



Greetings,

My sincere thanks go to the Columbus Garden Club for hosting a successful District IV Convention. We were honored to have TGC, Inc. President Linda Jean Brown in attendance. We accomplished the full business of the District. Our Officers, Area Coordinators, and Committee Chairmen work tirelessly, and their dedication is truly appreciated.

We are grateful to Cindy Meredith (“Herbs”) and Phoebe Lake (“Salvias”) for presenting two excellent and informative programs. Appreciation is also extended to all clubs and individuals who contributed items for the silent auction. Awards recognizing club achievements for 2025 were presented; notable Garden Club anniversaries were recognized. Garden Angels, Seasoned Gardeners, and first-time District IV Convention attendees were acknowledged. A slate of officers for 2027–2029 was elected and will be installed in March 2027. Thank you to everyone whose participation made the 2026 District IV convention a success.

We did it! The TGC, Inc. Spring Convention in Houston, April 7–9, 2026, which we hosted was a success. Thank you to everyone who devoted time, energy, and attended. Many District IV members spent months planning to ensure the Convention was educational, productive, and welcoming to members from across Texas. Our keynote presenters—John Thomas (owner, Wildseed Farms), Jay White (Publisher, *Texas Gardener Magazine*), and author Jennifer Bristol (*Wild Women for Good*)—were outstanding, leaving attendees wishing the sessions could continue longer. Special thanks to Lisa Lofaro and her committee for producing a beautiful and informative Convention Booklet.

District IV’s Houston Area Flower Show Judges presented an excellent program on NGC Floral Design that was both informative and entertaining. Thank you and kudos ladies. Two workshops--“Zendangle” with Brenda Pearson and “Felt Flowers” with Nancy Giffhorn were so popular they exceeded



capacity. The “Welcome Bags” were exceptional. Thank you to Victoria Stevens, her committee, and all contributors. Appreciation also goes to Leslie Wong and her committee for coordinating and executing a successful silent auction and to all individuals and Clubs who donated items. Further, thanks to Tony Huffman for managing District IV Ways and Means and to Nancy Giffhorn for arranging vendor shopping opportunities. Thanks to Vilma Juardo and her committee for the “Welcoming Arch” and the beautiful floral centerpieces for each table, including the head table. Their creativity carried out the theme beautifully. The floral “Painter’s Palette” wreath was a standout piece—thank you, Tony Huffman, for your artistry.

Our gratitude also goes to Treasurer Madeleine Rogers for her dedicated work at the Registration Table registering members, managing funds, and keeping everything running smoothly. Thanks as well to those who assisted her in creating a welcoming and helpful registration experience.

And finally, heartfelt thanks to Convention Chairman Cindy Heckaman, my partner in planning and executing the 2026 Texas Garden Club, Inc. Spring Convention. She devoted many hours arranging with the hotel and coordinating with TGC President Linda Jean Brown to ensure a successful convention. Working with her was a pleasure. I continue to be humbled and inspired by the devotion and talent within District IV. If anyone was inadvertently omitted from this message, please know that your contributions were valued and appreciated.

June marks the beginning of another exciting year for District IV. Officers and Chairmen met on June 11, 2026, at the Fonteno Senior Education Center to review the past year, conduct District business, and plan for the 2026–2027 club year. Thank you to all who continue to give their time and energy in service to District IV.

After enduring serious drought, our District has finally received refreshing rains. It was an encouraging start to our new Garden Club year. Grasses, trees, shrubs, and flowers are thriving once again.

This newsletter is filled with information to help you plan the year, serve your communities, and enjoy opportunities for fellowship and personal growth. Please let me know if I can assist you or your clubs in any way. Wishing each of you a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Sharon Wegenhoft

District IV Director

txsharweg@yahoo.com

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NEWS OF NOTE

- Garden Angel bio's/recognition will be published in the September newsletter to keep the size of this newsletter within reason.

- TGC Headquarters News-

Valeria Escobedo has been hired at the TGC Headquarters in Ft. Worth as the Office Manager. Val is a TCU college student, the office hours are subject to her schedule.

