



Art in Bloom 2023: Guidelines, Important Dates, and Application for participation in floral or object design display

Plant Guidelines:

- Plants brought in must be inspected by an appropriate member of staff, either the staff in charge of the event or a maintenance representative.
- Maintenance of museum plants must be the responsibility of the individual.
- Do not use wood or bamboo-type containers as they may be a vehicle for pests. Use terracotta, stone, metal or plastic containers.
- Watering must be done carefully.
- Accidental drips must be wiped immediately. The area must be kept clean and dry at all times.
- Misting or spraying is not permitted in galleries or public areas.
- Potted plants and cut flowers must be free of disease and pests and, if applicable, must be in sterilized soil.
- Seasonal flowering plants must be kept in pots with saucers. Stamen which produce floral pollen must be removed from flowers.
- Identify specific tables, stands or areas of floor where plants may be placed. After their position has been checked and approved by an appropriate member of the museum staff, they must not be moved. Labels, banners and other signage must be approved by the museum prior to the event.
- Containers must be stable on their base. Displays must not be top heavy, so counter weights must be provided within the base. Shallow bowls of water cannot be used.
- Fibrous organic accessories such as bamboo, wood chips, and cocoa shells are not permitted; stones and shells and other hard accessories may be used only if clean and with adequate protection to prevent floors from scratching.
- Floral designers may not use soil in cut flower displays. Any soil used for any component of displays must be sterilized.
- Plant and flower materials must not touch gallery walls or any museum objects on display.
- Plant and flower designers are encouraged to visit the museum to see and measure the display area in advance, by prior appointment with the museum staff member responsible for the event.
- As much preparation as possible must be done in advance. No cutting or potting up may take place in the galleries.
- No museum object on open display including furniture may be touched, or have anything draped or attached to it, or its stand or display case.
- Plants and flowers must not cover any museum object label. Visitors must not have to walk around a plant or floral display to read a label.

Guidelines for plant and flower delivery:

- A designated museum entrance must be selected to which all delivery personnel must report.
- Plants and flowers brought in for special events must be removed from the building in their entirety on **Saturday, February 4th from 3-4pm**
- All diseased and pest-infested plants and flowers wherever they are located, must be bagged and tied in plastic bags before being moved through the building. They must be disposed of in a container outside the building.
- The museum will not be held responsible for any items left after an event and will dispose of them.

Important Dates:

- Registration opens - Sunday, January 1st
- Registration closes - Saturday, January 14th from 10-3pm
- Select your permanent collection work - January 20th from 10-5pm
- Arrangements delivered to WMA - February 1st between 10-5pm
- Ticketed opening reception event - Thursday, February 2nd from 5:30-8pm
- Visiting Artist Workshop: Holly Carlisle - Friday, February 3rd from 12:30-3:30pm
- First Saturday Family Day: Floral Activity - Saturday, February 4th from 10:30-2:30pm
- Arrangement pick-up - Saturday, February 4th at 3-4pm

Application:

Name of Individual, Group, Organization, etc.

Number of participants

Floral or object (sculptural) design?

Street address

City

State

Zip code

Email address

Phone number

Please submit this application to WMA's front desk during business hours. Art in Bloom participants are picked on a first come basis. There are 12 spots available. The last day to submit an application is Saturday, January 14th between the hours of 10-3pm.

Questions? Call 334.794.3871 or email sophie@wiregrassmuseum.org