



SAFD FLOWER PRESS

An educational, non-profit organization for floral designers

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March 2022

Back to our Roots

It was so good to see such an awesome turnout for our last general meeting in January. Ken Senter did a fantastic job of getting 2022 off to a great start. His designs were gorgeous and the tips and techniques really sparked my floral imagination.

We have rebounded, member wise, from the past few pandemic years and currently have 50 members, many are new first time members too. We remain very budget conscious and our funds are in good shape. They will get a boost after what looks like will be a successful Tabletop in April. Please read Martha's article for everything Tabletop related and please pitch in where you are able. Don't forget to bring Silent Auction items, raffle ticket stubs and money as well as your check to buy tabletop dinner tickets to our March meeting.

I hope you had an opportunity to read my plea for board members. We do need folks to step up and fill in. Current board members are willing to work with new board members to help in passing the torch. If you want to buddy up with another member to share a position, that can work as well for many of our needs. We don't want to have to dissolve our wonderful organization, so please call (281-731-6825) or visit with me at the meeting if you can help.

Please read Linda's article for some information about our wonderful March presenter. I hope to see everyone on March 15 starting at 6:30 pm at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in the social hall.

Thanks

Pam Dube

TABLE TOP EXTRAVAGANZA 2022

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



Table Top 2022 – It's Going to be Spectacular – April 21, 2022 Augusta Pines Golf Club.

I encourage all SAFD members, make plans to attend TableTop today. Our designers are creating the most spectacular tables for you to experience a night of excitement and fellowship. Alan Masters will be our Master of Ceremonies again as he interviews each Table Captain about their table creation.

Tickets are \$ 60.00 each and can be purchased at the March 15th general meeting. If you can't attend this meeting, you can mail your check to Joyce Uribe at 17227 Theiss Mail Route Road, Spring, Texas 77379. Ticket deadline is April 10th. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone wanting to donate items for the Silent Auction, please bring them to the next meeting, March 15th. Please do not donate garage sale items.

Raffle Tickets are still available for \$ 5.00 each. Purchase at the next meeting or the day of TableTop. The winning ticket receives a \$ 500.00 Visa Card.

Reminders for Table Captains:

- 1) I need to know immediately the height of your table design if you have not already let me know.
- 2) Bring the ticket form to the next meeting with the names of your guests and how they are making their payment.
- 3) Email your write up for the Program to Denise by April 1st.
denisev.severa@gmail.com
- 4) Turn in your Interview form to me at the next meeting or during setup on April 21st.
- 5) Set up begins at 9 a.m. at the Golf Club. EVERYTHING must be on your table by 3 p.m. so I can begin photographing. CD's are \$15.00.

Many, many thanks to the members who are planning and working hard to make this event one of the best we have ever had.

**Martha Els
Chairman**

Hello fellow Flower Lovers!

I look forward to seeing everyone again on March 15th for our SAFD Meeting and Presentation!

Just a recap in case you missed it, Ken Senter AIFD, and co-owner of The Senterpiece, presented at our January meeting! If you missed it, you can find his presentation on the SAFD Facebook page! I apologize for ending the Facebook Live early as my battery on my phone was dying. Below are some highlights.









Prepare for Che-Hwa Wang to be our lucky March SAFD Presenter! Thanks to the Ikebana International Houston Chapter 12, we've found Mrs. Che-Hwa Wang to do our unique presentation. She will do a more contemporary style of floral design. She has 20 years experience in Ceramic Sculpture and 21 years in Floral Art Design. She's learned Chinese floral art from Ikebana, Sogetsu, and Ichiyo, three of the most famous schools. She is currently teaching Contemporary Floral Art Design in Suzhou, China and Houston, US.

Be sure to ask questions! This is definitely a program you will not want to miss!

You will see her on March 15th at 7pm at Christ the Good Shepherd in the Great Hall! Remember, refreshments are served from 6:30pm-7:00pm.





Community Affairs News

Happy March Y'all!

Our last community service event was a huge success! Over 35 floral arrangements were delivered to the Santa Maria Hostel, Bonita House. Santa Maria works to foster recovery with women who are in the jail/prison system and women with addictions. Each arrangement made went to one of these women or to a recovery advocate at Santa Maria. Thank you to all who were able to help us bring some love and light to these women. Also, a big thank you to Ken Senter for his donation of flowers that contributed to our ability to make so many arrangements for the Santa Maria Hostel!

We look forward to meeting together soon!

-Debbie Tingey 281-728-2797

-Michelle Leavitt 832-859-3982



cell: [661-859-8384](tel:661-859-8384)

<http://www.pearlmfa.org>

Full Bloom Floral Show

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design are proud to present a floral arrangement show in collaboration with the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts. These five floral arrangements are inspired by Jane Jones' hyperrealist floral paintings while also creating their own story through each floral artist's unique style.

FREE EVENTS

MARCH 25TH

RECEPTION AT 5 PM

LIVE GRAND FLEMISH STYLE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT BUILDING

MARCH 26TH

FLORAL ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES

11-3

Call 281-376-6322 to make reservation for reception.

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SAFD SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

SAFD is awarding one \$400 scholarship this year to one of our members. The scholarship money may be used to attend classes or workshops for furthering your education in floral design. The deadline to turn in your completed application is April 10, 2022. The application form is attached to the email sent to members in February. Copies will also be available at the March general meeting. The scholarship is awarded based on points accrued during the 2021/2022 SAFD season for service to our organization, such as volunteering at a community affairs workshop, designing a tablescape for our annual Gala, and/or bringing food to a meeting. A complete list is on the application. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the Tabletop Gala on April 21st. Your completed application must be turned in by April 10th. You can email the application to me at kimberlynjean@yahoo.com or mail to me at 6118 Jadecrest Ct., Spring, TX 77389 or to the SAFD P.O. Box listed on the application.

Kimberlyn Jackson



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.

2020-2021 SAFD BOARD

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Tabletop chair, Martha Els

Announcement:

If you are needing fresh floral foam, Diane Hanley will have some to purchase at the 3/15 meeting!

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 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

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)

*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)