Art in Bloom 2027 Floral Artist Rules

April 22–25, 2027

Please read and review all guidelines prior to confirming your participation in Art in Bloom. The rules in this document are non-negotiable. By submitting your participation form you agree to the following requirements and restrictions related to your floral arrangement.

Section A

1. Physical Requirements:

Arrangements must fit on the museum's supplied pedestal or platform. The pedestal is 36" tall with a 19 ½" diameter circular or square top. You will be assigned either a circular or a square pedestal at the same time as you are assigned the artwork. You may also be assigned a platform instead of a square or a circular pedestal.

2. Platform displays for Floral Arrangements

The platform is 4' x 4' and 18" tall. Floral arrangements cannot be taller than 48" from the top of the platform. Arrangements cannot extend past the sides of the platforms. Containers and support structure for the floral arrangement cannot be wider than the platform.

3. The following items are **prohibited** to use for the arrangement container:

a. Arrangements may not extend more than 5" in any direction beyond the edge of the pedestal top nor be taller than 48" high (not counting the pedestal height).

b. The arrangement's container must rest securely on the pedestal and may not be larger than the diameter of the pedestal. The container needs to be stable on the pedestal even if bumped into.
c. The base of the container must be large enough that it is stable on top of the pedestal
d. The container must be watertight; if the container leaks, the arrangement will be pulled from display.
e. Containers must have an integral outside surface. This means no coverings with moss, leaves, etc.
f. Wet foam cannot be used in place of a container.
g. Wood containers, including baskets, are not allowed.
h. Wire can only be used as flower support and must be inside the container. Wire cannot be used as a visual feature and must be secured inside the container.
i. No drapery or accessories may be used on the pedestals.
j. Colored water is prohibited.
k. Ikebana arrangements must have gravel-filled containers (i.e. no open water) with a minimum edge height of 2 inches.

Once your arrangement is checked in, no modifications can be made. The Art in Bloom staff will monitor arrangements throughout the weekend. If there are any changes made to the arrangement during the weekend, the Art in Bloom staff reserve the right to remove your work from the gallery.

Section B

1. Material Usage:

The use of fresh materials and greenery is **mandatory**.

<u>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.</u>

2. The following materials are not allowed:

- **a.** Any non-botanical elements (i.e. animal matter including feathers, fruit & vegetables, sugar flowers, fabric including ribbons, plastic, wood, miniatures, charms)
- **b.** Any soil including potted plants or treated moss
- **c.** Dried florals that may shed (i.e. pampas grass)
- **d.** Artificial florals including silk or paper
- **e.** Aerosols including floral spray
- **f.** Wood
- **g.** Glitter
- **h.** No liquid components are allowed beyond water inside the container including paint
- **i.** Lily stamens must be removed. Buds opening after installation will have the stamens removed by Art in Bloom staff.

3. Watering your arrangement.

When creating your floral arrangement, 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 prohibited materials or outside the physical requirements, you will be asked to remove the materials before it can be placed within the museum.