

Tuesday Thoughts for March 16th, 2021

Spring is Just Around the Corner!

Featured Plant Material Design

My Dear Garden Club Friends!

I hope you will enjoy our second virtual Flower Design Contest. It's a good thing that I'm not a judge, because I thought all of the entries were beautiful, lovely and wonderful!

I'm so excited that some of the people who entered were members who had never done design before. There are many Clubs that never organize a Flower Show. Not enough interest in design. But think again, when is the last time you have asked your members? You don't have to organize a full fledged Show. Start with a virtual show like we just did. Or when we can meet in person again, start with a very small show in someone's home. Just to get a taste of it. There are so many creative people in our Clubs and it's just FUN!

Who knows, some of your members might fall in love with designing and even might want to take Flower Show School classes! We always need more judges and now that so many classes are on Zoom, members might be able to find a class online.

THANK YOU to all the Members who entered and to the judges:

Sherry Cossey, Sharon Wilson and Georgia Zahar all from the Willamette Judges Council.

The next assignment is: **A Spatial Thrust Design, 'Shooting for the Moon'**.

The Siskiyou Judges Council will do the judging. Deadline to enter is Friday, April 16

More info next week.

Hope you all have gotten your first or second "jab".

Stay Happy and Healthy and Hopeful!

Love from Tanja!



1

Good balance of color.
The daffodils were easily the dominate plant material.
The cute bird was not needed.
1st place!



Member Name: *Patty Boynton*
Club: *Eugene Garden Club*
District: *Willamette*
Material: *Daffodils and Winter Caladium (Arum Italicum)*

I guess I'm advanced. I'm a member of the Arrangers Guild and won some prizes at the Lane County Fair. Mostly I just like pretty flowers.

2

Bulky wood balances the amount of Featured Plant Material. 2nd place.
Beautiful daffodils!



*Kirk Johnson
Coos Bay Garden Club
Rogue District.
February Gold daffodils*

3

A very nice design.
The featured plant material not obvious,
but overall a pleasing design. 3rd place.



*Gretchen McKane Member of: Capitol Arrangers Guild
Grow & Show Garden Club
Dallas Garden Club
Capitol District*

*Plant materials: Narcissus tête-à-tête, tulip bulbs, Fatsia japonica, Skimmia (male plant),
moss, lambs ears, wood.*

Beautiful. Just not sure what the featured plant material is in this design. Loved the curled leaf.



Phyllis Olson

Horticulture used:

My double amaryllis- "Fairy Tale"

My Amaryllis bulb & leaves of "Red Lion"

Market bought tulips, lilies & hyacinths.

My Rhododendron leaves

Container designed by : Phyllis O.

Made by : Jim Olson

Good job! The judges thought the design was more of a Line Design. The rocks distracted from the design. The colors were great. Keep on designing!



*Featuring Tête-à-tête Daffodil/ Narcissus/ Jonquil
Blue trailing Lobelia simulates the last dripping water and icicles of winter along with the icy glass pebbles, yet the brave Narcissus pushes upwards in unexpected corners, reaching for the sky with the promise of sunshine, joy, and beauty ahead.*

*Kirsten Jensen
Tigard Garden Club
Pioneer District*

(I am a complete novice - this is my first attempt for a floral design competition, but it was fun!)

The design was nicely put together, but it was difficult to decide what the featured plant material was. Sweet snow drops.



This is a design I made using a red Avon bottle and Redosier stems for height, the last of my Snow Bells, and the leaves of a tulip. The tulip leaves have red streaks in them

*Sharon Hamner
the Condon Garden Club
Blue Mountain District.*

Creative idea. The Featured Plant Material was disrupted by two different colors of purple.



*Linda Shamp
Portland Judges council.
Yellow tulips, purple hyacinths, petite purple iris, petite yellow daffodils.*

A very lovely design, but more of a traditional design. We liked the carrots in the container. That was creative!



Margaret Taylor

Odell Garden Club Mt Hood District

Plants: Daffodils, carrots, raffia and euonymus.

Too much dominance. Big container, big green, big purple. All the components were large. Very nice container. Nice colors on the plant material.



*Designer: Nita Wood,
Grow and Show Garden Club, Salem, OR
NGC Judge*

*Materials used: Dutch Irises, Fatsia leaves,
Twigs with Lichen gathered in Eastern Oregon;
Container is one purchased from Linda Nelson*