Office Hours:

Summer- Mon, Tue, & Fridays 9AM -1PM through June
(Headquarters will be closed July & August and will reopen in September, hours to be announced)

TGC Headquarters contact info:

Website: [Texasgardenclubs.org](https://texasgardenclubs.org)

Mailing Address:

3111 Old Garden Road
Ft. Worth, TX 76107-3416

Telephone: 817-332-6602

- Info and registration forms for NGC Gardening School- Aug 3rd & 4th , San Antonio :
Landscape Design School, Series 28. Course 3, Sept. 28th- 29th, 2026, College Station. :
NGC Flower Show School- Oct. 26th – 29th, 2026* Dallas... Detailed information is available at these links:

NGC Gardening School- [S18 - C 3 Register Brochure](#)

NGC Flower Show School- [Brochure.pdf](#)

Landscape Design School- [LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL II, SERIES XXIII](#)

- HFGC meetings held 2nd Friday of each month beginning in September. Refreshments begin at 10:00AM then the meeting starts at 10:30AM. Location: St. Philip Presbyterian Church – 4807 San Felipe (Galleria area, just off 610 west loop service road).

NEWS OF NOTE

(CON'D)



“It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of the passing of Loraine Kuehn, past Director of District IV (2009-2011). Loraine was a hardworking member of Tri County Diggers Garden Club of Madisonville, Tx, District IV, and TGC, Inc. for 30 years. She will be missed. May her family find comfort and may she rest in peace”.

**-Sharon Wegenhoft
District IV Director**

*****The District IV 2027 convention is in the planning stage. It will be held in March of 2027, the date “to be announced”*****

Call to All !!

Have any awesome garden photos or gardening tidbits to share!! Just want to brag!! Send them in for the next District IV newsletter at gardentx23@gmail.com All submissions are VERY appreciated..... **The deadline for submissions is August 25th.**



**DISTRICT IV- COASTAL PRAIRIE
COUNCIL,**

TEXAS GARDEN CLUB INC.

2025 AWARDS



TOP CLUBS FOR DISTRICT IV



KINGWOOD GARDEN CLUB

GOLD

WEIMAR GARDEN CLUB

SILVER

HALLETTSVILLE GARDEN CLUB

BRONZE

TOMBALL GARDEN CLUB

GREEN

PRESIDENTS REPORTS :



GREEN CLUBS

Ivy League Garden Club- HM
Gardeners By the Bay- HM
Tomball Garden Club- Medium Green- 1st
Bluebonnet Garden of Houston- HM
Bridgeland Garden Club- HM

BRONZE CLUBS

Dig n Design Garden Club- HM
Heritage Garden Club- Large Bronze- 1st
LaPorte Garden Club- HM
Nassau Bay Garden Club- Large Bronze- 2nd
B5tNewport Garden Club- HM
Schulenburg Garden Club- - HM
Lakewood Forest Garden Club- HM
Norchester Garden Club- HM
Meadowbrook Garden Club- HM
Petal Pushers Garden Club- HM
Royal Oaks Garden Club- HM
Town n Country Garden Club- HM
Hallettsville Garden Club- Small Bronze- 1st
Crestwood Garden Club- HM

SILVER CLUBS

Weimar Garden Club- 1st

GOLD CLUBS

Kingwood Garden Club- Large Gold- 1st
Sugar Creek Garden Club- Large Gold- 2nd
Columbus Garden Club- Med. Gold- 1st
Bluebonnet Garden Club of Brenham- Med. Gold- 2nd
Hearthstone Garden Club- Med. Gold- 3rd
Far Corners Garden Club- Small Gold- 1st

No Ratings Reported

League City Garden Club- 1st
Texas City Garden Club- HM
Flora Luncheon Garden Club- HM
Lake Houston Garden Club- HM
New Caney Garden Club- HM
Lake Jackson Garden Club- HM
Bouquettes Garden Club- HM
Nottingham Country Garden Club- HM
Sprig and Sprout Garden Club- HM
Friendship Garden Club- HM
Cypress Creek Lakes Garden Club- HM
Forest Cove garden Club- HM

TEXAS GARDEN CLUB INC.

