

**INSTRUCTORS**

**DESIGN**

**FRANCES THRASH**

Frances Thrash is originally from Jackson, Mississippi, but has lived in Virginia since 1988. Previous addresses include Thiene, Italy; Baumholder, Germany; Nellingen, Germany; Lawton, Oklahoma; Manassas, Virginia; and Hepzibah, Georgia, all compliments of a military husband.

At the tender age of 6, Frances joined the junior garden club affiliated with her mom's garden club where she remained a member under graduation. She rejoined a garden club in 1989 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She currently is a past president & founding member of Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club and president of the Richmond Designers Guild. She is Past President (twice) of the Tidewater District of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, and serves her state as Flower Show Schools Chairman. She is a Master Judge and a Design & Flower Show Procedure Instructor for both NGC flower show schools & symposiums. She has served on the NGC Board for 6 years and is currently the chairman of Floral Design, writing articles for The National Gardener. She is also a master judge for the American Iris Society and a Senior Judge for the Hemerocallis Society (daylilies), as well as a board member of CFAA (Creative Flower Arrangers of the Americas) and NFA (National Flower Arrangers).

She attended the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) where she earned a degree in Education and Math. In 2009 she earned a gold award in the WAFA show in D.C. (first place – World Association of Floral Arrangers) and has earned two national Tricolor Awards from the American Hemerocallis Society.

Frances presents programs and schools far and wide for garden clubs, state conventions, and plant societies in numerous states.

In addition to all this, she finds time to work at Wholesale Flower Market in Chesapeake, Virginia, where she is an FTD Master Designer, and runs her own small business (Seascapes) out of her home doing weddings, meetings, and flowers

for churches and individuals alike. She is a gardener, loves plants of all sorts, her 5 grandchildren, and her Persian kitties Ruby & Jasper.

**HORTICULTURE AND ALLIED TOPIC**

**PAM BRAUN**

Pam Braun is a garden club member for almost 50 years. Pam is currently a member of Leipers Ford Garden Club, which she founded in 2004. She is a member of Tennessee District II and a board member for the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs and Deep South Garden Clubs Inc. Pam is an NGC accredited Master Flower Show Judge and NGC Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure and Symposium Instructor and member of numerous plant societies.

Pam specializes in exhibiting collections and displays of numerous different plant groups and has won many top exhibitor awards for her horticulture. Besides horticulture, she enjoys floral design and has been a speaker, leader of workshops, or exhibitor at all levels from district to internationally. Pam has enjoyed growing plants all her life and the plant material she uses for both designs and instruction often comes from her own garden or indoor plants.

**CREDENTIALS**

Lectures are open to all garden club members and to the public upon payment of fees. Submit complete application for renewal/audit to the Judges' Credentials Chair of your State for approval at least FOUR weeks prior for in-state judges, SIX weeks for out-of-state judges. Please request that your state Credentials chairman notify the MA Symposium Credentials Chairman of your eligibility.

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**November 1 & 2, 2023**



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&

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**LOCATION:**

**Double Tree by Hilton  
11 Beaver Street  
Milford, MA 01757**

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2023**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GARDEN CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGES LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

REFRESHER FULL COURSE FOR CREDIT W/ LUNCH \$225

REFRESHER FULL COURSE FOR CREDIT & EXAM W/ LUNCH \$230

ONE DAY, HORTICULTURE NOVEMBER 1, 2023 W/ LUNCH \$115

ONE DAY, DESIGN NOVEMBER 2, 2023 W/ LUNCH \$115

LATE FEE \$10 AFTER OCTOBER 15, 2023

TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD ALLERGIES: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU REQUIRE VEGETARIAN \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO GCFM, INC. AND MAIL  
COMPLETED REGISTRATION WITH CHECK BEFORE OCTOBER 15,  
2023 TO:

KATHY HAWES  
198 EDGE HILL ROAD  
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**NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 15, 2023**

Judges must bring **The Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 revised** and clip board.

**PROGRAM**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

8:00 am **Registration and Coffee**  
8:15 – 8:30 **Greeting and Announcements**  
8:30 – 10:30 **Allied Topic –**  
Pam Braun  
10:30 - 10:45 **Break**  
10:45 - 12:00 **Horticulture –**  
Pam Braun  
12:00 - 12:45 **Lunch**  
12:45 – 1:00 **Registration**  
1:00 – 3:45 **Horticulture/Exam Instructions**  
3:45 - 4:00 **Break**  
4:00 – 6:00 **Horticulture Point Score Exam**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

8:00am **Registration and Coffee**  
8:15 – 8:30 **Greetings and Announcements**  
8:30 – 10:30 **Design**  
Frances Thrash, Instructor  
10:30 – 10:45 **Break**  
10:45 – 12:00 **Design (cont.)**  
12:00 – 12:45 **Lunch**  
12:45 – 1:00 **Registration**  
1:00 – 1:45 **Design/Exam Instructions**  
1:45 – 2:00 **Break**  
2:00 – 4:00 **Design Point Scoring Exam**

**SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS**

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11 Beaver Street  
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(Exit 48 off Rte. 495)  
(508)478-7010

[www.bostonmilford.doubletree.com](http://www.bostonmilford.doubletree.com)  
mention FSS for special rate  
*rooms are limited at this special rate*  
*\$129.00 good until October 1, 2023*

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. In order to obtain credit, attendees must be present for all lectures and obtain passing grades for all Point Score exams in Design and Horticulture.

**COMMITTEE**

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