

NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL—COURSE IV

APRIL 13 - 15, 2012



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8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA

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National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Registrar  
Flower Show School, Course IV, NCAGC  
1705 Belle Haven Road  
Alexandria, VA 22307

**APPLICATION FOR  
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL - COURSE IV**

April 13-15, 2012

St. Matthews United Methodist Church  
8617 Little river Turnpike  
Annandale, VA

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

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Full Course - Before April 6:**

With Exam \$140 ( ) Without Exam \$135 ( )

**Full Course - After April 6:**

With Exam \$150 ( ) Without Exam \$145 ( )

One Day - April 13 \$ 70 ( )

One Day - April 14 \$ 70 ( )

I plan to take the exam (check):  YES  NO

I plan to take the PS exam ONLY  YES  NO

TOTAL REMITTANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to receive my confirmation by

Email  US Post Office

**NOTE: NO REFUNDS**

Please make checks payable to:

National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.

Mail fee and application to:

Poss Tarpley, Registrar  
1705 Belle Haven Road,  
Alexandria, VA 22307

(703) 660-8661 [posst@aol.com](mailto:posst@aol.com)

Registration forms must be received by April 6, 2012. Study guide will be emailed or mailed when registration received or a month before class begins.

If available, attach **CURRENT**  
*The National Gardener* Label here  
OR NGC Life Member # \_\_\_\_\_

If no label is available, please bring receipt from NGC (or cancelled check) for payment of subscription.

**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL  
COURSE DESCRIPTION  
CURRICULUM - COURSE IV  
HORTICULTURE CURRICULUM**

**Handbook (HB), Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 14**

**Required Reading for selected Plant Groups**

- A. General horticulture course curriculum of the selected Plants/ or Plant Group/s to be studied, along with two representative plants/plantings for detailed study. Collections and Displays also to be studied.
- B. Curriculum emphasis on:
  - 1. Applicable environmental factors
  - 2. Nomenclature & classification for plants studied.
- C. Scales of Points for Collections and Displays, and judging procedure for Collections and Displays.
- D. General requirements for all Top Exhibitor Awards and all applicable Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards, with emphasis on "Collectors Showcase" and "Club Competition Award".
- E. Review etiquette, ethics and procedure for judging Horticulture.
- F. Horticulture comments.
- G. Practice Point Scoring of one Collection or one Display plus one class of studied topic.
- H. Written Point Scoring Examination

**DESIGN CURRICULUM**

**HB, Chapters 3, 8, 9, 10, 14 and Required Reading**

- A. Review Elements and Principles of Design with emphasis on pattern, light, proportion and scale.
- B. Discuss:
  - 1. Table Designs, Functional and Exhibition modes.
  - 2. Role of color and texture in Table Designs.
  - 3. Staging Table classes.
  - 4. Petite, Designs, Miniature and Small.
  - 5. Instructor's designs, including functional and exhibition Table Designs, American Traditional Design and American Creative Designs with varying degrees of abstraction.
  - 6. Judging comments.
- C. Review General Requirements of all top Exhibitor Awards and Design Top Exhibitor Awards specifically, with emphasis on Sectional Awards "Table Artistry", "Club Competition" for Functional Tables and "Petite Award".
- D. Practice point scoring.
- E. Written Point Scoring examination

**NOTE: There will be a Standard Flower Show. There will also be Written Examinations on: Flower Show Procedure, Horticulture and Design.**

## INSTRUCTORS

### FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

#### Dorothy Yard

Dorothy Yard is a graduate of California State College and West Virginia University. She joined a garden club 38 years ago and has never tired of it yet. She is active on all levels; she is a District Judges Council Chairman for the GCFP, Chairman of CAR Symposium 2011 in Maryland, and is an Area Accrediting Chairman for NGC.

Dorothy is a Four Star Member of NGC, having completed all four schools offered: Gardening Study, Environmental Study, Landscape Design as well as Flower Show School. She is a Past President of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. She has been an instructor of horticulture for 15 years, also teaching FSP and symposia and has taught in 36 states, so far.

Dorothy believes that we should all strive to be like the plants we tend and, "Grow!"

### HORTICULTURE

#### Dottie Howatt

Dottie Howatt, a resident of Wilmington, DE is an Accredited Master Judge, a NGC, Inc. Flower Show School/Symposium Horticulture Instructor, a Daffodil Instructor for the American Daffodil Society, originator of the Prospective Instructor Program (PIP) and a member of the new FSS Horticulture book committee. She holds a BS degree in Horticulture from the University of MD. Dottie also heads a Children's Cancer Foundation, The Sunrise Children's Foundation, and works to develop programs and camps for children and young adults in the mid-Atlantic region.

### DESIGN

#### Kaye B. Vosburgh

Kaye is an Accredited Master Judge and approved Flower Show School Instructor in the National Garden Clubs and a First Grade Ikebana Teacher, Komon, in the Sogetsu School. She has presented programs for Garden Clubs, District and State Meetings, and Ikebana groups throughout New York, and New England and in Quito, Ecuador. She was a Featured Speaker at Creative Flower Arrangers of the Americas in Orlando February 2005.

