

2022 Texas Designer of the Year Competition Rules

Produced by the Texas State Florists' Association

Categories I & II | Friday, July 22, 2022 | Texas Floral Forum | Holiday Inn Marina | Corpus Christi

Category III | Saturday, July 23, 2022 | The Art Museum of South Texas | Corpus Christi

Entry Qualifications

TSFA will accept a maximum of fifteen competition entries.

- A competitor must be at least 18 years of age.
- A competitor must be a member of Texas State Florists' Association
- A competitor must reside in the state of Texas.
- A competitor must hold the designation of either TMF, CFD or AIFD or have competed in an approved professional floral design competition.
- Only one competitor per company may compete.
- Previous winners may compete after a period of five years.

Entry Deadline

- A competitor must complete the Official Entry Form by Friday, July 1, 2022.
- The Official Entry Forms will be date and time stamped and accepted according to the stated rules on a first received basis.
- The deadline will be strictly enforced.
- Once registered and prior to the competition, the competitor will receive complete instructions.

Entry Fee

A competitor must pay the entry fee of \$175.00.

Categories

The Texas Designer of the Year Competition centers around three competitive categories. In 2022, these categories will be themed as The Waves of Color.

The competitor's activities in Category I, II and III will constitute a sole effort.

Category I

Surprise Package

Category II

Each competitor will create a floral design to highlight their skills, enhance their prop and present the overall Competition theme "Waves of Color".

Category III

Arrangement with three manipulated foliage techniques.

Flowers and Supplies

TSFA will provide all flowers and supplies for Category I-III. Each competitor will be furnished identical materials. The materials used exclusively for these categories, may include fresh botanicals, fresh flowers, fresh foliage, plants, dried botanicals, containers, accessories and supplies.

Competitor's Interpretative Prop

- The competitor is required to provide an interpretative prop for Category II.
- The cost of materials must be no more than \$100.00 wholesale.
- Items found, or otherwise procured without actual cost, should be given a fair market value.
- Invoices to support this expense must be presented to the Competition Chair prior to or during the Mandatory Meeting held prior to the Texas Designer of the Year Competition.
- The prop will be reviewed and qualified upon arrival or immediately following the Mandatory Meeting,
- The size restriction of the base of the prop is 30" wide x 30" deep x 36" tall.
- The finished arrangement must be able to be carried by the designer without assistance and fit in a van.
- These size restrictions and the ability to carry will be strictly enforced.
- No advance design work may be done towards the completion of Category II except to assemble the prop.
- No basing, wiring, taping, or gluing of fresh, dried or permanent floral products, botanical products or foam products will be allowed until time is called to begin Category II.
- Simply stated all floral, botanical, wet or dry foam placements must be done within the designated time limit.
- Category II must stand on its own. No additional printed information is permitted.

Competitors Provide

- Each competitor will bring their own tools to include knife, scissors, wire cutters and needle nose pliers.
- Simply stated the competitor may not supply anything other than the prop for Category II adhering to the restrictions noted above and the tools noted in this paragraph.

Supplies Provided by TSFA

TSFA will supply anchor tape, floral tape, a tube of floral adhesive, assorted gauges of green wire as well as any other supplies that may be needed to complete the designs.

Qualification of Prop

Upon arrival, each competitor will display his | her prop for Category II for evaluation. The Competition Chair will review and qualify the prop. In the event that any detail needs to be addressed, in order to qualify the prop, the adjustments must be completed prior to the start of the Competition. Once adjusted, the corrections will be reviewed and the prop will be approved or disqualified. In the event that the prop is disqualified, the competitor may proceed with the competition knowing that the designs will not be judged.

Mandatory Meeting

A Mandatory Meeting of all competitors, monitors and tally committee, will be held on Friday, July 22, 2022 prior to the start time of the competition. The meeting is under the direction of the Competition Chair. Each competitor must report at the specific time without exception. In the event that a competitor is unable to attend, he | she will be disqualified from the Texas Designer of the Year Competition. It is a Mandatory Meeting. There are no exceptions.

Review of Competition Rules

During the Mandatory Meeting the rules will be read and each competitor and each monitor will sign an agreement to abide by the rules of the competition.

Overall Disqualification

In the event a Competitor is disqualified, for the reason of being late or missing the Mandatory Meeting, he | she will be allowed to participate in the Competition, but the designs will not be judged. The Committee encourages participation.

Category Disqualification

If rules are not adhered to for each segment, the design for that segment will be disqualified. The Competition Chair determines disqualification.

Competition Monitors

One TSFA appointed monitor for every five designers will be present to enforce the stated rules. No talking will be allowed during specified design times.

Scale of Points

- Interpretation
- Creativity
- Scale
- Proportion
- Unity
- Harmony
- Texture
- Physical Balance
- Visual Balance
- Focal Emphasis
- Line
- Rhythm
- Depth
- Color Balance
- Color Harmony
- Mechanics

Judging the Competition

- Judging will be based on the noted sixteen-line scale of points.
- Each consideration is scored on a one to five scale with one point to designate poor and five points to designate excellent.
- Points two through four designate options leading from poor to excellent.
- The scores, based on the scale of points, will be totaled for each category.

In the Event of a Tie

In the event of a tie, the judges will re-evaluate Category III of the tied competitors for the consideration of artistic execution.

Score Sheets

Score sheets, with Judge's comments, will be emailed to each competitor following the competition.

First Place

The First Place Winner will receive the following made possible by Texas State Florists' Association and be named Texas Designer of the Year.

- \$1,000.00
- Silver Texas Cup
- First Place Ribbon
- Crystal Star and named a Star of Texas
- Floral Bouquet
- Up to \$1000.00 to represent Texas at the Society of American Florists Sylvia Cup Competition

Second Place

The Second Place winner receives:

- \$300.00
- Second Place
- Ribbon Floral
- Bouquet

Third Place

The Third Place Winner receives:

- \$200.00
- Third Place Ribbon
- Floral Bouquet