

Instructors

Carol English: Procedure and Design.

Carol is a Master NGC judge and Design and FSP instructor. She is currently on the NGC board serving on the Flower Show Committee as Student Schedule Chair. Carol has a MS Degree in Art Education from Pratt Institute. Her work experience involved 10 years in Visual Merchandising for Bamberger's/Macys. She has attended the European Masters Technique Workshop and Hitomi Gailliam's Creative Master Class. She has exhibited at CFAA Philadelphia Fine Arts Museum, Montclair Art Museum and PHS Flower Show. She recently moved to New York State and is now a member of the Schuylerville Garden Club.

Heidi Muschick: Horticulture

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 NYBG, 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 a member of GC of Montclair (NJ) and Glenville Hills GC (NY). She is a NGC Master Flower Show Judge and instructor, and a Daffodil judge.

General Information

Flower Show School, Course IV, is the fourth in a series of four courses. NGC recommends that a course series be taken in sequential order, but this is not required.

Attendance is open to all garden club members and guests. To receive credit toward becoming an Accredited NGC Flower Show Judge, one must attend the Flower Show Procedure Zoom class and take the FSP exam as well as attend the full two-day course at the cost of \$180, pass the written exams, be an active NGC garden club member, and have the current updated NGC Handbook. The exam is

optional for those who are attending for enrichment only. Front seats will be reserved for students taking the course for credit. Those seats will be numbered and assigned in the order in which paid registration is received. Students must have their attendance verified daily and may not leave until the conclusion of the class to receive full credit. Students should bring a clipboard, pencil and handbook downloaded from the NGC website, including all updates. Outlines will be emailed upon paid registration to students and attendees. Hard copies may be requested at a cost of \$10 (see registration).

**ALL CLASSES ARE HELD AT:
HOLLY HOUSE/RUTGERS GARDENS,
130 LOG CABIN ROAD, EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ**

Directions to Holly House

From Garden State Parkway, South:

Take Exit 130 to US 1 South* Exit right onto Ryders Lane via the jug handle under the overpass. Immediately move to the left lane to make the 1st left turn into Rutgers Gardens on Log Cabin Road. Turn left. Follow the signs to Holly House (blue/gray bldg.)

From Garden State Parkway, North:

Take Exit 129 to NJ Turnpike South (Trenton). Take Exit 9(New Brunswick) onto US 18N, exit onto US 1 South then continue as above*.

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FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE IV

Flower Show Procedure via Zoom, FSP

April 11, 2026, 12-2 PM Exam immediately follows instruction at 2:15-3PM

April 14-15th, 2026 Horticulture and Design

8:30 AM-5 PM

Exam April 16, 2026 @ 9 AM

Holly House/Rutgers Gardens
130 Log Cabin Road
East Brunswick, NJ 08816



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Program

Saturday, April 11, 2026

12 - 2:00 PM (EST) Flower Show Procedure (English)
via Zoom

2:15 - 3:00 PM (EST) Exam

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

8:00 AM	Registration
8:30-8:45	Welcome, Remarks, Announcements
8:45-9:45	Horticulture (Muschick) 1 Hr.
9:45-10:00	Break
10:00-12:00	Horticulture (Muschick) 2 Hr.
12:00-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:00	Announcements
1:00-3:00	Practice Point Scoring (Muschick) 2 Hr.
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15-5:15	Written Point Scoring Exam 2 Hr.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

8:00 AM Registration
8:30-8:45 Welcome, Remarks, Announcements
8:45-9:45 Design (English) 1 Hr.
9:45-10:00 Break
10:00-12:00 Design (English) 2 Hr.
12:00-12:45 Lunch
12:45-1:00 Announcements
1:00-3:00 Practice Point Scoring (English) 2 Hr.
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-5:15 Written Point Scoring Exam 2 Hr.

Thursday, April 16, 2026

8:45 AM Check-in for students taking exam
9:00-11:00 Horticulture and Design Written exam

Required Reading List, Course IV

The Handbook for Flower Shows (2025)

Revised (with updates) Please note that the July 2025 revision of the digital *Handbook for Flower Shows* is available to download free of charge.

Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging

Books are available from NGC Inc.-website

www.gardenclub.org

Outlines of Period Flower Arranging-Frances J. Hannay

Please bring these to class

Recommended Reading

Available through NGC store:

Hortulana, the 21st Century Edition - Nancy A. Heber
Designing by Types (Osborn)

Plant Families for Designers (download from NGC website)

The National Gardener (TNG) available on NGC website.

Plant Groups to be Studied

Hellebores and Collections/Displays

Refer to the NGC Digital Flower Show

Handbook- revised July 2025 for Course

Curricula (p. 124) or NGC website under Flower Show School.

Design Curriculum (HB page 124) includes:

Schedule writing, Abstract Design and Reflective Design. Refer to the NGC Digital Flower Show Handbook-revised July 2025 for specific course curricula.

Classes are held at
Holly House/Rutgers Gardens
130 Log Cabin Rd.
E. Brunswick, NJ

Lodging: recommended Home2 Suites
19 NJ North 18, New Brunswick, NJ

Please Scan Zeffy Code and
Register on line for FSS IV.



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/flower-show-school-iv>

Registration is also on the GCNJ Website

www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com

Flower Show School, Course IV

Please utilize the on-line registration.

scan the code or use the link provided.

Mail in registration is discouraged.

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8:30AM-515 PM

Exam April 16, 2026 from 9AM-11AM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

GC: _____ District: _____

Registration Deadline April 1, 2026

No refunds after April 1, 2026

Registration Costs

Flower Show Procedure Only \$35 ____

Zoom Presentation & Exam

Flower Show Procedure &

Two Day Course \$170. ____

With Exams for Credit \$180. ____

Horticulture Day, no credit \$90. ____

Design Day, no credit \$90. ____

Two Day Club Special (limit 1/club) \$185. ____

Two people may attend each day. Not for credit, Club Check only.

Hard Copy of Student Outlines \$10 ____

Lunch Tuesday \$25 ____

Lunch Wednesday \$25 ____

Total Enclosed \$ ____

Continental Breakfast is included.

Mail registration form and check to:

(checks payable to GCNJ)

Gail Bassolino

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