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A Little Sunshine

Lois Maier, Chairman

Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas—and may the spirit of the season continue throughout 2009. Happy new year to you and yours!

What fun we had at our December workshop. Lana King put together three Christmas floral arrangements



into her presentation. Approximately 33 people participated in this workshop, which may be a record number for an evening workshop. We are very grateful to Lana for giving her time and effort to us, at no cost, so we could have more member participation. Hope you all had as much fun as I did.

Lana is a wonderful SAFD member, a flower aficionado, and an extremely creative individual. Thanks again Lana!

And a big thank you to Marilyn Hunter for opening her home for the December Christmas Board Meeting. She even had it snow for us!

2009 brings SAFD many opportunities for charitable participation, personal growth and gratification, and our Tabletop Gala in March. Think about doing a table and contributing to our raffle.

It is such fun thinking of a tabletop theme, floral design, and colors to use. Let's also get started collecting items from vendors, or creating something of our own to contribute. With spring around the corner, think about wreaths or swags with lovely

birds and flowers for our doors. These have always been very popular and great sellers for SAFD.

Please sign up at the next meeting to help in some way with this event. When you join in the activities, you have more fun and make new friends in the club.

Marilyn Bullen and Joanna Dill are speaking and giving a design presentation at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts Guild in April. We are very proud of them for highlighting SAFD'S talent and inviting club interest to a group of people in our area. We hope to acquire new members due to their efforts. Thank you Marilyn and Joanna for giving your time.

There is much to look forward to in 2009. With the help of our SAFD members, let's make it memorable.

Lois

Happy New Year!

As we read the prognoses for the New Year—and we all know it's plentiful—we realize that the challenges this year will be abundant, but our hopes will also be abundant. And, although the challenges are great for the new year, the challenges ahead are no greater than those behind us.

At SAFD we will continue to provide a valuable service to those less fortunate with every optimism that we make a difference to our community, our fellow members, and ourselves.

Let 2009 bring you health, happiness, and a success that is measured by the happiness you bring to others.

Happy
New Year!

The SAFD Board

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December Hands-On Workshop—Lana King, Designer

Merriment and joy for SAFD members were the right reason for the season, when our own Lana King, directed our December workshop. The planning alone for this project was quite an undertaking. This was one of the best workshops ever been presented for SAFD.

Not only did participants carry away three great arrangements, but our generous presenter gave us all chocolates in beautiful glitzy bags and thanked us for coming. It is us who thank you!

Lana designed three holiday designs for our members to create. They were fun, unique, and very appropriate for the season. The first, a round red carnation ornament posed upon a greenery filled bowl, replicated a holiday ornament and started us off with great anticipation. Next, we wrapped a box to resemble a present with red, green, and clear poly-film. A glitzy bow was added just below the rim to adorn our gift. Wet foam was inside for our larger red and white carnations, which were glitter-dipped for added bling. Red, green, and white glitter were the choices that Lana provided. Next, we added spider mums in the greens, which some ladies also dipped in the glitter. Branches of silver and gold, a mirror globe, and shiny red and green balls were included. To all of this, we added to our arrangements in any manner we chose. Such fun we had!



Lana definitely outdid herself! We know the amount of effort, attention to details, and work that went into the presentation—so very much enjoyed by all.

For our final arrangement, three red roses were gilded with glitter, and then placed in foam set upon a beautiful glass globe. A glitter ball, gold leaves, and a red bird were added accents after the large red carnations, Christmas greens, and red hypercium berries were inserted.

Lana, you are becoming one of SAFD’s most celebrated designers, and we are so blessed and excited to have you in our membership. Hopefully, we can call on you again in the future!

January Presentation—Martha Els

A self-taught designer, Martha designed all her wedding flowers, and is now a full-time wedding designer.

Our talented SAFD member, Martha Els will be our presenter this month. She has organized over 250 candlelight church weddings, and has taught floral design classes at First Baptist Church in Houston. Her 3-part presentation will consist of a Power Point presentation from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade and the tour where she and her husband, Carlton (a professional photographer), observed floats being made for the parade. For the remainder of the program, Martha will arrange silk designs, demonstrating good floral basics. Additionally, a seven-page handout and other items will also be available.

We all look forward to this presentation!



Float construction for the 2009 Tournament of Roses Parade

Your Buying POWER

Your valid SAFD membership card entitles you to purchase at any of these wholesale compa-

<p>1960 Flower Market 7007 Belgold, #H Houston 77066 281.537.2000 Fresh Flowers</p>	<p>Craftex Wholesale 7215 Ashcroft Houston 77081 713.771.6691 Silks, books, and ribbons</p>	<p>Tropical Wholesale 4167 Bluebonnet Dr. Stafford 77477 281.240.0088 Permanent botanicals</p>
<p>Garden Expo 1221 West 20th St. Houston 77008 713.861.5000 Nursery—live plants</p>	<p>Something Special 12703-A Cutten Rd Houston 77066 832.249.8607 Permanent plants and flowers</p>	<p>Taylor Wholesale 1601 21st St. Houston 77008 713.869.7481 Fresh flowers and supplies</p>
<p>Greenleaf Wholesale 2112 Leeland Houston 77003 713.223.0299 Fresh and permanent flowers. Tues. 20% off floral supplies</p>	<p>Pikes Peak of Texas, Inc. 4340 Directors Row Houston 77092 713.686.4500 Fresh and permanent flowers Wednesday – 20% off supplies</p>	<p>Silk Arboretum 7026 Old Katy Rd., #157 Houston 77024 713.864.8733 Silk trees, plants, and flowers</p>
<p>Southern Floral Co. 1313 W.20 St. Houston 77008 713.880.1300 Fresh flowers and supplies Tuesday – 10%; closed Saturday</p>	<p>Members Must Pay Sales Tax</p>	<p>Weatherford Farms 13223 Murphy Rd. Stafford 77477 281.498.7261 Green and blooming plants</p>

Bringing Sunshine...

