

SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

**Four Points by Sheraton
Richmond Airport
4700 S Laburnum Avenue
Henrico, VA
804-266-4300**

Make Room Reservations directly with
Hotel: 804-266-4300 or with
Marriott: 888-236-2427

State you are with the VFGC Block of rooms
Room cost is \$142.00 with a cut off date of
October 6, 2025

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Dianna Busch
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Instructors

Design Instructor: Gina Jogan

Gina is a presenter, facilitator, speaker at workshops, programs, events. Her designs have been published in articles, magazines, books, calendars, and on-line.

She is a master flower show judge and has been teaching flower show schools and symposiums since the early 2000's. She has held many garden club positions in Florida, as well with the Deep South Region and NGC. She has chaired numerous committees and belongs to CFAA and OFAD as a member and presenter. She is noted for her creative designs, while making her presentation enjoyable and fun.

She is a graduate of Florida State University- B.S. in Elementary Education and Mathematics. Hobbies reading, travel, needlework, quilting, and the grandbabies!!! Married, 46 years to Stephen, a career Naval Officer, now deceased (2013). Two grown children, five grandchildren, one great-grandson and a great-granddaughter, too

Horticulture Instructor: David Robson

David is a retired horticulture and pesticide safety specialist with the University of Illinois. A graduate of Iowa State University and the University of IL, he has taught for more than 43 years. He has been the president Springfield Civic GC, been on the board and as recording secretary. He has been the Awards Chairman for the Garden Club of Illinois.

He is a NGC Master Judge since 1992 and Flower Show School and Symposium instructor since 2008, teaching Horticulture and FSP in all but five states. He is the past chairman of the Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure Instructors for NGC flower show schools and was chairman of the Handbook Revision Committee.

He has served and chaired several NGC Committees, being very active in both NGC and Illinois. He is a dynamic speaker keeping his audience attention and interest.

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**VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF
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November 3-4, 2025



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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 9/23/25). 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 3, 2025

- 7:30 - 8:15am Registration
- 8:15 - 8:30am Welcome and Announcements
Introduce David Robson
- 8:30 - 9:30am Allied Horticulture Topic:
Botanical Arts**
- 9:30 - 9:45am Early Morning Break
- 9:45 - 10:45am Horticulture, Container Grown:
Philodendron**
- 10:45 - 11:00am Mid-Morning Break
- 11:00 - 12:00pm Horticulture, Collections**
- 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 4, 2025

- 7:30 - 8:15am Registration
- 8:15 - 8:30am Welcome and Announcements
Introduce Gina Jogan
- 8:30 - 9:30am Allied Design Topic: Comments!
Judges Comments on Entry Cards**
- 9:30 - 9:45am Early Morning Break
- 9:45 - 10:45am Design, Reflective**
- 10:45 - 11:00am Mid-Morning Break
- 11:00 - 12:00pm Design, Floor Design**
- 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, 2025**,
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, 2025****

No refunds after this date.