SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs
3640 Colonial Avenue
Roanoke , VA 24018

Nearby Hotels

Hilton Garden Inn, Roanoke
4500 S. Peak Blvd, Roanoke 24018
540-776-3400
Holiday Inn Roanoke-Tanglewood
4468 Starkey Road Roanoke 24018
540-774-4400
Sleep Inn Tanglewood
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Instructors

Design Instructor: Lynn Fronk is a NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Flower Show Schools Design and Flower Show Procedure Instructor. She has taught in 42 States, Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia, Ecuador, Uruguay and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She has judged major flower shows in the United States such as the Philadelphia Flower Show, Newport Flower Show and the Rhode Island State Flower Show. She has presented for CFAA, several State Conventions, NGC Convention and the Deep South Convention. She is the winner of the Mildred-Heter Buckingham Award for outstanding service for the Garden Club of Ohio and has several designs featured in *Designing by Types*

Lynn is a Past President of Garden Club of Ohio. She is a member of the FSS Committee serving as Symposium Design Chairman for 2025-2027 for NGC, the Symposium Chairman for the Garden Club of Georgia and has recently relocated from Ohio to Flowery Branch, Georgia.

She is a member of Stonehedge Garden Clubs, Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas, The Designer's Club of Georgia and the National Flower Arranger Guild.

Lynn is a retired nurse from Columbus Children's Hospital and is active in many community activities such as Buford -Lanier Women's club. She is the author of "Merry Christmas from My House to Yours" A small booklet on Using Natural Materials for Holiday Designs

Horticulture Instructor: Jan Griffin

After moving from the Seattle area to Florida all the plants I knew 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 became Flower Show Judge. Now I teach Floral Design classes as well as horticulture for Flower Show Schools and Symposiums and have developed several horticulture and design 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. She also enjoys golf!!

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November 2-3, 2026

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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 four(4) weeks before the Symposium (by Oct 5, 2026). 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 2, 2026

7:30 - 8:15am	Registration
8:15 - 8:30am	Welcome and Announcements Introduce
8:30 - 9:30am	**Allied Topics** **Flower Show Evaluations**
9:30 - 9:45am	Early Morning Break
9:45 - 10:45am	**Botanical Arts Horticulture**
10:45 - 11:00am	Mid-Morning Break
11:00 - 12:00pm	**Container grown plants**
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00pm	**Practice Point Scoring**
3:00 - 3:15pm	Afternoon Break
3:15 - 5:15pm	Point Scoring Exam

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

7:30 - 8:15am	Registration
8:15 - 8:30am	Welcome and Announcements Introduce
8:30 - 9:30am	**Allied Topics: Design Techniques**
9:30 - 9:45am	Early Morning Break
9:45 - 10:45am	**Assemblage Design**
10:45 - 11:00am	Mid-Morning Break
11:00 - 12:00pm	**Low –profile Design**
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00pm	**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 26, 2026

_____ *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 26, 2026****

No refunds after this date.