

REGISTRATION  
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL  
COURSE 2, September 30, October 6-8, 2025

NAME:

(PLEASE PRINT)

EMAIL:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

GARDEN CLUB/DISTRICT:

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

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

One-day Instruction Hort., Monday \$125 \_\_\_\_\_

One-day Instruction Design, Tuesday \$125 \_\_\_\_\_

One-day Flower Show Procedure Zoom \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, September 30, 9-11am \$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 22, 2025 to:

Gail Berti, Registrar

5 Norman Place, Huntington, NY 11743-3010

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NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

INSTRUCTORS  
FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE and  
DESIGN • Carol English

Carol is an National Garden Clubs Accredited Master Judge, an Flower Show Procedure Zoom Instructor and Design Instructor. She is currently serving on the NGC Flower Show School Committee as Schedule Writing Chair. Carol has an MS in Art Education from Pratt Institute. She has attended the European Masters Technique Workshop and Hitomi Gilliam's Creative Master Class. Carol has exhibited at CFAA, Philadelphia Fine Arts Museum, the Montclair Art Museum, and the Philadelphia Flower Show. She has been an NGC Flower Show Schools Chair, club president, district director, and an active club member in New Jersey. Carol now resides in New York with her husband and two Labrador Retrievers, Hudson and Caz. She is currently a member of the Schuylerville Garden Club.

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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Elisabeth Walker, State President  
Kim Thomson, FSS Local Chairman

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

ACCREDITED by:  
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Sue Trager, suzytrager@gmail.com

## 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 (mention Federated

Garden Clubs of New York State or code 901)

\$160/ night, plus tax (*register by September 1 for special rate*). Arrival 10/5/25; Departure 10/7/25.

**Booking Link:** <https://group.hamptoninn.com/7e8xki>

**Booking by Phone:** mention

Federated Garden Clubs of New York State or code 901.

### 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 22, 2025.**

**No refunds after September 29, 2025.**

### 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.**

### SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 via Zoom

8:45am	Registration and Announcements
9:00-10:00	Flower Show Procedure via Zoom, Carol English Instructor
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Flower Show Procedure (cont.)
11:15-11:30	Flower Show Procedure exam procedure explained.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

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
3:30-4:30	Horticulture Point Scoring Exam

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

8:30am	Registration and coffee
8:45-9:00	Greeting and Announcements
9:00-10:30	Design, Carol English 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
3:30-4:30	Design Point Scoring Exam;

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

8:30am	Registration and Announcements
9:00-11	Written Exam, Horticulture and Design

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

## REQUIRED READING LIST, COURSE 2

*NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition (HB)*

*Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*

*Table Settings for All Seasons*, Wood and Smith

“Plant Families for Designers,” download from NGC

Books are available from NGC, Inc. Member Services, [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org).

### CURRICULUM FOR FSS COURSE 2

**Flower Show Procedure:** Basic FS/ Specialty FS requirements and Standard System of Awarding review; duties of FS chair and committees; writing an FS schedule; and BA Photography section. (*HB*, pp. 1-9, 11-18, 19-31, 95-96.)

**Horticulture:** Judging qualities on point scoring sheet, commenting vocabulary, judging procedures, awards (including Elfin) review; innovative staging; petite horticulture; arboreal fruited, berried and coned branches; and Container-grown Plants, *Philodendron*. (*HB*, pp. 39-41, 46, 58-59, 61, 97-105.)

**Design:** Judging qualities on point scoring sheet, commenting vocabulary and judging procedures review; Functional and Exhibition Table Designs and Table Artistry Award; role of balance, color and texture; creative staging; Petite Designs and Petite Award. (*HB*, pp. 63-67, 73, 76-77, 97-105.)

### STUDENTS MUST BRING:

• A downloaded copy or an updated hard copy of *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition* 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](http://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 2025.

### STUDENTS ATTENDING FROM OUT OF STATE:

**Must submit NGC Form 18** (available on the NGC website: [gardenclub.org](http://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](mailto:kmace@hughes.net).