

Floral Design Committee Report Annual Report 2020-2021

In September 2020, the Floral Design Committee hosted “Solving the Mystery of Floral Design by Learning the Basics,” a hands-on workshop held outside under the Boscobel tent. Tables were safely spaced, and masks were encouraged for this program.

Fourteen PGC members were taught what and how to use tools and materials related to floral design, given options for where to purchase flowers, instructed on how to condition flowers to keep them looking fresh, and then instructed on using dried or silk flowers as alternatives to fresh and the basics of design. Fresh flowers and a mini tool kit were provided so that each participant could create their own floral arrangement with the help of Floral Design experts April Aguayo, Liz Heitmann, Stephen Hutcheson and Jill Sussman.

In November, with COVID shutdown happening all around us, it was decided to hold PGC’s traditional Thanksgiving Floral Arrangement Workshop virtually. Those who signed up were asked to pick up their fresh flowers with mask a couple of hours in advance of the virtual workshop at a member’s open-air garage. Floral Design Committee member Donna Doyle then did an amazing job of taking participants step by step through how best to fashion a centerpiece for one’s dining room table.

January 2021 saw the launch of “Decorate Your Door,” a PGC contest created to brighten up the quiet and short days of winter. Three PGC judges selected the three top winners from nine contenders. All the entries were incredibly creative. The winners were Matt Weigman, first prize for “Everything’s Coming up Roses”; Carol McPeek was second with “This Barn is For the Birds,” and Kathy Fearn-Richter came in third with “Snowman’s Winter Poem”. Sabellico gift cards were handed out to the winners. You can look forward to this contest happening again in 2022.

The Committee wishes to thank all of the PGC members for participating in its offered activities during the COVID year and is looking forward to offering much more in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
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