Kaye has entered the New England Flower Show for the past several years, earning the Creativity Award in 1997 and the Garden Club of America Zone I Bowl for Aesthetic Use of Plant Material in 2002 and the Fenwick Medal in 2006. In 2008 she earned two top awards: the Ruth A. Wallack Design Award for a design of outstanding beauty and creativity, and the Margaret Clover Symonds Medal for an innovative modern design creatively combining man-made materials with fresh or dried plant material. Kaye entered the WFAUSA show in 2011 and received a mention.

### COMMITTEE

Vickie Godwin - President, NCAGC

Sandi Smith Piccirillo -

Flower Show School Chairman

Muriel Turner - Judges' Council Chairman

Poss Tarpley - Registrar

- Horticulture

Lisa Adelman - Design

- Proctor

## OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

(Rates quoted are for weekdays; weekend rates should be less expensive.)

**Best Western** 703 591-5500

3535 Chain Bridge Road (Rte 123),

Fairfax, VA 22030

[www.bestwesternfairfax.com](http://www.bestwesternfairfax.com)

\$79.99 + tax; \$4.50 breakfast brunch

**Comfort Inn** 703 591-5900

11190 Fairfax Boulevard (Rte 236),

Fairfax, VA 22030

[www.comfortinuniversitycenter.com](http://www.comfortinuniversitycenter.com)

\$139 + tax, breakfast included

**Hampton Inn** 703 385-2600

10860 Lee Highway (Rte 50),

Fairfax, VA 22030

[www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com)

\$169 + tax, breakfast included

**Wolf Trap Motel** 703 281-2330

4430 W. Maple Ave (Rte 123),

Vienna, VA

\$87 + tax, breakfast included

## Directions to

### St. Matthews United Methodist Church

From Maryland: From 495 Beltway, take Exit 52A toward Fairfax to VA 236 **West**/ Little River Turnpike. Make a U-Turn at VAR 699 onto Little River Turnpike /VA 236 **East**. The church will be on the right.

From Southern Virginia: Take I 95 North to 495 Beltway. Follow above directions.

School is on the lower level of the church. Enter down sidewalk closest to church entry, double doors straight ahead. Turn right then right to two classrooms straight ahead.

## REQUIRED READING LIST - COURSE IV

- *Handbook for Flower Show 2007 Edition* (see Course description for specific chapters)
- *The National Gardener* published quarterly - January, April, July and October. All students are required to subscribe to *The National Gardener*. Please bring a CURRENT label or your copy of *The National Gardener* to Flower Show School, if you have not attached it to the registration form.
- *1336 Designing by Types - Osborne* (\$44.95)
- *1321 The House Plant Expert - Hessayon* (\$19.95)
- *1332 The New Flower Expert - Hessayon* (\$19.95)
- *(1337) The Bulb Expert - Hessayon* (\$14.95)
- *(1331) Tree and Shrub Expert - Hessayon* (\$14.95)
- *1203 Hortulana* - those paragraphs pertaining to the members of the plant Group/s studied in this course (\$10.00)
- *1185 Table Settings for All Seasons - Wood & Smith* (\$34.95) - Chapter 7 and pages showing design types
- *1314 The Essence of Creativity: A Legacy - Thomas* (\$40.00)
- **Plant Family Lists**  
(Download from NGC Website: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org))  
**Plants and Their Respective Family - PDF**  
**Plant Families Frequently Used in Flower Shows - PDF**

## SOURCES FOR COURSE MATERIALS

Books and subscriptions may be obtained in the following ways:

- Purchase *the Handbook for Flower Shows 2007 Edition* (\$15.00) and/or subscribe to *The National Gardener* (\$18.00 for a new three year subscription) through the National Garden Clubs, Inc. by: Calling - 1-800-550-6007:  
Writing to - National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110-3492
- Updates for the Handbook as well as the list of plant families may be downloaded from the NGC website: visit [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org); click on "Flower Show Schools"; click on "Flower Show Handbook". Scroll to bottom of page and download either a full page size list or Handbook size list.
- Arbor House, USNA (202) 399-5958

## IMPORTANT!

Before attending the course, the *Handbook for Flower Shows 2007 Edition* should be **completely updated** with the changes published on the NGC website at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### DAY I APRIL 13

7:30 AM -	Horticulture Judged in the Standard Flower Show
8:00 - 8:15	Registration and Coffee
8:15 - 8:30	Announcements
8:30 - 9:30	<b>FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE Dot Yard</b>
9:30 - 11:00	<b>HORTICULTURE Dottie Howatt</b>
11:00 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 12:15	<b>HORTICULTURE</b> continued
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00	<b>HORTICULTURE</b> continued
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 5:15	<b>Point Scoring Exam</b>

### DAY II APRIL 14

7:30 AM -	Design & Special Exhibits Judged in the Standard Flower Show
8:00 - 8:15	Registration and Coffee
8:15 - 8:30	Announcements
8:30 - 9:30	<b>FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE Dot Yard</b>
9:30 - 11:00	<b>DESIGN Kay B. Vosburgh</b>
11:00 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 12:15	<b>DESIGN</b> continued
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00	<b>DESIGN</b> continued
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 5:15	<b>Point Scoring Exam</b>

### DAY III APRIL 15

1:00 - 1:15	Information & announcements
1:15 - 4:15	<b>WRITTEN EXAMINATION</b>

**P L E A S E   B E   P U N C T U A L .**  
**Late arrivals will be seated at breaks only.**  
**Remember to bring pencils, study outlines, clipboards and NGC Handbook for Flower Show, 2007 Edition with updates included.**