

## The Georgia Center

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**Lodging:** A block of rooms is being held for Symposium until 5:00 p.m. ET, June 16, 2017. Make room reservations directly with the hotel. (See registration form for more details).

**Transportation:** Athens, GA, is located about 60 miles northeast of Atlanta. For directions and airport shuttle information, see <http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/directions-and-parking>. A parking deck is located adjacent to The Georgia Center (\$10 per night; vehicle height limit, 7 feet). Athens is served by Athens-Ben Epps Airport as well as Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, which is located about 90 minutes southwest of Athens. Scheduled ground shuttle services and rental car services are available between Hartsfield- Jackson and The Georgia Center. If a program is canceled for any reason, The Georgia Center will not be responsible for any cancellation changes/charges assessed by airline or travel agencies.

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# “Change”

## The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Symposium

July 16 - 18, 2017

Presented by

The Georgia Councils of  
Nationally Accredited  
Flower Show Judges

The Georgia Center's UGA Hotel  
and Conference Center  
1197 South Lumpkin Street  
Athens, Georgia

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## PROGRAM

### Sunday, July 16, 2017

*Casual Attire*

- 2:30-4:00 **Registration** - Georgia Center  
Conference Registration Desk
- 4:00-4:15 **Opening** - Mahler Hall  
Auditorium
- 4:15-5:45 **Welcome -**  
“What's New? -  
The 2017 Handbook”  
David Robson
- 6:00-7:15 **Dinner** – Banquet Area
- 7:30-9:00 **2017 Handbook** - Continued  
During the registration time and  
after lectures, the Vendors will  
be open in Mahler Hall.

### Monday, July 17, 2017

*Casual Attire*

- 8:30 - 8:45 **Registration** - Georgia Center  
Conference Registration Desk
- 8:45 - 9:00 **Announcements**
- 9:00-10:15 “Awesome Aroids!” &  
“What's for Dinner? Fruits,  
Vegetables, & Nuts”  
David Robson
- 10:15-10:45 **Refreshment Break**
- 10:45-12:00 **Horticulture** - Continued
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch** - Banquet Area
- 1:00 - 3:00 **Horticulture**- Oral Point Scoring
- 3:00 - 3:30 **Refreshment Break**
- 3:30 - 5:30 **Point Scoring Exam**
- Dinner** On Your Own  
Vendors open from 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
in Mahler Hall

### Tuesday, July 18, 2017

*Casual Attire*

- 8:30-8:45 **Registration**-Georgia Center  
Conference Registration Desk
- 8:45-9:00 **Announcements**
- 9:00-10:15 **“Divine Designs -**  
**New Designs”**  
Penny Decker
- 10:15-10:45 **Refreshment Break**
- 10:45-12:00 **Design** - Continued
- 12:00 -1:00 **Lunch** - Banquet Area
- 1:00 - 3:00 **Design** - Oral Point Scoring
- 3:00 - 3:30 **Refreshment Break**
- 3:30 - 5:30 **Point Scoring Exam**

## READING SUGGESTIONS

“HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS”  
Revised 2017

“DESIGNING BY TYPES”

“HORTICULTURE  
EXHIBITING AND JUDGING”

**Attention:** Since the lecture hall tends to be cool, please come prepared with a sweater, jacket, shawl, socks, etc. for your personal comfort.

**Special Needs:** If you require special services or have dietary restrictions, contact Sally Holcombe(smholcombe@hotmail.com) by July 1, 2017 or note on the enclosed registration form.

## INSTRUCTORS

### ***Horticulture: David Robson***

***“Awesome Aroids!”***

***“What’s For Dinner? -  
Fruits, Vegetables, & Nuts”***

**Allied Topic: “What’s New? – The 2017  
Handbook for Flower Shows”**

**David** is a NGC Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure and Symposium Instructor. He is a NGC Master Flower Show Judge residing in Springfield, Illinois where he is a member and past president of the Springfield Civic Garden Club. He currently serves on the NGC Board of Directors as Horticulture/FSP Instructors Chairman, *Handbook for Flower Shows* Revision Committee, FSS Area Accrediting Chairman, South Central/Rocky Mountain Regions, and co-author of *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging* book (2013 NGC).

David’s educational background includes a B.S. in Horticulture from Iowa State University and M.Ed. from the University of Illinois. He has over 30 years of lecture and teaching experience with the University of Illinois Extension as Horticulture Advisor, Educator, and Specialist in Pesticide Safety Education. He served many years as Superintendent of the Illinois State Fair Gladiolus Show (1988-2006) and Superintendent of Fair Floriculture (1990-2006). With his computer technology skills, David produces lively, interactive presentations that engage and educate his audiences.

### ***Design: Penny Decker***

***“Divine Designs”***

***The New Designs***

**Penny**, a Master Flower Show Judge, is a Design Instructor for NGC’s Flower Show Schools and Symposia. She currently serves on the Boards of NGC, Deep South, and FFGC. Penny is known for her keen sense of color in creating beautiful floral designs. She is the winner of numerous top awards for design at major flower shows. Penny’s designs have been published in both NGC’s and Florida’s calendars. Her designs have also been published in *Designs Made Easy* (NGC), *Flower Arranging The American Way* (WAFA), *This Glorious Earth* (WAFA). Her passion for design has taken her to various countries representing the USA in honorary exhibits at WAFA Seminars in Canada, England, Ireland, and Barbados. Her design ability is only exceeded by her ability to teach and instruct others. She was the recipient of a top award for excellence in floral design education from the American Horticultural Society. Formerly from Massachusetts, Penny now resides in Florida.

## SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

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East: Barbara Horner

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**All Flower Show Judges, garden club members and any other interested persons may attend lectures with payment of tuition in advance.**

### **REGISTRATION CLOSES**

**JULY 1, 2017**

**To register, complete enclosed registration form and mail to Sally Holcombe, Registrar**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

All Georgia Judges expecting credit - exam or audit - must send their credentials no later than June 1, 2017 to Georgia Judges Credentials Chairman, Janet McGinnis, at 2114 Minute Court, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. [jmcgi@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmcgi@bellsouth.net) (770-939-8878)

**NO CREDENTIALS WILL BE APPROVED AT SYMPOSIUM**

**Life and Master Judges** auditing for credit must fill in the date of last audit on the registration form and pay the auditing fee in order to receive auditing credit. **All persons taking this Symposium for credit must attend all sessions, have the audit card punched and possess a 2017 Revised Edition Handbook for Flower Shows.** **Out-of-state Judges:** Please check with your Flower Show School or Judges Credentials Chairman to verify your eligibility to take the Symposium for credit. Request that she notify Janet McGinnis of your eligibility.

### **Cancellation Policies:**

To cancel a registration, contact Sally Holcombe, Registrar. We will gladly issue full refunds for cancellations made by 5:00 p.m., July 6, 2017. No refunds will be issued thereafter. Cancel hotel room reservation with the Georgia Center Hotel. 1-800-884-1381.