He currently is the Recording Secretary of the Club. He has served 10 years (2 different terms) as the Garden Clubs of IL Awards Chairman. He currently is the 3rd Vice-President. He is a National Garden Club Master Judge since 1992, and Flower Show School and Symposium instructor since 2008, teaching Horticulture Judging and Flower Show Procedures, traveling to all but 5 states. He is the past chairman of Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure Instructors for the NGC Flower Show Schools and was chairman of the Handbook Revision Committee. He is also an IL State Fair Food Judge for the past 12 years. He currently serves on the NGC Board of Directors as the Plant America Community Projects Grant Chairman, NGC Headquarters Grounds Chairman, Finance Committee Member, and a PH&E Trustee.

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.

REGISTRATION - FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL
COURSE IV March 24-27, 2025
LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDEN, RICHMOND
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 24, 2025

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Email_____

Home Phone_____ Cell Phone_____

Club_____District_____

Credit_____ Non-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 February 24, 2025****

Make check payable to Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
with Flower Show Schools in the memo line and mail to:

Brenda McManaway
Flower Show School Registrar
5612 Bethlehem Road
Boones Mill, Virginia 24065-2321

Hotel Information: Suggested hotel is Candlewood Suites, Richmond South
4301 Commerce Road, Richmond, VA 23234,
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