



# SAFD FLOWER PRESS

*An educational, non-profit organization for floral designers*

**[www.safdhouston.org](http://www.safdhouston.org)**

**January 2022**

Back to our Roots

I hope everyone had a peaceful and blessed holiday season. I know many were disrupted with the new Covid strain as mine was too. But eventually Santa was able to get everyone their presents.

We were able to create 32 beautiful table centerpiece arrangements for The Hope Center's fifth anniversary celebration. We finished in no time, thanks to Michelle and Debbie's great organizing and all the wonderful SAFD volunteers. We will have our next community affairs workshop on January 19th, please see Debbie's article for more details.

I hope you enjoyed all of Alex Torres' beautiful designs at our November meeting. Thank you Alex for creating so many to raffle off! Next up is Ken Senter, I'm sure he will delight us as well. Be sure to attend the meeting on January 18, beginning at 6:30pm at Christ the Good Shepherd on Klein Church Road. Please see Linda's article for more information.

I hope you are all as excited as I am that we will be having Tabletop on April 21 at Augusta Pines Golf Club. In addition to beautiful tablescapes and a delicious dinner we will have silent auction items for you to bid on and draw the winner of the \$500 Visa gift card raffle. If you have sold your raffle tickets already, please bring the stubs and payment to one of our meetings in January or March. You can also purchase a raffle ticket for this drawing at our general meetings or pick up some raffle tickets to sell to family and friends. The cost of each ticket is just \$5 and the winner does not need to be present to win. Also please bring any silent auction items to our January or March meeting. We have most of the volunteer parts of tabletop covered but could use a few folks to help set up the auction items

and a few to help with the payment and checkout of the items at the end of the evening. You can sign up in January or March. Please see Martha's article for many more details of all things tabletop.

Last but not least, it is time to form a Nominating Committee to help find board members for 22-23. Let me know at the January meeting if you would like to help or if you would like to serve on the board next year. I know many of our members have dutifully served in the past and many of our current board members have been serving for many years. In order for SAFD to continue we will need some folks to step up and volunteer, so please consider doing so. It would be great if we had a slate of candidates to vote on at our March meeting.

Pam Dube  
SAFD President







**TABLE TOP EXTRAVAGANZA 2022**

**Thursday, April 21, 2022  
Augusta Pines Golf Club  
18 August Pines Drive  
Spring, Texas 77389  
5:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
\$ 60.00 per ticket**



**TABLE TOP COMMITTEE:**

**Chairman: Martha Els**

**Room Design and Menu: Kimberlyn Jackson & Pam Dube**

**Tickets and Table Assignments: Joyce Uribe – Deadline for purchase – April 10th**

**Silent Auction: Jamie Hartwell – Deadline at March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**\$500 Visa Raffle – Pam Dube has tickets**

**Program Book: Denise Severa – Deadline for Table description – April 1st**

**Photography and Invitations: Martha Els**

**Table Top Designers – Invitations available at January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Exact Table Numbers will be assigned according to Table Design**

- 1) Jane Hutchens and Kay Kane**
- 2) Amy Skinner and Debbie Tingy and Michelle Leavitt**
- 3) Kimberlyn Jackson and Linda Jackson**
- 4) Joyce Uribe and Judy Kirk and Barbara Trout and Debra Kahn**
- 5) Martha Els**
- 6) Dianne Abrahams and Sharon Barton**

- 7) Diane Smith and Pam Dube
- 8) Diana Hanley and Debi Davis and Phyllis Schlueter and Brenda Keslere
- 9) Sharon Cofran and Kelly Wills and Jordan Ashby
- 10) Aida Quesada and Diana Cavazos
- 11) Denise Severa and Cathy Bickford
- 12) Pam Dube
- 13) Pam Bates
- 14) Betty Lind

Please pick up a packet of information at the January meeting.

## **The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design**

invites you to

### **Tabletop Extravaganza**

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

### **Augusta Pines Golf Club**

18 Augusta Pines Drive

Spring, Texas 77389

Silent Auction, Raffle (\$500 Visa card)

Cash bar

**TICKETS: \$ 60.00**

Mail checks to: SAFD

P.O. Box 683166

Houston, Texas 77268-3166

or call: Joyce Uribe - 281-798-6425

**Deadline: April 10, 2022**

Hello fellow Flower Lovers!

I look forward to seeing everyone again on January 18th for our SAFD Meeting and Presentation!

