



SAFD FLOWER PRESS

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All about the flowers

Well yet another SAFD year has come to a close but in a very unusual way. I have missed seeing everyone at our general meetings and especially missed our tabletop gala. Despite all the disappointments, we do have a few bright spots.

We have a full slate of officers, including another new addition, that we will ratify at our September general meeting. See the list elsewhere in this newsletter.

Charlie Barton (member Sharon's husband) was the big winner of the \$1000 in Visa gift cards in the April 23, 2020 drawing held on Facebook Live. We did make a profit of \$1400 on the raffle ticket sales. A big thank you to all members who sold and bought tickets.

We have secured November 12, 2020 at Shirley Acres to hold our tabletop gala. Martha Els graciously volunteered to chair the rescheduled event.

Please put this date on your calendar to design a table, attend the gala and or donate to the silent auction. We will not repeat the Visa raffle so we hope to have a robust silent auction to help us have a successful fundraiser.

Please read the article on what the silent auction committee needs from us all.

We are planning on holding general meetings at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in September, October, December, January, March and May. We will provide more details as summer ends.

We will have a special gift bag of goodies for the first 60 members who join. Be sure you get ours, at our September meeting, by sending in your membership dues this summer to the P.O. Box.

We know a lot of our wonderful floral suppliers, designers and shop owners have suffered during this pandemic. We hope to be able to focus on our local partners this next SAFD year. When you can, be sure to support them for your flower needs. On a sad note, the floral community lost Jim Johnson recently. He was a great educator and designer who taught at Texas A&M University. He was also one of SAFD's wonderful presenters in the early years. He will be missed.

I pray each of you and your family has stayed well during this time.

Pam Dube
SAFD President



Join the FREE live session at TSFA On Demand once LIVE on June 19th at 3 pm. To Register: SAVE MY SPOT/Surviving a Corona Summer

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Happy Summer! Our service season was cut short this year and we really missed being able to clean and place thousands of roses at the National Cemetery this year. But we are already gearing up for next year!

The dates for Community Affairs next year are:

Wednesday, October 28th @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 14th @ 10:00 am

Saturday, March 20th @ 10:00 am

All will be at Christ the Good Shepard Church- Room numbers TBA

Please remember that we also provide flowers for other charity's fund-raising events. Our donation and labor help cut down on their costs so that they can earn more for their cause. If you know of any

organizations that could benefit from our services, please refer them to us for more information.

Have a great summer!
Community Affairs Co-Chairs

Michelle Leavitt
aaron.leavitt@sbcglobal.net
Debbie Tingey
hawkey22@hotmail.com

TABLETOP:

THE SHOW CONTINUES TO GO ON !!!!
TABLETOP EXTRAVAGANZA
New Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020
SHIRLEY ACRES

We are excited to announce the rescheduling of Table Top.
The November date will bring a new feeling of cool fall weather and holiday excitement.
I will contact all of the table designers for their commitment to the new date.
New designers are welcome to participate.
Deadlines will be updated by the September meeting.
FUND RAISER: Our only fund raiser for the evening will be our Silent Auction.
Check other articles for the details concerning this event.
Thanks to all of the participating designers and committee members for their time and support.
Martha Els, Chair
281-446-1151



This year's Visa raffle winner, Charlie Barton and his wife, Sharon.

Help SAFD make TableTop bright with a wonderful selection of Silent Auction items!

With the rescheduling of SAFD's 2020 Tabletop to November 12 at Shirley Acres, we now have five extra months to collect special items for our silent auction!

Let's make this auction our biggest and best so far! It won't be competing with sale of raffle tickets for the \$1,000 VISA gift card at TableTop, as that was awarded live on Facebook in April.

Whether you're seeking items or making the donation, please attach a silent auction donor form to each item. You'll find the form in this newsletter. Please make it available if a receipt or donation form is requested.

SAFD secretary Jamie Hartwell, will be collecting and cataloging donation items over the next several months. Please contact her at 281-620-237 to arrange a pick-up or drop-off.

Preparing a well-coordinated silent auction takes pre-planning, creating the event display and assisting on auction night. Please join the silent auction committee! Contact Tami Oliver at 360-600-5296 or Denise Severa at 281-615-4440. We'd love to have your input and creativity!

To get you started, here's a few suggestions of popular auction items, but the list is endless!

Services

- Manicure/pedicure
- Massages (after all, it's holiday time!)
- Haircut/color/style
- Gym membership
- Yoga classes

Events

- Movies
- Theater - Holiday
- Sports events
- Exhibits

Personal Items

- Handbag/wallet set
- Gloves, scarves
- Jewelry sets – earrings, bracelet and necklace (Shop October Holiday Markets!)
- Food or gift baskets

Home and Outdoors

- Wind chime/Bird feeder/Bird seed/Holiday door mat basket
- Home improvement gift cards
- Wintertime lawn care
- Seasonal plants, both indoor and outdoor
- Holiday centerpieces

Gift Baskets

- Soft throw, warm socks, hot chocolate and a bottle of Bailey's Irish Crème
- Holiday cheeses, sausages, wine
- Sweet tooth assortment
- Gift card assortment

Be creative!

Scholarship news

The in-house SAFD Scholarship for 2020 has been awarded to:

Debbie Tingey

Debbie has only been a SAFD member for a short time, but has already gotten involved in a big way. We are looking forward to having her as a Board Member for the 2020/2021 SAFD season. Debbie will be the co-chair of Community Affairs, alongside Michelle Leavitt.

Congratulations to Debbie!



