



SAFD FLOWER PRESS

An educational, non-profit organization for floral designers

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Back to our Roots

I hope you all had an opportunity to come to our tabletop gala. Once again it was an extraordinarily marvelous event. I am always amazed at what beautiful designs and ideas our members create for this special occasion. We will update you as to how much money was raised at the May meeting. Be sure to check the website and Facebook page for photographs of the event in case you were not able to attend.

We are still in need of a few more people to fill out our board positions for next year. Current members leaving the board are happy to assist you in getting comfortable in your new role. You can even team up with a friend to share the responsibilities. Currently the spots we have open are community affairs and programs but we have lots of folks willing to help with both.

Please call, email or text me at 281-731-6825 or pamdube@sbcglobal.net.

We will hold our election for new board members at our May meeting on the 17th.

We also had the opportunity to do one more community outreach event in early May. A great group of SAFD volunteers assembled 13 garlands of greens and baby's breath to surround lanterns for the Santa Maria's fundraising event.

Pam Dube

SAFD President

🌻🌸 Hello fellow Flower Lovers! 🌸🌻

I look forward to seeing everyone again on May 17th for our SAFD Meeting and Presentation!

Just a recap in case you missed it, Che-Hwa Wang Was our presenter at the March meeting! If you missed it, you can find her presentation photo highlights on the SAFD Facebook page! 🌻

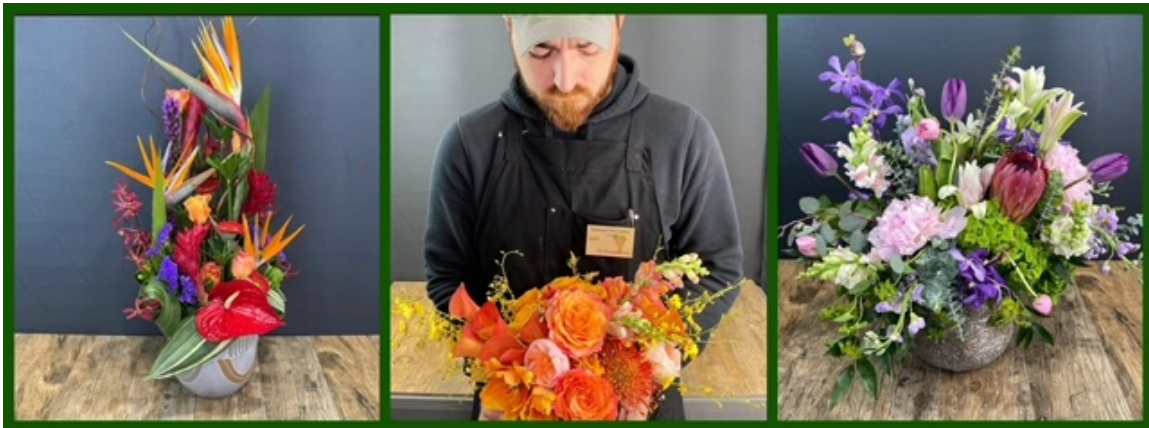
Thanks to the Ikebana International Houston Chapter 12, Mrs. Che-Hwa Wang did a remarkable presentation where she sculpted floral art right before our eyes! It's not a surprise since she has 20 years experience in Ceramic Sculpture and 21 years in Floral Art Design! . She is currently teaching Contemporary Floral Art Design in Suzhou, China and Houston, US. if you would like to learn more from her Contemporary Floral Art Design in Suzhou, China and Houston, US. if you would like to learn more from her







Michael McCarthy AIFD will bring us an exciting new presentation for the last meeting of our SAFD year! This talented floral designer is sure to blow us away with his talented creativity and floral techniques! So come on down on May 17th at 7pm at Christ the Good Shepherd in the Great Hall! Remember, refreshments are served from 6:30pm-7:00pm. Below are some photos from a past SAFD presentation in March of 2018! He worked with Mary McCarthy and Kim Jones!



This last photo is our SAFD members and guests with Che-hwa Wang last meeting and I just love it! I thought I would share this with everyone! Thank you to everyone who is a SAFD member! You are what keeps this group going!

Linda Jackson
Programs Chair



Happy May Everyone!

It has been a busy first couple weeks of May for Community Affairs. SAFD was able to provide 13 small garlands for the centerpieces for the Santa Maria Hostel yearly fundraising gala. Thank you to everyone who helped with that service event. They turned out beautifully and they are so thankful for the donation.





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.

Table Top 2022 Produces Huge Success with Silent Auction and attending Guests

Many thanks to all of the Designers, Table Top committee, Board Members, and Guests for the outstanding results from our annual fund raiser.

Our new location, Augusta Pines Golf Club, set the scene for our Extravaganza this year.

President Pam Dube shared the many events of Galas, Community service projects for different organizations that SAFD has contributed to this past year.

Our evening consisted of the viewing of tables, bidding on silent auction items, reunion of past members and a delicious dinner.

Martha Els, Chair, - "that's me", welcomed everyone and took a trip down "Memory Lane". I shared the Titles of tables, designers, details of their table from over the past 10-12 years. Lots of memories.

Even though our event is not a competition, I announced 3 tables as Best in these categories.

Best use of flowers, colors, and design – Table 9 – "Fun, Flirty, Flamingos". Designers: Diana Hanley, Brenda Kesterke, Phyllis Schlueter, and Debbie Davis.

Best design of the theme and title of the table – Table 16 – "Little Black Dress". Designer: Pam Bates.

Best overall table – Spectacular punch and Wow Factor – Table 15 – "Ebony and Ivory". Designer: Linda Pope.

Alan Masters joined us again as our Master of Ceremonies interviewing a designer from each table. Alan shared the site of his table linens, "Your Chair Covers". He also spoke about another designer named MacKenzie Childs.

CD's will be available at the May 17 for \$ 15.00. Checks or cash. CD's can be mailed to you if you can't make the meeting. Mail check to Martha Els, 800 Staitti St. Humble, Tx 77338.

A leather album with 4 photos, 8x8's, of each table is also available. Cost: \$100.00 for album and add \$15.00 for postage if not picked up at the May meeting. An album will be available at the May meeting for you to view it.

Special thanks to Carlton, my husband for his many hours of working at the event and computer time for creating the CD and the album.







SAFD BOARD

President, Pam Dube

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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)