



The VFAA is delighted to join forces with the FAGACT to host Southeastern Splendour, AFAA 2024 Convention. Canberra, during Floriade, is a vibrant floral enthusiast's delight.

We look forward to welcoming you, renewing old friendships, making new ones and sharing our love of flowers.

Kindest regards
Josie Brennan President VFAA



We wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region.



The Floral Art Guild of the ACT is delighted and excited to co host the AFAA 2024 Convention in Canberra. For those States that have dwindling floral art members, and less who are able to volunteer, two AFAA State/Territory members have thought outside the box to ensure that this Convention could be possible.

I invite you to visit Canberra and experience the delights of Spring in the Capital. I am sure it will be a very enjoyable and informative experience for all, with much planned to ensure a variety of highlights for all attendees.



Best wishes
Ngaire Gamack
President FAGACT
President, National Management Committee, AFAA



TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Competition Staging Classes 1 - 8
State/Honorary Exhibit Staging

7.00pm - 9.00pm

AFAA General Meeting

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

8.00am - 12.00 Noon

Competition Staging Classes 1 - 8

10.00am - 11.30am

Competition Staging Classes 9 & 10

12.00 Noon - 1.00pm Judges

Lunch and Briefing

1.00pm - 5.00pm

Competition Judging

6.45pm for 7.00pm

Presentation of Special Awards

Feature Demonstration with Myhanh Rutledge (\$70)

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

9.30am - 11.30am

Workshop 1 with Myhanh Rutledge (\$70/\$30)

12.30pm - 5.00pm

Tulip Tops Excursion including afternoon tea (\$55)

6.30pm -

Convention Dinner & Presentation of Class Awards
(\$65)

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

9.30am to 11.30am

Workshop 2 with Myhanh Rutledge (\$70/\$30)

12.30pm - 5.00pm

Galloping Canberra Gourmet Excursion (\$45)

12 noon - 6.00pm

Competition Take Down

CLASS 1 - SPLENDIFEROUS (CHAMPIONSHIP)



Staged on supplied black floor disc 100cm diameter.
Height unlimited. Fresh materials to predominate.
To be viewed and judged all around.
Pre constructed work no more than 40% of design.

1st Prize \$300 2nd Prize \$150 3rd Prize \$100

CLASS 2 - CONTRASTING STATES

Contemporary Foliage Design
Bench space 75cm; Refer to AFAA 2024 Manual for
definition

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$75 3rd Prize \$50

CLASS 3 - MONOCHROMIA

A Monochromatic Design
Bench space 75cm; Refer to AFAA 2024 Manual for
definition; May be fresh and/or dried horticultural
material; Percentage of dried material at designer
discretion; may be brought in ready for staging

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$75 3rd Prize \$50

CLASS 4 - TWICE AS NICE

A Split Level Design
Bench space 75cm; Refer to AFAA 2024 Manual for
definition

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize: \$75 3rd Prize \$50

CLASS 5 - CROSSING BORDERS

An Abstract Design
Bench space 75cm; Refer to AFAA 2024 Manual for
definition

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$75 3rd Prize \$50

CLASS 6 - BRINDABELLA SUNSET

ACT Members only
Bench space 75cm

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$75 3rd Prize \$50



CLASS 7 - SMALL SCALE SPLENDOUR

A Petite Design
Refer to AFAA 2024 Manual for definition May be
brought in ready for staging

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$75 3rd Prize \$50

CLASS 8 - NATURE'S SPLENDIFEROUS JEWELS

A Necklace Design
May be brought in ready for staging
Staging supplied - black jewellery bust 25cm x 15cm

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$75 3rd Prize \$50

CLASS 9 (IMPOSE) - TULIP FUN

80% of supplied material to be used
Bench space 75cm; Cost \$60

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$75 3rd Prize \$50

CLASS 10 (IMPOSE FOR 2 PEOPLE) - "WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS..."