SAFD would like to express sympathy and bring a little cheer to any SAFD member who may be ill. If you know someone to whom we can send a card, please contact:

Krystyna Warwick
281.440.9564



February SAFD Excursion—Heritage Society Homes

Bobbie Adams and Jan Roche have planned a tour of the Heritage Society homes in downtown Houston on Wednesday, February 25. The Heritage Society is Houston's only interactive historic museum and park. Nestled in ten acres of beautiful green parkland in the heart of downtown Houston, The Heritage Society boasts 9 historic structures dating from 1823 to 1905. Each historic structure is authentically restored to reflect its original magnificence. The Heritage Society was the first museum in Houston to be accredited by the American Association of Museums.



Join the fun! We will leave Meyer Park at 9:00 a.m. The price will be \$6.00; \$4.00 for seniors.



How the World Celebrates the New Year

New Year's Day brings the biggest annual celebration worldwide to ring out the old year and welcome the new year with new expectations and optimism. In the United States, we traditionally watch the New Year's celebration televised from Times Square. The first ball-lowering celebration at One Times Square was held on December 31, 1907, and the tradition continues. The kiss shared at the stroke of midnight is derived from masked balls that have been common throughout history. Masks symbolize evil spirits from the old year, and the kiss is the purification into the new year. (Pretty nice tradition!) Another time-held tradition is the food we eat to ensure good luck in the new year. These foods vary from different regions in the U.S., just as good luck rituals vary around the world.

In Greece, a special New Year's bread is baked with a coin buried in the dough. The first slice is the Christ child, the second for the father for the household, and the third slice is for the house. If the third slice holds the coin, spring will come early that year. Norwegians make rice pudding and hide one whole almond within. Guaranteed wealth goes to the person whose serving hold the lucky almond.

In Austria, the suckling pig is the symbol for good luck for the new year. It's served on a table decorated with tiny edible pigs.

The British place their fortunes for the coming year in the hands of their first guest. They believe the first visitor of each year should be male and bearing gifts. Traditional gifts are coal for the fire, a loaf for the table, and a drink for the master. For good luck, the guest should enter through the front door and leave through the back.

An old Sicilian tradition says good luck will come to those who eat lasagna on New Year's Day, but woe if you dine on macaroni, for any other noodle will bring bad luck. If you're celebrating in Spain, you'll eat 12 grapes at the stroke of midnight, one for every toll, to bring good luck for the 12 months ahead. However, if you're in Peru, you'll consume 13 grapes to ensure good luck.

The Japanese decorate their homes in tribute to lucky gods. A pine branch symbolizes longevity, a bamboo stalk symbolizes prosperity, and a plum blossom indicates nobility. In China, every front door is adored with a fresh coat of red paint, red being a symbol of good luck and happiness. Although the whole family prepares a feast for the new year, all knives are put away for 24 hours to keep anyone from cutting themselves, which is thought to cut the family's good luck for the next year.

However you celebrate the new year, and whatever tradition you use to ensure good luck, may you all have a very happy New Year!



Sydney, Australia leads the world in one of the first major New Year celebrations each year. This year, Sydney launched over 80,000 fireworks at midnight, and had more than one and a half million attendees; it was also the most-watched event on television worldwide last year.

Chinese New Year 2009—Year of the Ox

According to tales and legends, the beginning of Chinese New Year started with the fight against a mythical beast called the Nian or “Year” in Chinese. Nian would come on the first day of New Year to devour livestock, crops, and even villagers, especially children. To protect themselves, the villagers would put food in front of their doors at the beginning of every year and believed that after the Nian ate the food they prepared, it wouldn’t attack any more people. Once, people saw the Nian was scared away by a little child wearing red, they then understood that the Nian was afraid of color red. Hence, every time when New Year was about to come, the villagers would hang red lanterns and spring scroll on windows and doors. People also used firecrackers to frighten the Nian and from then on, the Nian never came to the village again.

Chinese have a unique way of representing the New Year through animals. They have 12 different animals to represent each of the 12-year cycle. People born on the different years are believed to be influenced and inspired by the animals of the particular year they are born in. This year is the Year of the Ox and the fifteen-day celebration begins on January 26 until February 9, 2009.



Year 2009 will be the Year of the Ox, and the Chinese will welcome this new Lunar Year on January 26th and celebrate until February 9.



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Thank you for your support!

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January 2009

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Mark your calendar!

1/1—New Year's Day

1/6—Board Meeting

1/20—SAFD Meeting

1/26—Chinese New Year

SAFD 2009 Upcoming Events—January and February

Date	Event	Time / Location
January 6	Board Meeting	6:30 PM – Northwest Presbyterian Church
January 13	Southern Floral Valentine's Day Open House	5:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Southern Floral, 1313 West 20th Street, Houston, Tx
January 14	Southern Floral Valentine's Day Open House	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Southern Floral, 1313 West 20th Street, Houston, Tx
January 20	SAFD General Meeting	7:00 PM – Cy Creek Community Center
February 3	Board Meeting	6:30 PM – Northwest Presbyterian Church
February 17	SAFD General Meeting	7:00 PM – Cy Creek Community Center
February 25	Tour of Heritage Society Homes	9:00 AM – Meet at Meyer Park

“A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.”

Author Unknown