Prepare for Ken Senter AIFD, to be our New Years SAFD Presenter! He co-owns The Senterpiece, A Wedding and Event Florist in Houston, Texas with his wife, Donna Senter AIFD. Below, I have attached some of his previous arrangements he presented at a past meeting for SAFD! If you want to check out more of his skill, you can find him on Facebook or Instagram under The Senterpiece! They are such a floral power couple! Ken Senter is very good at explaining his techniques! Be sure to ask questions! This is definitely a program you will not want to miss! You will see him on January 18th at 7pm at Christ the Good Shepherd in the Social Hall. Remember, refreshments are served from 6:30pm-7pm.









Just a recap in case you missed it, Alex Torres AIFD CFD TMF, presented at our November meeting for "Bring on the season! Inspired florals and settings for the fall/winter Holidays!" If you missed it, you can find his presentation on the SAFD Facebook page! You can only find the video in a particular spot unfortunately. It is located under the "November Meeting with Alex Torres AIFD CFD TMF" past event. Look in the discussion and the video is under my (Linda Jackson) comment. I apologize as I can't move the video to an easier location. If you have any questions, feel free to call me or text me at 832-454-0330 to find out where it is! I want to make sure it is accessible to everyone at any time! Below are some highlights!





## **Community Affairs News**

Hello SAFD friends!

We hope 2022 is off to a good start for each of you. We are looking forward to a great year of floral fun and service for SAFD Community Affairs.

We are excited for our first community affairs event of 2022 to be held on Wednesday, January 19 at 10:00 am at Christ the Good Shepherd church, rooms A201 and A203.

We will be putting together 32-35 vase arrangements for the Bonita House, which is a branch of the Santa Maria Hostel, Inc. They are a non profit organization that works to rehabilitate pregnant women who are in the prison/jail system. What a beautiful way to show our love and encouragement to these women and the recovery advocates that work with them.

For those who have already signed up, we hope you will be able to make it! If you were unable to commit at the last general meeting, or were not in attendance to sign up, please reach out to Debbie Tingey or Michelle Leavitt and let us know if you will be joining us.

We look forward to meeting together soon!

-Debbie Tingey 281-728-2797

-Michelle Leavitt 832-859-3982



### **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](mailto: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](mailto:kimberlynjean@yahoo.com) so that we can get some supplies to you and put you on our list of volunteers.

## **2020-2021 SAFD BOARD**

President, Pam Dube

Vice President/Website/Events, Aida Quesada

Treasurer, Joyce Uribe

Secretary/Special Events, Kimberlyn Jackson

Membership/Eblasts, Denise Severa

Community Affairs, Debbie Tingey & Michelle Leavitt

Programs, Linda Jackson

Publicity, Debra Kahn

Social, Cathy Bickford

Newsletter, Tami Oliver

Sunshine/Communication, Kimberlyn Jackson

Advisor, Yanick Stam

Tabletop chair, Martha Els

## **SAFD Membership – Calling All Floral Fanatics!!**

Our dues are staying the same as last year, \$40 or \$25 for students 24 years or younger. As always you can bring your dues to the first meeting or to save time you can mail your check to SAFD at P. O. Box 683166 Houston, TX 77268-3166 or mail to Treasurer, Joyce Uribe at 17227 Theiss Mail Route Rd., Spring, TX 77379 or call her at 281-798-6425 to utilize a credit card. Make sure to include any contact information that may have changed since last year. As a reminder your SAFD membership comes with floral wholesale purchasing privileges.

We are looking forward to catching up with everyone and getting inspired by our Floral mentors. Please reach out if you have any questions. You can also check out our website [www.safdhouston.org](http://www.safdhouston.org) for more information.

Keep Blooming,

Denise Severa - Membership/Publicity Chair 2021/22

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

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

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (M/D) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address

Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell

\_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address

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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. 20<sup>th</sup> St.  
Houston, TX 77008  
713-880-1300  
(Fresh flowers and supplies)  
20% off Tuesdays

### **Taylor Wholesale**

1601 21<sup>st</sup> 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)

*With your paid membership you receive a card that gives you the privilege of purchasing flowers and hard goods from the wholesale companies listed above. 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.*

***FYI.....***

- *SAFD is a 501(c) 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 used for your tabletop display as long as it is not used for your personal gain*
- *You can deduct item donated for our Community Affairs care arrangements.*

*Just 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. But, either way, it is always a good idea to keep track of expenses)*