

The course is open to garden club members and members of the general public who are interested in Horticulture and Floral Design.

**Registration deadline: July 31, 2026**

Flower Show Judges taking exam for credit receive preferred seating.



### **CREDENTIALS**

NGC requires **Kentucky Judges** refreshing credentials to submit a completed NGC application to take symposium **for credit** to **Kentucky Credentials Chair Donna Hopkins**, [dchopkins@hotmail.com](mailto:dchopkins@hotmail.com), 1640 Old Lawrenceburg Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, (502) 330-5012, **by July 20, 2026**. Accredited Judges submit **Form #13**; Accredited Life Judges submit **Form #15L**; Masters submit **Form #15M**.

NGC requires **Out-of-State Judges** refreshing credentials to submit **NGC Form 18** to **YOUR** state Credentials Chair by **July 10, 2026**, who will submit Form 18F in a timely manner on your behalf to **Symposium Registrar**, Susan Throneberry, 4621 Old Scottsville Road, Alvaton, KY 42122



**All Judges seeking credit** must bring 2017 NGC Handbook for Flower Shows (with updates) and attend all sessions.

Once registered, course material will be emailed to students who are expected to **print and study the material** prior to arrival for Symposium.

### [A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC., INSTRUCTORS](#)

**David Robson** is a retired horticulture and pesticide safety specialist with the University of Illinois, serving as a county adviser in Springfield, a regional educator for southern Illinois, and later a campus-based specialist in Urbana. A graduate of Iowa State University and the University of Illinois, he taught for more than 43 years. He served as president of the Springfield Civic Garden Club (1995–1997) and currently serves as the Co-Treasurer. He also served two terms (10 years) as Garden Clubs of Illinois Awards Chairman and is currently 3rd Vice-President. A National Garden Clubs, Inc. Master Judge since 1992 and Flower Show School instructor since 2008, he teaches Horticulture Judging and Flower Show Procedures nationwide and is a past chairman of NGC Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure Instructors and the Handbook Revision Committee. He serves on the NGC Board of Directors as Vice-Chair of the Flower Shows and Flower Show School Committee and as NGC PH&E Trustee. He is also an Illinois State Fair Food Judge.

**Gina Venettozzi Jogan** is a National Garden Clubs, Inc., Master Accredited Judge and Flower Show Schools Design Instructor. She has held several offices in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and is a member of two garden clubs. She is an NGC Master Emeritus Gardening Consultant and Landscape Design Consultant. A graduate of Florida State University, Gina resides in Molino, Florida ([gvjogan@panhandle.rr.com](mailto:gvjogan@panhandle.rr.com)). Gina's designs have been published in articles, magazines, calendars, and on-line. She was married to her husband Stephen for 46 years until his death in 2013. Gina has two grown children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Her hobbies include reading, travel, cooking, needlework, quilting, and the grandchildren!

National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
*"Garden Duet"*

## Symposium

presented by the  
Kentucky Council of Nationally  
Accredited Flower Show Judges



Join us at the  
Historic Boone Tavern Hotel  
100 Main Street  
Berea, KY 40403

**September 1-2, 2026**

Approved by National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Symposium Chair: Carla Hawkins

Featuring:

**Composites and Coleus**

Taught by David Robson, NGC Horticulture  
Instructor

*Allied Topic: Mistakes in Writing Horticulture  
Schedules*

**Duo Designs**

Taught by Gina Jogan, NGC Design Instructor  
*Allied Topic: Ethics*

## SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 31, All Times Eastern Time 2026

4:00 – 6:00 PM Registration, Load-in Hort & Designs  
6:00 – 8:00 PM Social Hour (cash bar)  
Boone Tavern Hotel

### Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026 *HORTICULTURE DAY with DAVID ROBSON*

8:00 – 8:25 AM Registration, Coffee/Juice & Treats  
8:30 – 9:30 AM *Allied Topic* – Ethics  
9:30 – 9:45 AM BREAK  
9:45 – 11:45 AM *Composites and Coleus*  
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM LUNCH  
12:45 – 2:45 pm *Composites and Coleus Point Scoring*  
2:45 – 3:00 PM BREAK  
3:00 – 5:00 PM Point Scoring Exam (for credit)

### Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026 *DESIGN DAY with GINA JOGAN*

8:00 – 8:25 AM Registration, Coffee/Juice & Treats  
8:30 – 9:30 AM *Allied Topic* – Mistakes in Writing Horticulture Schedules  
9:30 – 9:45 AM BREAK  
9:45 – 11:45 AM *Duo Designs* – Part I\*  
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM LUNCH  
12:45 – 2:45 PM *Duo Designs* – Part II\*  
2:45 – 3:00 PM BREAK  
3:00 – 5:00 PM Point Scoring Exam (for credit)  
*\*Includes Practice Point Scoring*

## Registration Deadline: JULY 31, 2026

**SYMPOSIUM CHAIR: Carla Hawkins**  
Cell 502.319.2192; [cchawk749@yahoo.com](mailto:cchawk749@yahoo.com)

**SYMPOSIUM REGISTRAR:**  
**Susan Throneberry**  
Cell 270.779.4790; [sthroneberry1@gmail.com](mailto:sthroneberry1@gmail.com)  
**4621 Old Scottsville Road**  
**Alvaton, KY 42122**

### Lodging

Rooms must be reserved directly with Historic Boone Tavern Hotel, 859.985.3700. The hotel provides free parking. A special Symposium Rate of \$129-\$149 plus tax is available until July 31, 2026. Ask for Room Block “KY Flower Show Judges.”

### **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR SYMPOSIUM ATTENDEES\***

**Monday, August 31, 6:00 PM – Social Hour (cash bar)**

**Tuesday, September 1, 6:30 PM – Dinner at “Crafted” at Boone Tavern.**

Experience Southern dining at its finest!


\*Not included in Symposium Registration Fee.

## Symposium Registration September 1 – September 2, 2026 Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Judging Status:  Accredited  Student  Life  
 Master  Non-Judge  
Good Standing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### FEES

Registration Fee for Credit with Test  
Full Course  \$205  
Horticulture (One Day Only)  \$105  
Design (One Day Only)  \$105  
Registration Fee, Auditing / Not Testing  
Full Course  \$200  
Horticulture (One Day Only)  \$100  
Design (One Day Only)  \$100  
**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

The Registration Fee includes morning pastries, lunch, and snacks for one or two days, as selected, with coffee, tea, and water available throughout. On August 1, 2026, the Registrar will email lunch options for your selection. 

Make check payable to:  
**Kentucky Judge’s Show Judges Council**  
**Mail check with THIS portion of form to Susan Throneberry, 4621 Old Scottsville Road, Alvaton, KY 42122.**

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