

Art in Bloom 2025 | Floral Artist Guidelines

April 24-27, 2024

Please read and review all guidelines prior to confirming your participation in Art in Bloom. By submitting your participation form you agree to the following requirements and restrictions related to your floral arrangement.

Physical Requirements:

Arrangements must fit on the museum's supplied pedestal. The pedestal is 36" tall with a 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter circular top.

- Arrangements may not extend more than 5" in any direction beyond the edge of the pedestal top nor be taller than 48" high.
- The container and arrangement must rest securely on the pedestal and may not be larger than the diameter of the pedestal.
- The container must be watertight; if there is leakage the arrangement will be pulled from display.
- Containers must have an integral outside surface. This means no coverings with moss, leaves, etc.
- No draping or accessories may be used on the pedestals.
- No colored water may be used
- Ikebana arrangements must have gravel-filled containers (i.e. no open water)

Material Usage:

The use of fresh materials and greenery is mandatory.

All materials must be purchased from a commercial flower market or retail floral company to ensure the arrangements' materials are free of insects and other pests.

The following materials are not allowed:

- Any nonbotanical elements (i.e., animal matter including feathers, fruit & vegetables, sugar flowers, fabric including ribbons, plastic, wood, miniatures, charms)
- Any soil including potted plants or treated moss
- Dried florals that may shed (i.e., pampas grass)
- No artificial florals including silk or paper

- Lily stamens must be removed. Buds opening after installation will be removed by Art in Bloom staff.

When creating your display, please remember you will not be allowed to water your arrangement; your watering instructions will be followed by the museum's experienced Art in Bloom staff. You may not refresh your arrangement during the course of Art in Bloom unless contacted by an official museum staff member inviting you to do so.

There will be no exceptions to these rules. If your arrangement arrives with any of the above materials or outside the physical requirements, you will be asked to remove the materials before it can be placed within the museum.

Making Your Art Selection:

If selected to participate in Art in Bloom 2025, you will then be matched with and assigned an artwork by a member of our Curatorial staff at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

Installation Morning: Thursday, April 24 from 7 a.m. –10 a.m.

Your arrangement must arrive assembled. If you need to make final adjustments, we will have a few small tables available prior to inspection. These tables are for final touches only, such as adding water or small adjustments. You may not use this space to build your piece and may be asked to return at a later time if your piece is not finished upon arrival.

Any deviation from the above guidelines will prevent the installation of your arrangement. Your completed arrangement will be inspected and measured by the Conservation department prior to entering the galleries.

Placement of your arrangement will be handled by an experienced designated volunteer with your oversight. Once your arrangement has been placed it cannot be moved. You may not change the location of or move your designated pedestal. You may not water or mist your arrangement once it has entered the galleries.

Detailed arrival instructions and appropriate paperwork will be mailed and emailed to participating floral artists prior to installation day.