

REGISTRATION

FGCNYS SYMPOSIUM, November 4-5, 2026

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

GARDEN CLUB/DISTRICT/STATE:

JUDGING LEVEL:

STUDENT ___ ACCREDITED ___ LIFE ___ MASTER ___

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Full Symposium with lunch \$275

One-day Instruction Hort., Wednesday \$150

One-day Instruction Design, Thursday \$150

* Please add \$5 if taking the exam

TOTAL REMITTANCE: \$

Make checks payable to: FGCNYS, Inc.
(or use ONLINE PAYMENT see page 2.)

Mail completed registration form and checks
BEFORE OCTOBER 20, 2026 to:

Sue Trager, Registrar

23 Tempaloni Rd., Ellenville, NY 12428

suzy.trager@gmail.com

917-584-8203

NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 27, 2026

Current "Good Standing" Date: _____

Credentials Approved:

Yes ___ No ___

Taking Point Scoring Exam

Yes ___ No ___

Master Judge Auditing

Yes ___

INSTRUCTORS

ALLIED TOPIC • HORTICULTURE • Pam Braun

A garden club member for almost 50 years, Pam is currently a member of Leipers Fork and Gateway Garden Clubs. She is a member of Tennessee District 11 and a board member for the TN Federation of Garden Clubs and Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. She is an NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, and NGC horticulture, flower show procedure and symposium instructor. She is also a member of numerous plant societies. Pam specializes in exhibiting collections and displays of numerous, different plant groups and has won many top exhibitor awards. Besides horticulture, she enjoys floral design and has been a speaker, workshop leader or exhibitor at all levels, from district to internationally. Often the plant material used in both designs and instruction are sourced from her garden.

ALLIED TOPIC • DESIGN • Lynn Fronk

Lynn is a National Garden Club Master Flower Show Judge, Flower Show Schools Design and Flower Show Procedure Instructor. She has judged major flower shows including the Philadelphia Flower Show, Newport Flower Show and the Rhode Island State Flower Show. She is the winner of the Mildred-Heter Buckingham Award for outstanding service for the Garden Club of Ohio and has several designs featured in *Designing by Types*.

Lynn is a Past President of Garden Club of Ohio. She is a member of the Flower Show Schools Committee serving as Symposium Chairman for 2023-2025 for the National Garden Clubs, the Symposium Chairman for the Garden Club of Georgia. She is a Master Environmental Consultant and a Gardening Consultant for NGC.

Lynn is a retired nurse from Columbus Children's Hospital and is active in many community activities such as Buford-Lanier Women's Club and the Card Committee for Prince of Peace Church. She is the author of "Merry Christmas, My House to Yours," a small booklet on Using Natural Materials for Holiday Designs.

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FGCNYS Symposium

November 4-5, 2026



Donna Donnelly, National Garden Clubs President
Beverly Kaziskas, Central Atlantic Region of State
Garden Clubs Director
Elizabeth Walker, FGCNYS President

LOCATION:

The Crowne Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211

ACCREDITED by:
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www.gardenclub.org

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SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hotel is about 5 minutes from Albany Airport. 24 hour free hotel shuttle.

The Crowne Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel

660 Albany Shaker Road Albany, NY 12211

(518) 869-8100

\$170/ night. Arrival 11/3/26; Departure 11/5/26.

Booking by Phone: mention Federated Garden Clubs of New York State.

Directions to The Desmond Hotel:

From South: 87N to exit to 3 Rte. 15SE toward airport (Albany Shaker Rd.). Turn right about .2 mi. to hotel.

From North: 87S to exit 4 to Rte. 15SW toward airport (Albany Shaker Rd.). Turn left about .2 mi. to hotel.

Mr. D's Restaurant is open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner 7am-11:30pm.

Mr. D's Bar serves appetizers only 11:30am-11pm.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Lectures are open to the public for the fee stated on the registration form. Only NGC Judges are eligible to take this course for credit. (Note: Level I Student Judges may attend, but will not receive credit.) All lectures must be attended to receive credit.

ALTERNATE ONLINE PAYMENT:

FGCNYS authorizes use of the Zeffy website to accept online transactions and registration. On the "Order Summary," the optional contribution can be avoided by scrolling down to "Other" and selecting "0."

ZEFFY LINK :

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-fgcny-symposium>



NOTE:

Judges taking the exam will have seating preference over observers and will be assigned in order of receipt of paid registration via email or electronically.

INSTRUCTION PROGRAM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026

HORTICULTURE

7:45-8:15	Registration
8:15-8:30	Greeting and Announcements
8:30-9:30	Allied Topic, "How to Evaluate a Flower Show" Pam Braun, Instructor
9:30-9:45	Break
9:45-11:45	Horticulture, Pam Braun Instructor Orchids & Broad leaved Evergreens, Hollies
11:45-12:30	Lunch
12:30-12:45	Registration
12:45-2:45	Horticulture / Practice Point Scoring
2:45- 3:00	Break
3:00-5:00	Horticulture Point Scoring Exam

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026 DESIGN

7:45-8:15	Registration
8:15-8:30	Greeting and Announcements
8:30-9:30	Allied Topic, "Advanced Techniques" Lynn Fronk Instructor
9:30-9:45	Break
9:45-11:45	Design, Lynn Fronk Instructor Construction Design and Armature Design
11:45-12:30	Lunch
12:30-12:45	Registration
12:45-2:45	Design/ Practice Point Scoring
2:45- 3:00	Break
3:00-5:00	Design Point Scoring Exam

HB pages covered in instruction:
pp. 74, 77, 81-83, 132.

CREDENTIALS INFORMATION:

Judges' Renewals and Audits must include exhibiting and judging evidence as required on the appropriate application forms:

Accredited Level II Judges - Form 13

Accredited Life Judges - Form 15L

Accredited Master Judges - Form 15M

Submit complete application for renewal or audit to the Judges' Credentials Chair for approval at least four (4) weeks prior to the symposium (by October 1, 2026.)

FGCNYS Credentials Chair:

Karen Stephens-Mace: kmace@hughes.net.
9648 Phillips Rd., Holland, NY 14080

JUDGES ATTENDING FROM OUT OF STATE:

Must submit NGC Form 18 to their own State Credentials Chair six weeks in advance (September 15, 2026). Out of State Credentials Chair notifies FGCNYS Credentials Chair of your eligibility.
FGCNYS Credentials chair:

Karen Stephens-Mace: kmace@hughes.net.

All forms are available on the NGC website: gardenclub.org under Flower Show Schools Resources.

JUDGES MUST BRING:

- A downloaded copy or an updated hard copy of *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, revised July 2026* 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 under Flower Show Schools Resources.

- 8.5"x11" clipboard and pencils with erasers
- Copies of the Instructors' Outlines and Point Scoring Sheets. **Please print your copies and bring to the Symposium.** Outlines and point scoring sheets will be emailed in October 2026.