

# Michigan Garden Clubs 60<sup>th</sup> Flower Show Symposium

Sponsored by  
**Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
and MAAJ**

(Michigan Association of Accredited Judges)

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024**

## Location

Trinity Church  
3355 Dunckel Road  
Lansing, Michigan 48911  
517-272-3820



## **Horticulture Instructor: Darlene Newell**

Darlene Newell is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure, Symposium Instructor and Daffodil Judge. She has lectured in over twenty-six states. In 1974 Darlene joined the Woodland Oaks Garden Club where she held several offices and later became the West Virginia Appalachian District Director. She is a life member of West Virginia Garden Club and NGC, and a member of the Hosta and Daffodil Societies. She serves on the NGC Board of Directors as the Horticulture Instructors Chairman. In 2001 Darlene founded the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal Project. Hundreds of volunteers have provided over 28,000 meals on Thanksgiving Day. Darlene is a retired registered nurse and nursing home administrator.

## **Design Instructor: Shirley Tetreault**

Shirley joined Uptown Garden Club in 1997 upon completing a beginning design class that she teaches yearly at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Shirley is an NGC Symposium Design/Flower Show Procedure Instructor. She has been teaching flower show schools and symposiums since 2007. She is a Master Gardener and member of the African Violet Society, Daffodil Society and Uptown Garden Club; Past President of the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc. and served two consecutive terms as President of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. and as National Secretary for NGC. She is currently serving on the NGC Flower Show School Committee correcting Flower Show Schedules for student judges. She is Blue Star/Gold Star Chair for the State of New Mexico and Region, Parliamentarian for the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc. and President of High Desert Design Club.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE DAY 1

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Registration/ Coffee  
8:30 a.m. Welcome MGC, Pres. Nancy Ryan  
8:45 a.m. Allied Topic, "Conifers"  
9:45 a.m. Break  
10:00 a.m. Horticulture, "Hostas & Ferns"  
12:00 p.m. Break and Lunch  
12:45 p.m. Lecture Continues  
Practice Point Scoring  
2:45 p.m. Break  
3:15 p.m. Horticulture Point Scoring Exam  
5:15 p.m. Exam Time Ends

**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE DAY 2

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee  
8:30 a.m. Welcome  
8:45 a.m. Allied Topic, "Make It or Break It"  
9:45 a.m. Break  
10:00 a.m. Design "Floral Design Study"  
(Multi-Rhythmic & Construction)  
12:00 p.m. Break and Lunch  
12:45 p.m. Lecture Continues  
Practice Point Scoring  
2:45 p.m. Break  
3:15 Design Point Scoring Exam  
5:15 Exam Time Ends

**ALL LECTURES MUST BE ATTENDED  
TO RECEIVE CREDIT.**

## REGISTRATION

### **FEE:**

Full two-day course + two lunches:  
\$140.00

**Contact Kathi Dominguez if you have a special dietary concern prior to completing the payment process.**

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

July 19, 2024

Judges will be assessed a 10% late fee after July 19.

Accredited Judges are given priority registration. All others will be allowed to register from July 22-July 29 if room is available.

**PAYMENT:** will be accepted on-line when you register. (<https://migardenclubs.org/>) If you are unable to pay on-line, you may request to pay by check (but you must still register on-line). Email Ronalee Polad for instructions: [rpolad@migardenclubs.org](mailto:rpolad@migardenclubs.org)

### **REFUNDS:**

No refunds after July 19, 2024. Refunds prior to July 19 will be assessed a 10% processing fee.

### **TO KEEP IN GOOD STANDING:**

All Accredited, Life and Master Judges and NGC instructors must continue their judging education by attending a symposium every three years. Accredited and Life judges must take exams. (Only Master Judges can audit for credit.)

Submit a complete application for renewal or audit to the Judges' Credentials Chair for approval at least four (4) weeks prior to the symposium (by July 9, 2024). Include exhibiting and judging evidence as required with application for either Accredited Judge and Life Judge renewals or Master Judge audits. Mail complete application for renewal to: Sue Wittick, Credentials Chair, 4103 Breakwater, Okemos, MI 49301.

### **OUT OF STATE JUDGES:**

**Prior to registering** have your State Judges Chair submit your credentials six (6) weeks in advance (by June 25, 2024) to: Sue Wittick, 4103 Breakwater, Okemos, MI 48864. 517-242-8259, [witticks@gmail.com](mailto:witticks@gmail.com) .

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

#### **OUTLINES:**

will be emailed to you. Each registrant is responsible for printing, reviewing and bringing the outlines to the Symposium. Please add this email, [bazanyp@gmail.com](mailto:bazanyp@gmail.com) to your contact list so that you avoid them going to spam.

#### **NGC Judges Must Bring:**

*The Handbook of Flower Shows, revise 2017-2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*

With updates and corrections noted. (2023 Revised online free at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org))

#### **PHOTOS**

Any photos taken at this event may be used in upcoming promotional and informational materials. If you do not want your photo taken, please notify the Symposium Registrar when you check in.

## **Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.**

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### **LOCAL INFORMATION**

#### **HOTEL ACOMODATIONS:**

Holiday Inn Express  
2350 Jolly Oak Rd.  
Okemos, MI 48864  
Phone: 517-999-5700  
Request Room Block for Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Room Rate: \$119 + taxes.  
Reservation Deadline: Friday, July 5, 2024.

**Course materials/outlines are the property of the instructors. They may not be shared with those not in attendance without the instructor's written consent.**