

Floral Design Seminar: Tips, Tricks and Techniques
Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Time: Welcome at 9:30am, presentation starts at 10am - 3pm

Location: Rehoboth Beach at Lutheran Church of Our Savior. 20276 Bay Vista Road (just one block off DE Route 1, behind Big Fish Grill).

Host Club: Sussex Gardeners

Cost: \$ 35

Speaker: Frances Thrash



Frances is Past President (twice) of the Tidewater District of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs and serves her state as Flower Show Schools Chairman. She is a Master Judge and a Design & Flower Show Procedure Instructor for both NGC flower show schools & symposiums. An NGC 4-star member, Frances has served on the NGC Board for 8 years and is currently writing articles for The National Gardener on floral design. She is a board member (Flower Room Chairman) of CFAA (Creative Flower Arrangers of the Americas).

Frances will demonstrate three designs: Illuminary, Reflective and Parallel plus she will spend some time on staging panels. She will prepare 2 designs of each type spending about 35-40 minutes on each one, with 30 minutes on staging panels. Names will be drawn for participants to take home the designs, but the containers do not transfer.

Registration period will run September 1st through 18th and will be capped at 100. Attendees. Registration Form with instructions for payment and lunch selection will be available on the Website.

NGC Standard Flower Show, The Most Wonderful Time of the Year
Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Time: Welcome at 9:30am, meeting starts at 10am, Show opens at 1:00 pm

Location: Modern Maturity, 1121 Forrest Ave, Dover, DE 19904

Flower Show Sponsored by: Delaware Flower Show Judges Council

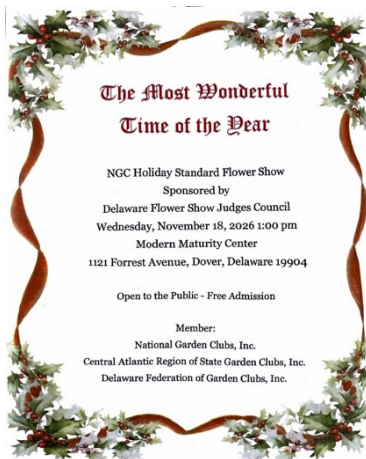
Host Club: Potpourri

Cost: \$ 55

Presidents Project: Dedication of Gold Star Memorial

Special Invited Guest: Donna Donnelly, NGC President

Biennial Celebration of Life: gather to celebrate the lives, friendship, and lasting legacies of the members we have lost over the past 2-years.



Clubs send member RSVP plus any dietary restrictions to dfgcregistrar@gmail.com
Two-week open registration period begins on October 19th and closes on October 30th.

Everything is Coming Up Roses

Wednesday, April 21, 2027

Time: Welcome at 9:30am, meeting starts at 10am

Location: Kings Creek Country Club, 15 S. Fieldway, Rehoboth Beach, DE

Host Club: Sussex Gardeners

Cost: \$ 55

Program Speaker: Gregg Tepper, Gregory D. Tepper Horticultural Services



Gregg will explore the many ways roses have been valued throughout history, including their use in medicine, fragrance, culinary arts, fine arts, and garden design. The program will be presented within the broader theme of **Garden Therapy**, highlighting the positive impact gardens and plants can have on well-being.

As part of the program, Gregg will auction a selection of unique rose specimens, including historic varieties, fragrant roses, roses with ornamental hips, and other exceptional selections.

Proceeds from the auction will be divided into small grants, awarded to member clubs to support Garden Therapy projects and activities.

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Two-week open registration period begins on March 22nd and closes on April 2nd .

The Exciting World of Container Culture
Wednesday, June 16, 2027

Time: Welcome at 9:30am, meeting starts at 10am

Location: Heritage Shores

Host Club: Spade and Trowel

Cost: \$ 55

Program Speaker: Dan Benarcik



Dan has built a career at the intersection of horticulture, art, design, and education. A graduate of the University of Delaware with a degree in Plant Science, he has worked at Mt. Cuba Center and has spent more than three decades at Chanticleer Garden in Wayne, Pennsylvania, where he oversees the Courtyard Gardens and creates the spectacular seasonal displays that welcome visitors.

A nationally recognized garden writer, lecturer, and educator, his work has appeared in *Fine Gardening*, *Horticulture*, and *Martha Stewart Living*, and he has been featured on television and at gardens throughout the United States and abroad.

Leave ordinary container gardens behind and discover fresh ideas for creating stunning displays! Dan will explore the wide world of container gardening, showcasing exciting plant choices, stylish combinations, and the latest trends and techniques for terraces, balconies, patios, and gardens. Learn about different container styles and materials, discover some of Dan's favorite plants for container culture, and gather inspiration to transform your own containers into beautiful focal points.

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Two-week open registration period begins on May 17th and closes on May 28th.

Board Meeting/Presidents Meeting
Wednesday, July 21, 2027

Time: Welcome at 9:30am, Meeting starts at 10am- 2pm
Location: TBD

The Essential Guide to Bulbs **Wednesday, November 17, 2027**

Time: Welcome at 9:30am, meeting starts at 10am

Location: Executive Banquet & Conference Center, 205 Executive Drive, Newark, DE

Host Club: TBD

Cost: \$ 55

Program Speaker: Jenny Rose Carey



Jenny Rose Carey is an avid hands-on gardener and professional horticulturist. Born in England to a family of botanists and gardeners she grew up in the countryside and designed her first herb garden at age sixteen. She moved with her American husband to the Philadelphia area and has gardened there ever since.

Her degrees are in Biology, Horticulture and Education so Jenny Rose brings a strong teaching background to her writing and her presentations. Professionally she has been Director of two public gardens; The Ambler Arboretum of Temple University and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Garden at Meadowbrook Farm.

She is now devoting her time to writing, speaking, and tending her own four-and-a-half-acre garden called Northview where she has lived for over a quarter of a century.

Learn how to achieve a bountiful garden, teeming with glorious bulbs, as Jenny Rose takes you on a three-season journey of bulb gardening. This gorgeously photographed, comprehensive, and inviting resource will have you ready to plant bulbs in every area of your garden. Jenny Rose will also show you how to become experienced in the art of bulb container gardening, to compliment your in-the-ground gardening efforts.

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Two-week open registration period begins on October 25th and closes on November 8th.