

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Participants must make hotel reservations directly with the hotel.

CGCI special rate for this event is \$129/night.

Parking is \$25/day.

Event parking for non-hotel guests is \$5/day

Reservations must be made on or before October 1, 2026 to receive special rate.

Please identify yourself as being with California Garden Clubs, Inc. Symposium.

Handlery Hotel San Diego
950 Hotel Circle North
San Diego CA 92108
619-298-0511

Meals are not included in the registration fee and outside food may not be brought into the classroom.

Arrangements have been made with the on site restaurant to order lunch for \$20 all inclusive. A menu will be available both mornings, orders will be taken and lunches will be delivered to the classroom during lunchtime.

Attendees should bring:

Handbook for Flower Shows 2017 Revised Edition. The 2017 Edition (corrected July 2025) should be downloaded from the NCG website. The Handbook is located in the Member Section of the NGC website:

www.gardenclub.org

Important: All judges taking the Point Scoring Exam will be seated in the front rows. Please bring a clipboard and pencils for the exam.

INSTRUCTORS



Pam Braun - Horticulture

A garden club member for almost 50 years, Pam Braun is currently a member of Gateway Acres Garden Club. She is a member of TN District II, and life member of TN Federation of Garden Clubs, Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc. She is an NGC accredited master flower show judge, an NGC horticulture, flower show procedure, and symposium instructor, and member of numerous plant societies. She specializes in exhibiting collections and displays of numerous different plant groups and has won many top exhibitor awards for her horticulture. Besides horticulture, she enjoys floral design and has been a speaker, leader of workshops, or exhibitor at all levels from district to internationally. She has enjoyed growing plants all her life and the plant material she uses for both designs and instruction often comes from her own garden or indoor plants.

Shirley Tetreault - Design

Shirley joined Uptown Garden Club in 1997 after completing a beginning design class by Jean Dabney that she now teaches as well as Advanced classes at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Shirley is a Design/Flower Show Procedure/Symposium Instructor for National Garden Clubs, Inc., providing training for our Nationally Accredited Judges across the country. She has been teaching since 2007 schools and symposiums in Alaska, Texas, Florida, Washington State, California, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa and Texas. Membership with other organizations includes Master Gardeners, African Violet Society, Daffodil Society, Uptown Garden Club, President of High Desert Design Club and Past President of the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc. serving 5 years. She served two terms (back-to-back) as President of New Mexico Garden Clubs Inc. as well as National Secretary for National Garden Clubs under Sandy Robinson. She is currently serving on the Flower Show School Committee as State Judges Chair Liaison, Blue Star/Gold Star Chair for the state of New Mexico and South-Central Region. Shirley is active in the DAR, Gold Star Mothers, and Blue Star Mothers. The Governor of New Mexico has appointed her to the Governor's Veterans Advisory Council to serve in helping Veterans throughout the state.



CGCI SYMPOSIUM



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NGC FSS CHAIRMAN - Gina Jogen
NGC FSS VICE CHAIRMAN - David Robsen

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Agenda

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Pam Braun – Horticulture Instructor

Registration/Announcements

8:00 - 8:15 a.m.

Allied Topic - Photography

8:15 - 10:15 a.m. (2 hours)

Break -10:15 - 10:30 a.m. (15 minutes)

Horticulture Instruction -Succulents and Salvia

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. (1 hour)

Lunch - 11:30 - 12:00 p.m. (30 minutes)

Horticulture Instruction and Oral Point Scoring

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. (1 ½ hours)

Break - 1:30- 1:45 p.m. (15 minutes)

Oral Point Scoring (con't)

1:45 - 3:15 pm: (1 ½ hours)

Break - 3:15- 3:30 pm: (15 minutes)

Horticulture Written Point Scoring

3:30 - 5:30 pm: (2 hours)

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Shirley Tetreault - Design Instructor

Registration/Announcements

8:00 - 8:15 a.m.

Allied Topic - Creating Structures with Reed

8:15 - 10:15 a.m. (2 hours)

Break -10:15 - 10:30 a.m. (15 minutes)

Design Instruction -Armature and Spatial Thrust

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. (1 hour)

Lunch - 11:30 - 12:00 p.m. (30 minutes)

Design Instruction and Oral Point Scoring

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. (1 ½ hours)

Break - 1:30- 1:45 p.m. (15 minutes)

Oral Point Scoring (con't)

1:45 - 3:15 pm: (1 ½ hours)

Break - 3:15- 3:30 pm: (15 minutes)

Design Written Point Scoring

3:30 - 5:30 pm: (2 hours)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Any interested person is welcome and invited to attend the Symposium. You need not be a judge or a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. or California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Application for Renewal of Good Standing

To obtain refresher credit, judges must attend all lectures in their entirety, including oral point scoring sessions. Any judge expecting credit for this Symposium must send completed appropriate form (available online at www.gardenclub.org) to the CGCI Credentials Chairman, at least 30 days in advance of Symposium.

Accredited Judge - Submit Form 13 Refresher Credit for Accredited Judges Application.

Accredited Life - Submit Form 15L Renewal Master Good Standing - Submit Form 15M

Mail completed forms to:

Dyanna Madro
2926 Oak Hill Drive
Escondido CA 92027
(619) 889-1773

Judges from Other States - A judge who wishes to attend a symposium from another state must forward a completed Form 18 to their home state FSS Chairman or Credentials Chairman before registering for the Symposium for credit *at least 6 weeks in advance*. All judges are welcome to attend.

REGISTRATION FORM

October 27 and 28, 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Your Garden Club: _____

Full Course, Outline & Exam - \$75.00

Full Course: Outline, No Exam - \$70.00

Partial Course will receive outline
Please Circle which day you plan to attend:
Tuesday -\$45 Wednesday -\$45

Total Enclosed \$_____

No Refunds will be issued after
October 12, 2026

Make checks payable to:
CGCI

Mail to:
Nina Blonski, Registrar
5050 Traverse Creek Road
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Deadline to Register
September 15, 2026