

REGISTRATION FOR FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL
FSS IV, APRIL 25, 28-30, 2026 REGISTRATION

NAME: _____
 (PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

GARDEN CLUB: _____

FULL COURSE WITH EXAM AND LUNCH \$225.00 _____

TWO-DAY INSTRUCTION NO EXAM AND LUNCH \$220.00 _____

ONE-DAY INSTRUCTION NO EXAM AND LUNCH \$110.00 _____

☐ HORTICULTURE – APRIL 28, 2026

☐ DESIGN – APRIL 29, 2026

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE ONLY (ZOOM)
 SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 \$35.00 _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ _____

FOOD ALLERGIES: _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **GCFM, INC.** AND MAIL
 COMPLETED REGISTRATION WITH CHECK BEFORE
 MARCH 23, 2026 TO:

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 DELRAY BEACH, FL 33484
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NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1, 2026

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

*Zoom Program times:

9:15-9:45
 9:45-10:00
 10:00-11:00

Registration
Greeting and Announcements
Flower Show Procedure
 Jan Griffin, Instructor
Break
Flower Show Procedure (con't.)
Break
Exam

11:00-11:15
 11:15-12:15
 12:15-12:30
 12:30-1:30

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

8:00 am
 8:30 - 8:45
 8:45 - 10:30

Registration and Coffee
Greeting and Announcements
Horticulture
 Jan Griffin, Instructor

10:30 - 10:45
 10:45 - 12:00
 12:00 - 12:45
 12:45 - 1:00
 1:00 - 3:00
 3:00 - 3:30
 3:30 - 5:30

Break
Horticulture (cont.)
Lunch
Registration
Horticulture/Practice Point Score
Break
Horticulture Point Score Exam

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

8:00am
 8:30 - 8:45
 8:45 - 10:30

Registration and Coffee
Greetings and Announcements
Design
 Claudia Bates, Instructor

10:30 - 10:45
 10:45 - 12:00
 12:00 - 12:45
 12:45 - 1:00
 1:00 - 3:00
 3:00 - 3:30
 3:30 - 5:30

Break
Design (cont.)
Lunch
Registration
Design/Practice Point Scoring
Break
Design Point Scoring Exam

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

8:30am
 9:00 - 12:00

Registration
Written Exam

**THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF
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**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL
 COURSE IV**

April 25, 28-30, 2026



Kim Edwards, State President
 Yvonne Capella, State FSS Chairman
 Ruth Gorman, FSS Local Chairman

LOCATION:
Double Tree by Hilton
11 Beaver Street
Milford, MA 01757

Accredited by:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
www.gardenclub.org

Important Notes about FSS:

NGC recommends that a course series be taken in sequential order, but this is not required.

Required Reading List, Course IV

"Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, revised July 2025

Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging

Recommended Reading List, Course IV

Hortulana, The 21st Century Edition, Nancy A. Heber
Designing by Types, Harriet Osborn, Editor

For full course curriculum description, see Chapter 13, page 127 of the "Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition" revised July 2025.

INSTRUCTORS

DESIGN

CLAUDIA BATES

Claudia Bates is a seventh generation Floridian who has been a member of the Gainesville (Florida) Garden Club for 36 years. Claudia graduated from the University of Florida, is an avid GATOR, and taught Math, English and Gifted Education at the Middle School level.

Claudia is a nationally accredited Master Flower Show Judge, a NGC, Inc. Flower Show Schools Instructor in Design and Symposia and a certified Floral Design Instructor for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Design Series developed by the late Bob Thomas. 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 of Directors as a member of the Flower Show Schools Committee. She has been awarded Life Memberships in Gainesville Garden Club, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Deep South and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. She is a Pillar of Pride recipient and a member of the Hall of Fame and a Guardian of Gardening for FFGC. She is

also a member of DAR and UDC Chapters in Gainesville, FL.

Claudia has presented Design Programs for CFAA, OFAD and several State Judges Councils and has taught Symposiums in 27 states and has devised and taught several Contrived Flower (now known as 'fantasy forms') and texturizing plant material workshops for CFAA and several judges' councils. Her designs have been published in the Vision of Beauty, NCG, Inc. calendar, the Florida Federation of Garden Club's calendar 16 times (2019 cover), the FFSJ Design Manual Just My Type and she has two designs featured in the Wafa book, Designing the American Way.

HORTICULTURE & FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

JAN GRIFFIN

Born, raised, and educated in the Seattle, Washington area where my gardening interests evolved around growing food as well as flowers. I always loved flowers and spent many hours finding out which plant did the best for what type of conditions. The Seattle area was a mecca for many different blooming annuals, colorful bulbs, and wonderful evergreens. Upon moving to Florida in late 1989, I quickly learned those plants I knew all about would not thrive in Florida's climate. I joined a Garden Club and started my quest for learning about other varied and interesting plants. I continued my education by becoming a Flower Show Judge. Now an Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, I teach Floral Design classes as well as horticulture for Flower Show Schools and have developed several horticulture programs for clubs, judges, and civic groups.

Being actively involved in The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and Florida Flower Show Judges keeps me busy. It has been my honor to serve as horticulture chairman for six state flower shows and several district shows.

My interests other than Garden Club are my family, golf, and working in my friend's florist shop. My comment to all my wonderful design friends is that you need great horticulture to create great designs.

COMMITTEE

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Designers: Members of GCFM Judges Council
Members of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

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Milford, MA 01757
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(508)478-7010

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All are welcome to attend, but only those who are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc and are taking the full course with examination are eligible for credit. Registrations should be made early to guarantee sufficient study guides (sent in advance of the school) and lunches. Remittance must accompany the application which should be received by the Registrar before March 23, 2026.