2025 AWARDS

Bluebonnet Garden Club of Brenham	Med. Gold	TGC Yearbook	1 st
Bouquettes Garden Club	Med. Gold	TGC Yearbook	3 rd
Columbus Garden Club	Med. Gold	TGC Nov./Dec.	1 st (Div. & TGC)
Columbus Garden Club	Med. Gold	TGC Flower Show Schedule- HM	
Columbus Garden Club	Med. Gold	TGC Yearbook	HM
Deer Park Pedal Pushers Garden Club	Med. Bronze	TGC Yearbook	1 st
Far Corners Garden Study Club	Small Bronze	TGC Yearbook	1 st (Div. & TGC)
Hallettsville Garden Club	Small Gold	TGC Yearbook	1 st
Hearthstone Garden Club	Med. Gold	TGC Arbor Day Award-	1 st
Hearthstone Garden Club	Med. Gold	TGC Butterfly Preservation-	1 st
Hearthstone Garden Club	Med. Gold	TGC Flower Show Schedule-	1 st (Div. & TGC)
Hearthstone Garden Club	Med. Gold	TGC Yearbook	2 nd
Houston Federation of Garden Clubs	Lg (Div. II)	TGC Arbor Day Award-	1 st (on to SCR)
Houston Federation of Garden Clubs	Lg (Div. II)	TGC Yearbook	1 st (Div. & TGC)
Kingwood Garden Club	Lg Gold	TGC Club Service	1 st (On to SCR)
Kingwood Garden Club	Lg Gold	TGC Club History	1 st
Kingwood Garden Club	Lg Gold	TGC Club Program-	1 st (Div) 2 nd (TGC)
Kingwood Garden Club	Lg Gold	TGC Pocket Gardens-	1 st (Div) 2 nd (TGC)
Kingwood Garden Club	Lg Gold	TGC Yearbook	1 st (Div) 2 nd (TGC)
League City Garden Club	Lg Bronze	TGC Nov/Dec	1 st (Div) 3 rd (TGC)
League City Garden Club	Lg Bronze	TGC Scrapbook	1 st
League City Garden Club	Lg Bronze	TGC Yearbook	1 st (Div) & HM (TGC)
Petal Pushers Garden Club	Med. Bronze	TGC Yearbook	1 st

(Awards Con'd)

Sugar Creek Garden Club	XL Gold	TGC Yearbook	2 nd
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TGC Art- Photography

Club	Club Member	Judged (Awarded @TGC Conv.)
Kingwood Garden Club	Anne Hartman	1 st (TGC)
Bridgeland Garden Club	Rose Poole	2 nd (TGC)
Columbus Garden Club	Marian Schonenberg	3 rd (TGC)

South-Central Region Awards

2025

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs	Lg (Div. II)	SCR Arbor Day Dedication-1 st (Div.) & (on to SCR)
League City Garden Club	Lg Bronze	SCR Arbor Day Dedication-1 st (Div.) & (on to SCR)
Tomball Garden Club	Med. Green	SCR MAE-4 Newsletter 1 st

National Garden Clubs Awards

2025

Bluebonnet Garden Club of Brenham	Med. Gold	MAE-3 Digital Media 1 st
Bluebonnet Garden Club of Brenham	Med. Gold	MAE-3 National Garden Week- 1 st
Columbus Garden Club	Med. Gold	MAE-2 Social Media/Website 2 nd
Columbus Garden Club	Med. Gold	MAE-4 B-1 Newsletter 2 nd (On to SCR)
District IV	XL (Div. II)	MAE-4 B-1 Newsletter- 1 st (Division II)
Hearthstone Garden Club NGC)	Med. Gold	CE-6 Community Project- 1 st (Div.) (On to

(Awards Con'd)

Hearthstone Garden Club NGC)	Med. Gold	MAE-4 Newsletters	1 st (Div.) (On to
Kingwood Garden Club SCR)	Lg Gold	G-1 Container Gardens	1 st (Div.) (On to
Kingwood Garden Club to NGC)	Lg Gold	MAE-1 Membership Awareness-	1 st (Div.) (On
Kingwood Garden Club	Lg Gold	MAE-2 Social Media/Website-	1 st
Kingwood Garden Club	Lg Gold	MAE-4 Newsletters	1 st
League City Garden Club Plants/Wildflowers	Lg Bronze	CE-6 Comm. Project w/Native	-1 st
League City Garden Club	Lg Bronze	MAE-1 Mem. Awareness	1 st
Tomball Garden Club	Med. Green	MAE-4 Newsletters	1 st



YOUTH AWARDS



Bluebonnet Garden Club of Brenham	Med. Gold	YW-8 Horticulture Education for Youth	-1 st
Columbus Garden Club Youth	Med. Gold	YW-9 Environmental Education Project with	-2 nd
Columbus Garden Club	Med. Gold	Youth Sculpture (4 th Grade)-1 st	
Columbus Garden Club	Med. Gold	Youth Sculpture (6 th Grade)-1 st	



