

**WSFGC Symposium-Refresher
September 24th, 25th & 26th, 2024**

The WSFGC is holding a Symposium in September at the Dryer Masonic Center in Tacoma. Many of you will have attended events there previously as Hill n Dale District has a long-standing relationship with this facility. The facility isn't fancy, but it meets our needs: no stairs, large rooms, plenty of parking spaces, kitchen etc.

Debbie Spiller of the Black Hills District (hey that's me!) is our State Symposium Chairman and Linda White of East Lake Washington District is the "local chairman" for this event and it's being held in Hill n Dale District, why? Like every other WSFGC State event, it's all hands-on deck with many people chipping in to help and, it's much less expense to use a facility and hotels out of the Seattle metropolitan area.

Members of ELWD will be providing the "volunteer designs" to assist the instructor and members of three districts will be providing the Horticulture- Black Hills, ELWD AND Hill n Dale.

NGC Judges are individually responsible for keeping track of their Exhibiting and Judging Credits, as well as their ongoing accreditation education. The NGC gave us a long break on ongoing education through the pandemic years, but that boat has sailed. If you are an accredited NGC Flower Show Judge in our state, you should assume you need to attend this Symposium to maintain your credentials.

Our Symposium is planned for Flower Show Judges, Garden Club Members and anyone interested in gardening and floral design.

-If taking this Symposium for credit, the WSFGC State Chairman of Credentials must receive your appropriate judging level form by Tuesday, August 13th, 2024.

Accredited judge NGC Form #13
Life Judge Form..... #15L
Master Judge Form..... #15M

If you do not have the appropriate form, go to Nationalgardenclubs.org, the Forms Library.

Send your completed appropriate form to:

WASHINGTON STATE CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN

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Puyallup, WA 98371-5633
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PLEASE NOTE: NO CREDENTIALS WILL BE APPROVED DURING THE SYMPOSIUM

Out of State Judges will need to submit to their request to attend this WSFGC Symposium in Tacoma, WA, Sept 24-26, 2024, to their home state Credentials Chairman, That chairman will then submit Form #18 on their behalf to Sherry Mathews by Aug 1st, 2024.

Our instructors and topics will be:

Design Instructor Gina Jogan is from Florida. Gina will be doing the Allied Topic of Judges Written Comments, as well as instruction in the two design types: Floor Designs and Creative Mass.

The Horticulture Instructor is David Robson from Illinois. David will do the Allied Topic of “Botanical Arts Horticulture-What is it?”. The Horticulture topics are Roses and Maple trees.

As with every Symposium, the Horticulture specimens are furnished by members for all attendees to study and learn how to judge properly. If you have a known, scientific named, maple tree in your world, please consider contacting me, Debbie Spiller, and giving us a specimen for use at the Symposium. The same goes for roses! We will need your donations in September.

The Registration Form should be up on our state website, and I will have brochures at our June State Meeting.

Please mark your calendar dates for Symposium 2024-September 24, 25, and 26th.

Thank you,
Debbie Spiller