SUNSHINE NEWS

If you know of a SAFD member who is ill, has had surgery, has an injury, has lost a loved one or just needs some cheering up, SAFD wants to spread some sunshine. Just text or call me at **832-444-6524** or send an email to kimberlynjean@yahoo.com.

Kimberlyn Jackson

SAFD SUNSHINE/COMMUNICATIONS



YELLOW ROSE BUNCH

SAFD's signature flower, the yellow rose, means friendship. In an effort to demonstrate that friendly feeling of caring and compassion to our members, the Yellow Rose Bunch was started last year. In the event of a serious illness, injury or the loss of a loved one, an arrangement featuring yellow roses is made by one of the members in the Yellow Rose Bunch and personally delivered to our ill, injured or grieving member.

If you would like to join the Yellow Rose Bunch and donate a little of your time and talent in making and/or delivering one of these arrangements please contact Kimberlyn Jackson at 832-444-6524 or kimberlynjean@yahoo.com so that we can get some supplies to you and put you on our list of volunteers.

From Your Programs Chair:

Hey everyone! I have great news! Though we had to cancel the meeting presentation by Alan Masters in March, he has accepted to be our presenter in September! Hopefully it will be September 15th like our normal schedule! We will continue to update any changes to our Facebook page and our newsletters. Thank you for bearing with us! Be sure to mark your calendars for Alan Master's in September! See you there!
-Linda Jackson

2020-2021 SAFD BOARD

President, Pam Dube

Vice President/Website/Events, Aida Quesada

Treasurer, Joyce Uribe

Secretary/Special Events, Jamie Hartwell

Membership/Eblasts, Denise Severa

Community Affairs, Debbie Tingey & Michelle Leavitt

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Social, Cathy Bickford

Newsletter, Tami Oliver

Sunshine/Communication, Kimberlyn Jackson

Advisor, Yanick Stam

Tabletop chair (11/20), Martha Els

Membership

Hello SAFD Friends,

We are getting close to starting a new SAFD year. I know everyone is ready to get out and reunite with friends and flowers. This year the first 60 members that join will get a '**SAFD SWAG BAG**' filled with goodies to use in your floral creations.

Summer is starting up so don't wait. Be one of the '**First Sixty**'! I encourage everyone to get your application and check in the mail early. Dues are the same, \$25 for students and \$40 all others. You can mail to SAFD, P. O. Box 683166, Houston, TX. 77268-3166.

Can't wait for all the exciting things planned this year for our '*Blooming Bunch*'.

Keep Blooming,

Denise Severa - Membership Chair 2019/20

Since we are a non-profit organization your membership dues make it possible for us to sponsor other non-profit events in our community, to provide training and support to floral lovers of all levels and to award scholarships each year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and we love new members!

*With your paid membership you receive a card that gives you the privilege of purchasing flowers and hard goods from the wholesale companies listed below. Present your membership card at the time of purchase. **You are required to pay state sales tax on your purchases.** We ask that you respect this privilege by not sharing the SAFD account information with the general public.*

Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) Membership Application

To become a member of SAFD, return this application with your check for \$40. Make your check payable to SAFD, and mail to the address below or turn it in at a monthly meeting.

SAFD, Inc.

Membership Chairman

P.O. Box 683166

Houston, TX 77268-3166 (You must include the 3166 in the zip code)

Check one: New Member _____ Renewal of Membership
_____ Amt. Pd. _____ Date pd. _____

Check # _____ Cash _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

(M/D) _____ Mailing Address: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone #: Work #: Cell #:

E-mail Address: _____

Each member is expected to participate in making our club successful. In an effort to encourage participation and recognize individual talents, please complete the information below.

I can help with the following:

_____ Help featured designers set up for monthly meetings or assist with clean up after meetings.

_____ Help Social Chairman set up snacks and drinks for meetings or workshops or clean up after.

_____ Bring snacks to meetings or workshops.

SAFD Buying Power

Craftex Wholesale

7215 Ashcroft
Houston, TX 77008
713-771-6691
(Silk flowers, ribbons, other supplies)

Greenleaf Wholesale

2112 Leland
Houston, TX 77003
713-223-0299
(Fresh flowers and supplies)

Pikes Peak of Texas Inc.

4340 Directors Row
Houston, TX 77092
713-686-4500
(Fresh flowers, silk flowers, supplies)
20% off Wednesdays

Southern Floral Co.

1313 W. 20th St.
Houston, TX 77008
713-880-1300
(Fresh flowers and supplies)
20% off Tuesdays

Taylor Wholesale

1601 21st Street
Houston, TX 77008
713-869-7481
(Fresh flowers and supplies)

Mayesh Wholesale

470 Garden Oaks Blvd.
Houston, TX 77018
832-410-4810
(Fresh flowers)

Floral Supply Syndicate
392 Garden Oaks Blvd.
Houston, TX 77018
713-487-4888
(Floral Supplies)

FYI.....

**SAFD is a 501© tax exempt charitable organization*

**You can deduct your miles involving SAFD business*

**You can deduct your membership dues*

**You can deduct your donations for raffles for tabletop (cash or item donated)*

**You can deduct items ussed for your tabletop display as long as it is not used for your personal gain*

**You can deduct items donated for our Community Affairs care arrangements*

*Be sure to keep good records and copies of receipts for your CPA and your files.
(Be sure to check with your CPA if you have any questions. These could be subject to interpretation by your CPA and will depend on your filing status as to whether they qualify to be deducted. Either way, it is always a good idea to keep track of expenses.)*