GARDEN ANGEL'S NOMINATIONS

2025-2026



CLUB NAME

MEMBER

Bluebonnet Garden Club of Houston

Chandia "CKAYE" Phillip

Lakewood Forrest Garden Club

Harriet Bedenbaugh

Tomball Garden Club

Winona Dutton

Far Corners Garden Study Club

Joanne Storm

Kathleen Sullivan

Columbus Garden Club

Cheryl Rose

Gardeners by the Bay

Ann Lyon

Joyce McMillan

Norchester Garden Club

Shirley Northcutt

Weimar Garden Club

Mary Ann Brenner

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Madeleine Rogers

Kingwood Garden Club

Jean Devins

Hearthstone Garden Club

Karen Bruccoliere

League City Garden Club

Denise Caldera

Kathy Dunham

Hallettsville Garden Club

Valerie Benjamin

Schulenberg Garden Club

Debbie Behlen



Seasoned Gardeners

“We are thankful for these incredible ladies”-SW



CLUB NAME	MEMBER NAME
Bluebonnet Garden Club of Houston	Alma Gordon
Bluebonnet Garden Club of Houston	Helen Eagleton
Tomball Garden Club	Winona Dutton
Hallettsville Garden Club	Bea Wyatt
Columbus Garden Club	Shirley Allmon
Columbus Garden Club	Shirley Barfield
Columbus Garden Club	Lyn Buescher
Columbus Garden Club	Neva Lou Hubenak
Columbus Garden Club	Martha Jordan
Columbus Garden Club	Joann Obenhaus
Columbus Garden Club	Charlene Morrison
Columbus Garden Club	Dell Szymkowski
Sweeny Garden Club	Madelyne Finch
League City Garden Club	Francis Davidson
League City Garden Club	Sally McGruder



DISTRICT IV TEXAS GARDEN CLUB INC.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM and QUALIFICATIONS

Per the guidelines from the Texas Garden Club website, District IV gives annual scholarships to **Texas resident** students who are college-level juniors or above. The applicant must have at least a 3.25 GPA and be majoring in a field of horticulture. The fields of horticulture included are floriculture, landscape design, horticulture, biology, plant pathology, forestry, agronomy, environmental concerns, city floriculture planning, land management and other allied subjects. **The District IV application deadline is October 1** for a scholarship given the following spring/winter semester.

DISTRICT IV SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) **Application Form** (typed or computer generated).
- (2) **List of extracurricular Activities and/or Honors of the past three years.** The attached list must be typed or computer generated.
- (3) **Letter from Applicant.** A personal statement about goals, financial need, and career commitment on one typed page.
- (4) **Three (3) letters of recommendation.** Each letter should be limited to one typed page and discuss (1) scholastic ability, (2) character references and/or (3) work-related experience.
- (5) **Official Transcript.** For post-graduate work, both graduate and Undergraduate transcripts are required.
- (6) **2X3 Recent Photo** of head and shoulders.
- (7) **Self-addressed, stamped 9x12 envelope.**
- (8) All the required information must be sent in one packet via Certified Mail with return receipt request to the District Scholarship Chair by October 1, 2025.

Marian Schonenberg
PO Box 122
Columbus, TX 78934
979-733-4343
curtissauto@yahoo.com

DISTRICT IV
TEXAS GARDEN CLUB INC.

APPLICATION FORM FOR SCHOLARSHIP

(Application must be typed or computer generated)

FULL NAME _____

Male _____ Female _____ Single _____ Married _____ Other _____

Number of children _____

Permanent Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Applicant's School Address _____

College /University

Address

Department Enrolled

Major _____ Minor _____

Number of hours to date _____

Cumulative GPA _____

Expected Graduation Date _____ Occupational Objective after
Graduation: _____

NAME OF FINANCIAL AID OFFICER

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

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AFFILIATIONS

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110

President: Donna Donnelly

4494 McCords Ferry Rd.

Elloree, SC. 29047-9781

dmdonnelly@gardenclub.org

<http://www.gardenclub.org>

THEME: "PLANT AMERICA for the next 100 years."

President's Project: PLANT AMERICA – IN 2026 PLANT AMERICA...Celebrate America's 250th Birthday by Planting Red, White, and Blue



Headquarters NGC, National Garden Clubs, Inc.

4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO.

