

“Let’s Dance!” Rhythm and Blooms

NCS CONVENTION AND SHOW SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Thursday, November 19, 2026

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration – Hotel Lobby near meeting room
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Board Meeting – hotel meeting room
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	President’s Cocktail Meet & Greet with Board of Directors (grab drinks & snacks in lobby for hotel guests only and meet in lobby) others may purchase drinks in lobby bar
Dinner on your own	Nearby restaurants

Friday, November 20, 2026

9:00 am – 10:00	Setup Show Floor - Valley Garden Center
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration – Hotel Lobby near meeting room
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Master Judge’s Exam – Valley Garden Center
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Entry for Horticulture - Valley Garden Center
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Chapter representatives meeting with NCS President, Secretary & Members Chair - hotel meeting room
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch – nearby restaurants
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Judges Symposium – Dan Schadler – hotel meeting room
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Entry for Design – Valley Garden Center
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Annual Meeting – hotel meeting room
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting – hotel meeting room
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner – nearby restaurants (complimentary drinks and snacks in hotel lobby for hotel guests only) others may purchase drinks in lobby bar
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Ice Cream Social – Crown Mums – hotel meeting room

Saturday, November 21, 2026

7:30 am – 9:00 am	Design entries accepted – Valley Garden Center
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Judges’ Breakfast – Hotel for hotel guests or Valley Garden Center (if not staying at hotel)
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Clerks and Supports Breakfast – Hotel for hotel guests or Valley Garden Center (if not staying at hotel)
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Judges and Clerks meet up and team pairing – Valley Garden Center
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Judging of Show – Valley Garden Center
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Judges/Clerks Lunch in garden – Valley Garden Center
1:00 pm	Opening of Show - Valley Garden Center
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Show open to the public - Valley Garden Center
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Symposium Floral Design Workshop, max. 10 Renee Waite – hotel meeting room
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Grooming Tips & Tricks – Tamara Bliley - hotel meeting room
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Pre-dinner Reception (complimentary drinks and snacks in hotel lobby for hotel guests only) others may purchase drinks in lobby bar)
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Banquet and Awards (hotel meeting room)

Sunday, November 22, 2026

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Tour of Japanese Friendship Garden – Meet in hotel lobby
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Show open to the public - Valley Garden Center
4:00 pm	Closing of show and clearing of Valley Garden Center

Valley Garden Center: 1805 North 15th Avenue, Phoenix
Embassy Suites by Hilton Phoenix Downtown: 10 East Thomas Road, Phoenix