



# california state floral association

June 6, 2016

Dear Industry Friend,

The California State Floral Association (CSFA) is excited to announce we will hold a Top Ten Design Qualifying Competition during this year's State Fair. The California Exposition & State Fair has declared Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> as "Flower Day" at the Fair. We will have Top Ten, 2 Student (high school and elementary competitions) and a Farm to Fork – Flower to Vase Competition all on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CSFA will be featured in the Cal Expo County building for the duration of the State Fair – July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to serve as docents in the "flower shop" and staff for the CSFA programs featured in the CSFA Exhibit.**

The winner of the Top Ten Qualifying Competition will receive a complimentary registration to compete in the California State Floral Association's Top Ten Competition being held Sunday, November 6th during CaliFlora 2016 which will be held at the Original Los Angeles Flower Market in Los Angeles, California.

The Top Ten Qualifying Competition will be comprised of two parts: a designer's choice arrangement as well as a surprise package. CSFA will provide all materials, excluding the basic tools and supplies for the surprise package.

The Top Ten Qualifying Competition is limited to ten contestants. There is no registration fee to apply, however, applications will be accepted on a first received basis (limited to ten). The Top Ten Competition rules are enclosed. Please return the enclosed registration form as soon as possible as space is limited. Confirmations will be sent with final competition details. The deadline to register for the Top Ten Qualifying Competition is July 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer as a docent, please feel free to call the CSFA office at (916) 448-5266 or email Ann Quinn at [ann@agamsi.com](mailto:ann@agamsi.com)

We look forward to seeing you on July 17<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilton Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wilton Lee CCF  
President

Enclosures



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**CSFA 2016 Top Ten Qualifying Design Competition  
will consist of two separate categories:  
“Top Ten Surprise Package” & “Top Ten Designer’s  
Theme Composition”**

**Sunday, July 17, 2016**

**The following are the rules for the competition**

## **“Top Ten Surprise Package”**

- 1. The “Surprise Package” will consist of one part of the competition.**
- 2. All competitors will receive identical materials, excluding the basic tools and supplies allowed. Absolutely no other materials may be supplied by the contestants or anyone else.**
- 3. The theme will be announced five (5) minutes before the competition begins; these five (5) minutes will be considered ‘idea time’ and contestants may use this time to review and separate their materials and start planning their compositions.**
- 4. Thirty minutes (30) will be allowed for the completion of the surprise package.**
- 5. Tools & Supplies Allowed: See the enclosed list for the allowed tools and supplies.**
- 6. All designs will be judged on the overall composition. Competitors may use as little or as much of the materials provided.**
- 7. One (1) assistant will be allowed to assist in moving your compositions to the judging area. No rearranging of any materials will be permitted in the judging area.**
- 8. All designs in this category are the property of CSFA.**

## “ Top Ten Designer’s Theme Composition”

1. The “Designer’s Theme Composition” will be allowed forty-five minutes (45) for construction.
2. Fresh flowers, greens, and plant material should be predominate in the composition.
3. Props should be original and not previously used in a floral competition. Props, accessories and containers will be limited to forty (40) percent of the overall composition. An automatic twenty (20) point penalty will be applied for any violations of this rule.
4. The entire composition may not exceed four (4) feet in height, three (3) feet in width, and three (3) feet in depth. Any materials extending beyond these dimensions will result in an automatic ten (10) point penalty.
5. There is no cost limit on any materials used in this design, however all “fresh product” (for this purpose defined as fresh cut flowers, foliage and plant material) must have been grown in California.
6. The qualifying judges will review all “fresh product” to be used. If any questionable “fresh product” is going to be utilized (tropicals, etc.) contestants must present at the time of qualifying, written proof (original invoice and statement from the grower) of where the product was grown. All products not grown in California will be disallowed and confiscated. “The Designer’s Theme Composition” cannot be composed of more than 10% fruit.
7. If any questionable materials are found in the finished composition, the competitor will be informed, it will be removed by a qualifying judge, and a fifteen (15) point penalty will be assessed. The composition will be re-judged.
8. Containers and/or props for the “Designer’s Theme Composition” may be pre-assembled, pre-painted, floral foam liners or containers attached, and pre-soaked floral foam cut and inserted.
  - a. No other materials may be added, inserted or attached to the container, prop or floral foam.
  - b. This includes dried material, moss, permanent floral products, reeds, grasses, bamboo, twigs, branches, leaves, raffia, twine or any other material.

9. All fresh flowers must be in their original length and state as received from the grower or wholesaler. All precut or processed fresh floral product (except foliage and plants) will be disallowed and confiscated.
10. Precut foliage and plants from the “garden” will be allowed.
11. Glue guns and glue pans will not be allowed.
12. Each contestant’s composition will be his or her own sole effort with no assistance or communication with anyone in the audience during the competition.
13. Each contestant will be required to move their “Designer’s Theme Composition” to the judging area *and may use one assistant if necessary*. The Designer is fully responsible for movement of the design. No rearranging of any materials will be permitted in the judging area.

The theme selected for the 2016 “Top Ten Designer’s Qualifying Composition” will be:

“Field To Vase – California Gold”

The scale used for judging for “The Designer’s Theme Composition will be 40% and 60% for “The Surprise Package”

The CSFA Top Ten Competition Committee therein will resolve any questions regarding the CSFA Top Ten Design Competition and the contestant’s participation. All decisions of the committee, judges and jury are final.



# Top Ten Design Qualifying Competition

Presented by The California State Floral Association

Sunday, July 17, 2016

California State Fair, Sacramento, CA

**Top Ten Designer Entry Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for designer(s) for the Top Ten Design Qualifying Competition in Sacramento. A short bio is due with the entry form.

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## DESIGNERS:

1.)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Shop: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2.)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Shop: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3.)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Shop: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form by email ([ann@agamsi.com](mailto:ann@agamsi.com)) or mail to the CSFA office or fax in at (916) 446-1063 by July 8th. The first 10 applications will be accepted for the Competition.

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**THE ONLY TOOLS AND SUPPLIES ALLOWED AND  
RECOMMENDED FOR THE  
SURPRISE PACKAGE FURNISHED BY  
THE DESIGNER ARE:**

- **KNIFE**
- **SCISSORS**
- **WIRE CUTTERS**
- **PRUNERS**
- **PLIERS**
- **GREENING PINS**
- **NON-ORNAMENTAL FLORAL WIRE**
- **BIND WIRE**
- **BOWL TAPE**
- **STEMWRAP (FLORAL TAPE)**
- **WOOD PICKS**
- **NON-AEROSOL FLORAL ADHESIVE**
- **COLD GLUE IS PERMISSIBLE**
- **PAPER TOWELS OR CLOTH TOWELS (YOUR OWN)**
- **ALL OTHER ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE OR  
THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED AND AUCTIONED OFF**
- **GLUE GUNS AND GLUE PANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED**
- **NO CELL PHONES, IPODS, CAMERAS**
- **NO DRAWINGS OR NOTES**