

# NGC FLOWER SHOW JUDGES SYMPOSIUM August 26-28, 2025

Pearl Community Center  
2420 Old Brandon Rd.  
Pearl, MS 39208



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## Instructors:

### **Jan Griffin-Horticulture and Allied Topic**

Jan was born, raised and educated in the Seattle, Washington area where her gardening interests evolved around growing food as well as flowers. The Seattle area was a mecca for many different blooming annuals, colorful bulbs and wonderful evergreens. After moving to Florida in 1989, she quickly discovered that those plants she knew all about would not thrive in Florida's climate. She joined a garden club and started her quest to learn about other varied and interesting plants. She continued her education by becoming an NGC Master Flower Show Judge and NGC Flower Show School and Symposium Instructor. Her interests other than garden club are family, golf and working at a friend's florist shop. She reminds her Designing friends that you need great horticulture to create great designs.

### **Claudia Bates-Design**

Claudia is a seventh generation Floridian who has been a member of the Gainesville Garden Club for 35 years. She graduated from the University of Florida, is an avid Gator, and taught Math, English and Gifted Education at the Middle School Level. She is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Flower Show Schools Instructor in Design and Symposia and a certified Floral Design Instructor for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Design Series. She is a former president of her Circle and Club (622 members) and a former President of FFGC, Inc. She is currently serving on the NGC Board as a member of the Flower Show Schools Committee. She has had designs published in several noted publications and has presented design programs and taught in 27 states.

## All taking Symposium for credit must:

- Attend all Sessions
- Sign the attendance roster daily
- Bring *Handbook for Flower Shows 2017 Revised*, and any requested paperwork
- Bring a Clipboard
- Study *Handbook for Flower Shows 2017 Revised and Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*

## Required Reading List

*Handbook for Flower Shows 2017 Revised and Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging* which are available to purchase online at [www.gardenclub.org/shop](http://www.gardenclub.org/shop)

*Handbook for Flower Shows 2017 Revised* can also be downloaded for free at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

Refer to Course Outlines for required pages to be studied

REGISTRATION FORM  
August 26-28, 2025

**NGC FLOWER SHOW JUDGES  
SYMPOSIUM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Good Standing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$200.00

Full course with Exam or Auditing  
(Includes lunch Wednesday/Thursday)

Auditing \_\_\_\_\_ Credit \_\_\_\_\_

Judging Status

Master \_\_\_\_\_ Life \_\_\_\_\_ Accredited \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Registration by Day (not for credit)

First Day (Horticulture) \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00

Second Day (Design) \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to:

MS Flower Show Schools

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Tuesday August 26

3:00-4:00 pm Registration/Announcements

4:00-6:00 pm Allied Topic (Horticulture  
Staging)

Wednesday, August 27

8:00-8:30 am Registration/Announcements

8:30-9:30 am Horticulture

9:30-9:45 am Break

9:45-12:15 Horticulture

12:15-1:00 pm Lunch

1:00-2:45 pm Horticulture

2:45-3:00 pm Break

3:00-5:00pm Point Scoring Exam

Thursday, August 28

8:00-8:30 Registration/Announcements

8:30-9:30 am Design

9:30-9:45 am Break

9:45-12:15 Design

12:15-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-2:45pm Design

2:45-3:00pm Break

3:00-5:00pm Point Scoring Exam

RESERVED SEATING IS AVAILABLE FOR  
THOSE TAKING POINT SCORING EXAMS.

Horticulture to be studied: Cacti and Aroids

Designs to be studied: Floor and Low-Profile