

SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

**Double Tree Inn
1021 Koger Center Blvd.
Richmond, VA 23235**

Located just off of Midlothian Turnpike with easy access from VA-76 or VA-288.

To reserve your hotel room, contact the Hilton reservations at 1-800-222-TREE or the hotel directly at 804-379-3800. Ask for the block of rooms reserved for the
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Rate: \$139.00 per night + tax
Rates may be subject to change.

Deadline: October 7, 2023

Parking is complimentary.

SYMPOSIUM CHAIRMAN

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Claudia Cosby
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Instructors

Design Instructor: Claudia Bates

Claudia is a seventh generation Floridian who has been a member of the Gainesville Garden Club for over 30 years. She is a nationally accredited Master Flower Show Judge, an NGC Flower Show School Instructor in Design and a Floral Design Instructor for Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC). She is also a former FFGC President. She has been awarded Life Memberships in her local Garden Club, the FFGC, the Deep South Region and the NGC. Claudia has presented Design Programs in many states, and for CFAA and OFAD. She has devised and taught several workshops for CFFA including Fantasy Flowers, abstracting and texturizing plant components and DIY containers. Her designs have been published in the Vision of Beauty and FFGC Calendars, as well as in the Wafa publication *Designing the American Way*. Claudia currently serves on the NGC Board of Directors as a member of the Flower Show Schools Committee, on the BOD of the FFGC as Chairman of the Advisory committee. She is also the Florida State Symposium Chairman.

Horticulture Instructor: Darlene Newell

Darlene is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure, Symposium Instructor and Daffodil Judge. She has lectured in over 26 states. In 1974, she joined the Woodland Oaks Garden Club where she held several offices and later became the West Virginia Appalachian District Director. She is a life member of West Virginia Garden Clubs and the NGC, and a member of the American Horticulture, Hosta, and Daffodil Societies. She serves on the NGC Board of Directors as the Horticulture Instructors Chairman and a member of the Special Projects Committee. On the state level, she is the WV Flower Show Schools Chairman and Judges Chairman. She is chairman of the 2023 NGC Convention to be held in West Virginia. In 2021, she founded the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal Project. To date, hundreds of volunteers have provided over 25,000 hot meals on Thanksgiving Day. Darlene is a retired registered nurse and nursing home administrator.

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November 6-8, 2023



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Any interested person is welcome and invited to attend this Symposium, however all attendees must register in advance. You need not be a Judge or a Member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) to attend. Only members of NGC may take this Symposium examination for NGC Credit.

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL CREDIT

To obtain refresher credit, Judges must attend ALL lectures in their entirety, including oral point scoring sessions and get your card punched to show attendance. **You must also bring your Handbook for Flower Shows Rev. 2017 -2nd Edition with all updates.**

Virginia Judges expecting credit for this Symposium must send completed appropriate form, along with required credentials, to the VFGC, Credentials Chairman, Rebecca Elston, at least six (6) weeks before the Symposium (by 9/25/23). The following forms are available online from the NGC, Inc. website:

Form 13 for use by Accredited Judges

Form 15L for use by Life Judges

Form 15M for use by Master Judges

Out of State Judges expecting credit for this Symposium must send the completed appropriate form, as listed above, to the Credentials Chairman in their own state, before registering for this Symposium.

No Credentials will be accepted at the door.

REQUIRED TEXT

Judges taking symposium for credit must bring with them *The Handbook of Flower Shows Rev. 2017 - 2nd Edition*, with updates and corrections noted. Designing by Types and Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging are also helpful.

Clipboards and pencils will be provided for testing.

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Monday, November 6, 2023

- 1:00 - 2:45pm Registration
2:45 - 3:00pm Welcome and Announcements
3:00 - 4:00pm Allied Horticulture Topic:
"Up ,Up and Away"
Vertical Gardening
- Darlene Newell
4:00 - 4:15pm Afternoon Break
4:15 - 5:15pm Allied Design Topic:
"Expression vs. Interpretation"
- Claudia Bates
5:30 - 7:00pm Meet and Greet

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

- 8:30 - 9:00am Registration
9:00 - 9:15am Welcome and Announcements
9:15 - 10:15am Horticulture, Cucurbita
10:15 - 10:30am Morning Break
10:30 - 11:30am Horticulture , Evergreens
11:30 - 12:30pm Lunch
12:30 - 2:30pm Horticulture Practice Point Scoring,
2:30 - 2:45pm Afternoon Break
2:45 - 4:45pm Point Scoring Exam

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

- 8:30 - 9:00am Registration
9:00 - 9:15am Announcements
9:15 - 10:15am Design, Panel Designs
10:015 - 10:30am Morning Break
10:30 - 11:30am Design, Spatial Thrust Designs
11:30 - 12:30pm Lunch
12:30 - 2:30pm Design Practice Point Scoring
2:30 - 2:45pm Afternoon Break
2:45 - 4:45pm Point Scoring Exam

Seating will be assigned in order of receipt of paid registration. Accredited and Life Judges, who are taking the symposium for credit, will be seated in the front rows.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Cell Phone # _____
Email _____
Club _____ District _____
Medical Dietary Restrictions _____
Judging Status _____
Date of Last Certification/Audit _____

FEEES

Full course prices includes Monday Allied Topic, Lectures and Lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday.

() Full Course \$195 _____

Single Event

() Allied Topic \$ 40 _____

() Horticulture & Lunch (Tues.) \$ 98 _____

() Design & Lunch (Weds.) \$ 98 _____

() Manual emailed free of charge **OR**

() Printed Manual \$ 10 _____

MUST BE PREORDERED

Available at Registration

*If postmarked after October 21, 2023,
add \$30 late fee* _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

**Make checks payable to:
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Write Symposium in memo line and mail to:**

**Claudia Cosby
VFGC Symposium Registrar
3015 Mount Hill Drive
Midlothian, VA 23113-3923**

****DEADLINE: OCTOBER 23, 2023****

No refunds after this date.