

SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

**Blue Ridge Council of Garden Clubs'
Garden Center
3640 Colonial Avenue
Roanoke, VA 24018**

Located in southwest Roanoke, between
VA-220 and VA-221

NEARBY HOTELS

**Hilton Garden Inn, Roanoke (3 star)
4500 S. Peak Blvd., Roanoke, 24018
(540) 776-3400**

**Holiday Inn Roanoke-Tanglewood (3 star)
4468 Starkey Road, Roanoke, 24018
(540) 774-4400**

Check website - currently under renovation

**Sleep Inn Tanglewood (2 star)
4045 Electric Rd., Roanoke, 24018
(540) 772-1500**

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

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INSTRUCTORS

Design Instructor: Claudia Bates

Claudia Bates 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: Jan Griffin

Jan Griffin was born, raised, and educated in the Seattle, Washington area where her gardening interests evolved around growing food, as well as flowers. She always loved flowers and spent many hours finding out which plant did the best for what type of conditions. Upon moving to Florida in late 1989, she quickly learned those Seattle area plants she knew about would not thrive in Florida. She joined a Garden Club and started learning about other varied and interesting plants. She continued her education by becoming a FS Judge. Now she is an Accredited Master FS Judge, teaches Floral Design classes in Florida, and horticulture for FS Schools and has developed several horticulture programs for clubs, judges, and civic groups. Being actively involved in The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and Florida FS Judges keeps her busy. She has served as horticulture chairman for five state flower shows, several district shows and many of the local Strawberry Festival shows. Her other interests include her family, golf, and working in a friend's florist shop. Her comment to all her wonderful design friends is that **you need great horticulture to create great designs!**

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November 11-12, 2024



Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs'

Garden Center

3640 Colonial Avenue

Roanoke, VA 24018

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 9/23/24). 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. Their Credentials Chairman sends **Form 18** to the Virginia Credentials Chairman

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 11, 2024

- 7:30 - 8:15am Registration
8:15 - 8:30am Welcome and Announcements
Introduce Jan Griffin
**8:30 - 9:30am Allied Horticulture Topic:
Creative Horticulture Staging**
9:30 - 9:45am Early Morning Break
9:45 - 10:45am Horticulture, Bromeliaceae
10:45 - 11:00am Mid-Morning Break
11:00 - 12:00am Horticulture, Goepertia
12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch
1:00 - 3:00pm Horticulture Practice Point Scoring
3:00 - 3:15pm Afternoon Break
3:15 - 5:15pm Point Scoring Exam

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

- 7:30 - 8:15am Registration
8:15 - 8:30am Welcome and Announcements
Introduce Claudia Bates
**8:30 - 9:30am Allied Design Topic:
Botanical Arts Bonded Designs**
9:30 - 9:45am Early Morning Break
9:45 - 10:45am Design, Tapestry
10:45 - 11:00am Mid-Morning Break
11:00 - 12:00am Design, Framed Spatial
12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch
1:00 - 3:00pm Design Practice Point Scoring
3:00 - 3:15pm Afternoon Break
3:15 - 5:15pm 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 _____
Status: Student () Accredited () Life () Master ()
Circle one: Testing: Auditing: Neither
Date of Last Certification/Audit _____

FEES

Full course prices includes Monday and Tuesday Lectures and Lunches.

() Full Course \$185 _____

Single Event

() Horticulture & Lunch (Mon.) \$ 95 _____

() Design & Lunch (Tues.) \$ 95 _____

() Manual emailed free of charge

OR

() Printed Manual \$ 10 _____

MUST BE PREORDERED-Available at Registration

*If postmarked after October 23, 2024,
add \$30 late fee* _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Make checks payable to:

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

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****DEADLINE: OCTOBER 23, 2024****

No refunds after this date.