63110-3406

Phone: 314-776-7574

Fax: 314-776-5102

Email: mailto:headquarters@gardenclub.org

South Central Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

(Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas)

Director: Christine Longthorp

2700 Vista Grande Drive NW

Albuquerque, NM. 87120

Cell: 505-480-5230

Email: mailto:christinelongthorp@gmail.com

THEME: "Let the Good Times Grow"

Director's Project: A Gold Star Memorial to be Installed at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe

Newsletter: The Communicator



Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

President: Linda Jean Brown

30 Waco Drive

Elkhart, Tx. 75839

Cell: 903-724-2656

Email: mailto:ljbrown3264@windstream.net

THEME: "Spread Wildflower Seeds All Across Texas"



TGC, Inc. State Headquarters

Office Manager: Janice King

3111 Old Garden Road

Ft. Worth, TX. 76107-3416

Phone: 817-332-6602

Email: <mailto:tgcoffice@aol.com>

www.texasgardenclubs.org



District IV, Coastal Prairie

District Director: Sharon Wegenhoft

P.O. Box 433

Columbus, Tx. 78934

Email: txsharweg@yahoo.com

Cell: 979-733-4069

THEME: "Spread Wildflower Seeds Across the Coastal Prairie"



Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

President: Jennifer Hydes

14926 Elmont Drive

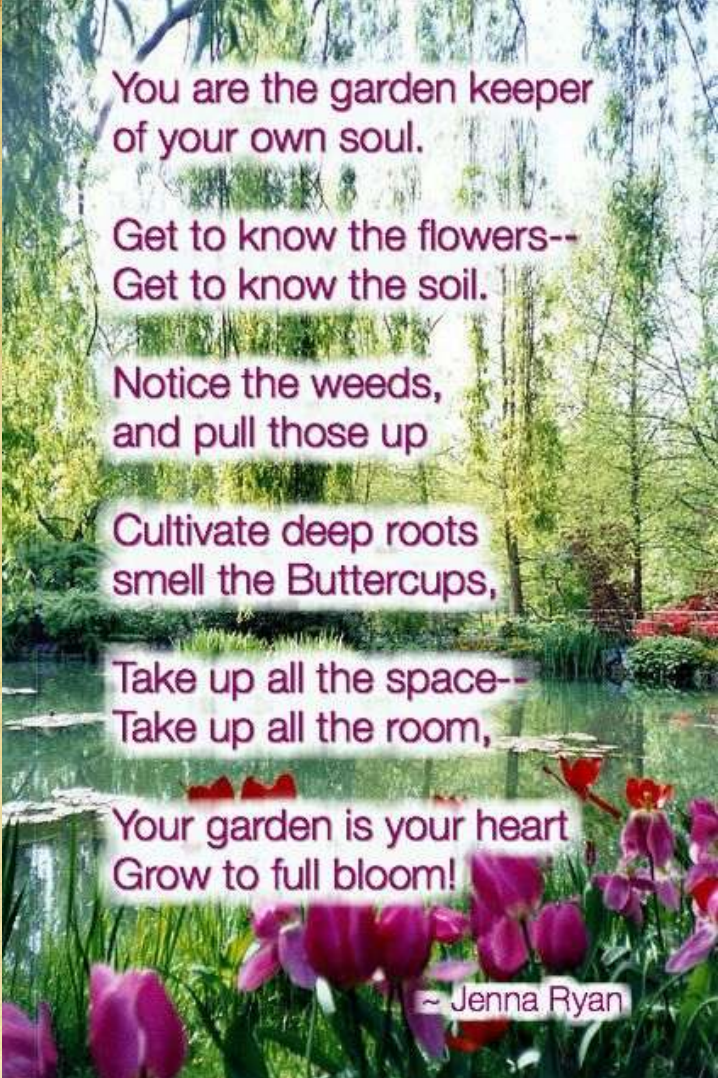
Houston, TX. 77095-3328

Email: <mailto:jen.hydes@yahoo.com>

713-301-1366

THEME: "Creating a Legacy through Garden Club"





You are the garden keeper
of your own soul.

Get to know the flowers--
Get to know the soil.

Notice the weeds,
and pull those up

Cultivate deep roots
smell the Buttercups,

Take up all the space--
Take up all the room,

Your garden is your heart
Grow to full bloom!

~ Jenna Ryan



IMPORTANT DATES:

For District IV 2026

2026-2027

July:

August:

3rd – 4th **NGC Gardening School, San Antonio**
(See the link on page 2 of this newsletter)

24th **HFGC Board Meeting**

Sept.

