

**REGISTRATION  
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL  
COURSE I, APRIL 1-3, 2025**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

GARDEN CLUB/DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION OPTIONS:**

- Full Course with Exam, (lunch optional) \$200** \_\_\_\_\_
- One-day Instruction Design, Tuesday \$125 \_\_\_\_\_
- One-day Instruction Hort., Wednesday \$125 \_\_\_\_\_
- One-day Flower Show Procedure Zoom \$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.)*

**TOTAL REMITTANCE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: FGCNYS, Inc.  
Mail completed registration form and checks  
BEFORE MARCH 10, 2025 to:**

**Gail Berti, Registrar**  
5 Norman Place, Huntington, NY 11743-3010  
chiara.215@aol.com

**NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 25, 2025**

**INSTRUCTORS**

**FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE • Carol English**

Carol is an NGC Accredited Master Judge and FSP Zoom Instructor. She is currently serving on the NGC Flower Show 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 a 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.

**DESIGN • Judy Binns**

Judy is a member of the Salisbury GC, former President of Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, NGC Accredited Master Judge and NGC Flower Show School Design Instructor. She has served on the NGC Board of Directors since 2007 and is currently NGC Flower Show Schools Chair. Judy is a member of The Council at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts where she has been an exhibitor, co-chair and sponsor liaison of the exhibit "Fine Arts and Flowers." She is a member of the Piedmont District Judges Council, Virginia Flower Show Judges Council, and CFAA. Judy enjoys traveling with her husband, spending time with grandchildren and introducing them to the wonders of gardening and flower arranging.

**HORTICULTURE • Catherine Felton**

Cathy has a BS in Zoology and studied at the former Landscape Institute of Harvard University, but a love of horticulture led her into the garden club world where she now lectures and teaches. She is an NGC Accredited Master Judge, Horticulture Instructor for Flower Show Schools and has served on the NGC board as Horticulture Chair, Vice Chair of Gardening Study Schools. Cathy is also an American Daffodil Society Judge; Chair of the ADS Judging School; Master American Hosta Society Judge; and a GCA Horticulture Judge. She is a member of both the Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club and the North Shore Garden Club in Massachusetts.

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**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL  
COURSE 1**

**April 1-3, 2025**



Donna Sessa, State President  
Kim Thomson, FSS Local Chairman

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

**ACCREDITED by:**  
National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

**FGCNYS LOCAL FSS CHAIR:**

Kim Thomson, [thomsonkime@gmail.com](mailto:thomsonkime@gmail.com)

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**HORTICULTURE CHAIR:**

Jane Madis, [janemadis@gmail.com](mailto:janemadis@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)

\$145/ night, plus tax (register by March 1 for special rate). Arrival 3/31/25; Departure 4/3/25.

**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.

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:**

**March 15, 2025.**

**No refunds after March 25, 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.**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 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.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

8:30am	Registration and coffee
8:45-9:00	Greeting and Announcements
9:00-10:30	Design, Judy Binns Instructor
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:15	Design (cont.)
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:15	Registration
1:15-3:15	Design/ Practice Point Scoring
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-4:30	Design Point Scoring Exam; <i>graded but not recorded</i>

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

8:30am	Registration and coffee
8:45-9:00	Greeting and Announcements
9:00-10:30	Horticulture, Cathy Felton 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; <i>graded but not recorded</i>

### THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

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

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

## REQUIRED READING LIST, COURSE I

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

*Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*

“Outlines of Period Designs,” Frances J. Hannay

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

### CURRICULUM FOR FSS COURSE I

**Flower Show Procedure:** Basic requirements, composition of flower shows, and awards (*HB*, pp. 1-9, 39-40, 45-46)

**Design:** Traditional Designs, elements, principals, and awards (*HB*, pp. 63-71, 42-43)

**Horticulture:** Cut, flowering spring bulbs, including *Narcissus*, Container-grown Plants, Begonias, nomenclature, entry tags, and awards (*HB*, pp. 53-54, 57, 58-59, 40-41)  
For more information, see *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, page 124.

### 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 March 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).

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.