

## “Innovations”

### The 54<sup>th</sup> Symposium

Presented by

**The Georgia Councils of  
Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges**

**The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
Headquarters House Terrace Room**

On the Grounds of

**The State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
2450 Milledge Ave.  
Athens, GA 30602-5817**

Approved by

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
President, Lisa Hall

National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
President, Brenda Moore



## Monday, November 13

- 2:00-2:30 Registration Terrace Room  
GCG Headquarters House  
2:30-2:45 Welcome  
2:45-3:45 Innovative Staging for Horticulture  
Jan Griffin  
3:45-4:00 Break  
4:00-5:00 Innovative Design Techniques  
Frances Thrash

## Tuesday, November 14

- 8:45-9:00 Registration Terrace Room  
9:00-9:15 Welcome and Announcements  
9:15-10:15 Horticulture, Aroids  
Jan Griffin, Horticulture Instructor  
10:15-10:30 Break  
10:30-11:30 Point Scoring Horticulture  
11:30-12:30 Lunch – Terrace Room  
12:30-1:30 Collections and Displays  
1:30-2:30 Point Scoring Collections and  
Displays  
2:30-2:45 Break  
2:45-4:45 Horticulture Point Scoring Exam  
Dinner on Your Own

## Wednesday, November 15

- 8:45-9:00 Registration Terrace Room  
GCG Headquarters  
9:00-9:15 Welcome and Announcements  
9:15-10:15 Design, Innovative Tables  
Frances Thrash, Design Instructor  
10:15-10:30 Break  
10:30-11:30 Design Continued  
11:30-12:30 Lunch – Terrace Room  
12:30-2:30 Practice Point Scoring  
2:30-2:45 Break  
2:45-4:45 Design Point Scoring Exam  
Dinner on Your Own

### Instructors

### Jan Griffin

#### Aroids, Collections and Displays

Jan was born and raised in the Pacific NW but moved to Florida in 1989. She became a Garden Club member to learn what plants to grow in a totally different environment. She quickly fell in love with her garden club friends, horticulture and designing. It has been her honor to serve in many capacities of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and the Florida Flower Show Judges. A Master Flower Show Judge, she is currently serving as the recording secretary for the Florida Flower Show Judges Council, the Floral Design Chairman of FFGC and a member of the NGC Flower Show Schools Committee on the Accrediting Committee.

Other interests include her family, golf, her community and working in her friend's florist shop.

### Frances Thrash

#### Innovative Tables

Frances is originally from Jackson Mississippi but has lived in Virginia since 1988. Compliments of a Military husband, she has lived in many places, both in and out of the USA

She is a Master Flower Show Judge and Design Instructor for both Flower Show Schools and Symposiums. She is also a Master Judge for the American Iris Society and a Senior Judge for the Hemerocallis Society as well as a board member of CFAA and NFA.

She attended the University of Mississippi where she earned a degree in Math.

Frances is an FTD Master Designer and owns her own small business (Seascapes) out of her home doing weddings, meetings and flowers for churches and individuals alike

**Registration Form**  
**Georgia Flower Show Judges Symposium**  
**November 13-15, 2023**

Holiday Inn Express Athens  
513 West Broad Street  
Athens, GA 30601  
706-546-8122

All Georgia Judges expecting credit for exam or audit MUST send their credentials no later than October 13, 2023 to:  
Georgia Judges Credentials Chairman,  
Janet McGinnis  
2114 Minute Ct., Stone Mountain, GA 30087  
[jmcgi@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmcgi@bellsouth.net) 770-939-8878

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Good Standing Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(Must have this for Credit)**

**Current Judging Status** (check one)

Master \_\_\_\_\_ Life \_\_\_\_\_ Accredited \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Non Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you are taking for credit by:

Auditing \_\_\_\_\_ Point Scoring \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration for Credit** \$125 \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration not for Credit** \$120 \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration by the Day (not for credit)**

First Day Horticulture \$60 \_\_\_\_\_

Second Day Design \$60 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Restrictions  
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**Make check payable to: Georgia Symposium**

**Mail to: Edna McClellan, Registrar**

**180 Pacer Court Unit 9044**

**Ellijay, Georgia 30540**

When making reservations state you are with the Flower Show Judges of Georgia.  
Room rates are \$129 per night with a parking fee of \$7 per vehicle per day.

**Symposium Location**

The Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters  
Terrace Room  
On the grounds of the  
State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
2450 Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA 30602

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East: Paula Karrh

Middle: Kay King

North: Brenda Brettchneider

South: Martha Price

**Requirements for Credit**

**NO CREDENTIALS WILL BE APPROVED AT SYMPOSIUM**

**Accredited, Life and Master Judges must pay exam or audit fee** in order to receive credit.

All persons taking this Symposium for credit must attend all sessions, have the attendance card punched and possess an updated *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*

**Out of State Judges:**

Please check with your Judges Credentials Chairman to verify your eligibility to take the Symposium for credit. Request that she notify Janet McGinnis of your eligibility.

**Suggested Accommodations**