11th **HFGC General Meeting, 10AM**

29th **NGC Landscape Design Course (See the link on page 2 of this newsletter).**

Oct.

9th **HFGC General Meeting, 10AM**

13th **NGC Symposium Sponsored by Houston Area Flower Show Judges Council**

26th-29th **NGC Flower Show School, Dallas (See link on page 2 of this newsletter).**

Nov.

6th-8th **NGC Environmental School (This is a tentative date and may be changed).**

Dec. **HFGC General Meeting, 10AM**

2027

Jan.

4th **HFGC Board Meeting**

8th **HFGC General Meeting**

INSTRUCTORS

Gina Jogan (Design)

- **Credentials:** National Garden Club Master Accredited Flower Show Judge, Flower Show School Instructor, and Flower Show School Symposium Instructor
- **Experience:** NGC Symposium, Design, Procedure, & Allied topics Instructor since 2002
- **Leadership:** Serves as the NGC Flower Show School Chairman and Liaison to Design and Flower Show Procedure Instructors
- **Publications:** Designs have been published in magazines, manuals, calendars, and online

David Robson (Horticulture)

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- **Specialty:** Horticulture and pesticide safety specialist, teaching for more than 43 years

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homewood Suites by Hilton
4520 Techniplex Dr
Stafford, TX 77477
(281) 265-2760

Booking Code: NGC SYMPOSIUM

Rate: \$109 King/ \$115 Double (plus taxes)

Free Parking and Daily Breakfast included



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Houston Area Flower Show Judges

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.



October 13–15, 2026
United Way of Fort Bend County
12300 Parc Crest Drive
Stafford, TX 77477

General Information

All lectures are open to all Garden Club members and to the public for listed fees. Enrollment will be assured as space allows upon receipt of paid registration. Only NGC judges are eligible to take this course for credit. If attending for refresher or credit participants MUST be seated when class begins and attend all lectures in their entirety.

HAFSJ Symposium Chairs:

Suzanne Milstead scisuz@gmail.com
Corrie Ten-Have corrietenhave@gmail.com
Sigrid Vincent-Brown sigridvinbrown2@aol.com

Required Materials:

Judges must have a personal copy of the "Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Revised Edition" hardcopy or digital version

Available for free download from www.gardenclub.org.

Remember to bring pencils and study outlines

NGC CREDENTIALS SUBMISSION

Forms Required: TGC judges use form 13, 15L, or 15M; Out-of-State Judges use form 18.

Send to: Rachel Clark (TGC Credentials Chair) 3120 Wintergreen Terrace, Grapevine, TX 76501 mrclark2@msn.com or 682-667-6966

Judging credentials must be approved prior to registration. No credentials will be accepted on site.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Day I: Tuesday October 13, 2026

1:30-2:00 Registration
2:00-3:15 Allied Topic Fiberworks (Gina Jogan)
3:15-3:30 Break
3:30-4:30 Allied Topic Fiberworks (Gina Jogan)

Day II: Wednesday October 14, 2026

8:00 Registration
8:15-8:30 Welcome
8:30-10:30 Horticulture – Bromeliads (David Robson)
10:30 Break
10:45 -12:45 Horticulture – Anthuriums (David Robson)
12:45- 1:15 Lunch
1:15-2:15 Practice point scoring
2:15-2:30 Break
2:30-2:45 Exam instructions
3-5 pm Point Scoring Exam

Day III: Thursday October 15, 2026

8:00 Registration
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8:30-10:30 Angular Design (Gina Jogan)
10:30 Break
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Dinner on your own

Registration

To Register: Mail the completed form below along with your check (payable to Houston Area Flower Show Judges) to:

Regena Williamson
Symposium Registrar
PO Box 57 Sheridan, TX 77475-0057
361-550-1485
regena46@yahoo.com

Registration Form (Please fill out and include with payment)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Garden Club: _____

E-mail: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Name for Badge: _____

Judging Status: _____

Good Standing Date: Dec 31, 20____

Course Selection (Check one):

☐ Full Course with exam or audit \$200
☐ Horticulture only (Wednesday) \$100
☐ Design only (Thursday) \$100

(Lunch and snacks included daily).

Course outlines will be emailed. Each participant is responsible for printing, reviewing, and bringing outlines to the symposium. Printed copies can be supplied with advance request (\$10 additional printing fee)

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