



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

COURSE 1

April 8 to 10, 2026

presented by

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

sponsored by

Wisconsin Judges Council

and hosted by

Milwaukee District Garden Clubs

at

ThriveOn King

2153 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212

Parking located at 320 W. Lloyd St, Milwaukee, WI 53212

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ABOUT FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Flower Show School is a comprehensive program that teaches all you need to know about judging, entering, competing and chairing a National Garden Clubs (NGC) Flower Show. There are four courses each with a specific curriculum that includes horticulture, design and Flower Show Procedure. If you are considering becoming a flower show judge, planning to hold a flower show or simply want to learn more, come to Flower Show School – Course 1.

Course 1 will begin with Flower Show Procedure. Design instruction will emphasize the elements and principles of design and focus on Traditional Line, Line Mass and Mass designs. Daffodils and flowering magnolias will be featured in Horticulture.

All lectures are open to the public for stated fees. Only members of a garden club belonging to NGC are eligible to receive credit toward Nationally Accredited Judges Certificates. Students taking the course for credit will be seated according to registration date and must be in their seats throughout lecture time.

Please bring the following to Course 1:

- **Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition** may be downloaded free of charge from the NGC Website at gardenclub.org. A copy of the handbook—either digital or printed—is required for credit.
- The **Course Outline** will be emailed in advance to registrants. Print the outline and bring to class.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

8:00–8:30am Registration
 8:30–8:40am Announcements
 8:40–9:40am Flower Show Procedure
 9:40–10:00am Break
 10:00am–12:00pm Design
 12:00–1:00pm Lunch
 1:00–2:30pm Design
 2:30–2:50pm Break
 2:50–4:20pm Design
 4:20–4:40pm Break
 4:40–5:40pm Point Scoring Exam

Thursday, April 9, 2026

8:00–8:30am Registration
 8:30–8:40am Announcements
 8:40–9:40am Flower Show Procedure
 9:40–10:00am Break
 10:00am–12:00pm Horticulture
 12:00–1:00pm Lunch
 1:00–2:30pm Horticulture
 2:30–2:50pm Break
 2:50–4:20pm Horticulture
 4:20–4:40pm Break
 4:40–5:40pm Point Scoring Exam

Friday, April 10, 2026

9:00am–12:00pm Written Exam with 25 questions each in Flower Show Procedure, Design and Horticulture

SET UP TUESDAY APRIL 7

Set up for Flower Show School – Course 1 will be from 1 to 4 pm on Tuesday, April 7, at [ThriveOn King](http://ThriveOnKing), 2153 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Milwaukee. Floral designs and horticulture exhibits may be unloaded at ThriveOn's west entrance and parking is available at 320 W. Lloyd St.

ACCOMMODATIONS

There are many hotels in the Milwaukee area. The following suggested options are within a mile of ThriveOn King:

- [Aloft Milwaukee Downtown](http://AloftMilwaukeeDowntown) – 414-226-0122
- [Brewhouse Inn & Suites](http://BrewhouseInn&Suites) – 414-810-3350
- [Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham Milwaukee](http://DaysInn&SuitesbyWyndhamMilwaukee) – 414-921-0304
- [Saint Kate—The Arts Hotel](http://SaintKate-TheArtsHotel) – 414-276-8686

INSTRUCTORS

Flower Show Procedure and Design

Carol English is an NGC Master Judge, and Design and Flower Show Procedure Instructor. She is currently on the NGC board serving on the Flower Show Committee as Student Schedule Chair.

Carol has a Master's 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 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 School Chair for several shows, a garden club president, a district director and an active member of garden clubs and judges council in New Jersey for many years.

She has recently moved to New York State to the Saratoga Springs area with her husband and their two Labrador Retrievers, and is a member of the Schuylerville Garden Club.



Horticulture

Terri Ewers is an NGC Master Judge and a new NGC Horticulture Instructor. For more than 30 years she worked for the North Iowa Area Community College before retiring as the Vice President for Student Services.

Since joining a federated garden club in 1982, she has served as the Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa President from 2019-2021 and currently is the Iowa Flower Show/Symposium Chairman and Credentials Chairman. For NGC, Terri is the Policies Chairman for Environmental Schools, Gardening Schools and Landscape Design School and also serves as the Landscape Design School Chairman for Pacific and South Central Regions.

She holds a BA from the University of Northern Iowa, a Master's degree from Iowa State University and a doctorate from Drake University. Married for 43 years to Russ (2020), Terri has three amazing adult children and five wonderful grandchildren. She resides in the country near Clear Lake, Iowa with her Corgi (Dusty).

REQUIRED READING

Being familiar with the *Handbook for Flower Shows* and studying the course outline ahead of time is recommended for a successful Flower Show School experience. The following materials are required reading for Course 1:

- *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition* – free digital download at gardenclub.org
- Course Outline – emailed to registrants before the school
- *Outlines of Period Flower Arrangement* (Hannay) – available for \$5 from NGC at gardenclub.org

OFFICERS

- **Wisconsin Garden Club Federation President** – Joe Powelka
- **Wisconsin Judges Council President** – Kerry Krokos
- **Milwaukee District Garden Clubs Director** – Norma McReynolds

REGISTRATION FORM

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*This registration form is a fillable PDF that may be completed on your computer.
Save and print it and mail with your check made payable to Wisconsin Judges Council before March 23, 2026.*

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____ District _____ Garden Club _____

Full Course (for credit) includes two (2) lunches and exams – April 8, 9 and 10, 2026 \$175.00 _____

Two-Day Instruction (no credit) includes two (2) lunches and NO exams – April 8 and 9, 2026 \$175.00 _____

One-Day Instruction (no credit) Includes one (1) lunch and NO exams

Design – April 8, 2026 **Horticulture** – April 9, 2026 \$90.00 _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE _____

Food allergies and/or dietary restrictions: _____

**Make check payable to Wisconsin Judges Council. Mail completed registration with check before March 23, 2026 to:
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