80% of supplied material to be used; Cost \$75
Judged all around

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$75 3rd Prize \$50



1. Only one entry per person in each class. Entries may be restricted in number according to venue space. Late entries may be considered at discretion of Show Committee.
2. Exhibits must be the individual competitor's own work. Plagiarised designs will be down-pointed in judging process.
3. Entries close 23 August 2024. All entries are to be made on official Registration Form by email or post by this date.
4. All bench tables covered with black cloth. All entries to be judged from front and sides, unless stated otherwise in the Schedule.
5. Fresh horticultural material MUST predominate over all other components of exhibit unless otherwise stated in the Schedule. Use of artificial material is prohibited in any exhibit.
6. Fresh horticultural material MUST remain turgid for duration of Show.
7. Exhibits may not be changed after Judging. The Judge's decision is final. Chief Adjudicator for the Convention is Eileen Wenn OAM.
8. Competitors unable to fulfil their ENTRY commitments must notify the Show Secretary, Raymond Bradley, prior to the event.
9. Painted, artificially coloured horticultural material may be used with discretion. No aerosol painting allowed inside venue.
10. Do not converse with other competitors during staging. Keep your own equipment within your allotted areas. Clean up and leave area once staging is finished.
11. No photographs or electronic transmission allowed until after Awards announced. Images remain the property of AFAA.
12. Staging times include cleaning up your area. It is each exhibitor's responsibility to cause no water damage or any other damage to venue.
13. No assistance may be given to the exhibitor in preparation or construction of exhibit except at the discretion of Stewards, e.g. to assist with heavy object.
14. Judging will take place by accredited AFAA Judges in accordance with AFAA 2024 Manual.
15. Dismantling from 12 noon, Friday 27 September, 2024. Any items not removed by 6.00pm Friday 27 September 2024, will be disposed of by the organisers.
16. Enquiries regarding the Competition Schedule should be directed to Noreen Donovan - jnd53@optusnet.com.au



VIRTUAL CLASS CLASS 1 1 - NATURE AS ART

Mixed media wallhanging; Refer to AFAA 2024 Manual for definition

Dimensions 75cm height 50cm width

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$75 3rd Prize \$50

Prizes sponsored by Box Hill Floral Art Group

Specific Conditions of Entry

- Open to all Australian residents **NOT** attending the 2024 AFAA Convention. Registration fee for the Convention is not required.
- Only one entry per person.
- Exhibits must be the individual competitor's own work. Plagiarised designs will be down-pointed in judging process.
- Fresh and/or dried horticultural material **MUST** predominate over all other components of exhibit.
- Use of artificial plant material is prohibited.
- Painted, artificially coloured horticultural material may be used with discretion.
- Image Requirements: *Format:* jpg, png, *Resolution:* minimum for clarity 300dpi, *Angles:* front only; *Background:* Plain background (white or black).
- Construction notes and horticultural material list must accompany the image submission.
- Images submitted become the property of AFAA and will be screened during the Convention, placed on the AFAA website and associated social media.
- No electronic transmission of submitted images permitted until after Awards announced.
- Judging will take place by an international panel of judges in accordance with AFAA 2024 Manual.
- Entry submission closes Friday 23 August 2024. Details of entry submission will be provided when registration opens 3 June 2024.

We gratefully acknowledge the following sponsors for their generosity in supporting Southeastern Splendour AFAA 2024 Convention



**The Horticultural Society
of Canberra**

Best In Show - AFAA

Runner Up to Best in Show - FAGACT

Best Use of Foliage - VFAA

Best Use of Colour - FASQ

Best Impose - FloralArtOnline.Com

Best Interpretation - NSWFAA

Most Creative Design - Madhu Shah

Rosettes and Ribbons -

The Brennan Family



Myhanh Rutledge has been involved in the floristry industry for over 15 years. It all started when she left her office job in 2008 and enrolled at Melbourne Polytechnic to study floristry. The journey led her to start a small floristry business from her home garage which then quickly moved to a small suburban florist shop called Floral Accent in Essendon, Melbourne. During this time Myhanh also competed in various Interflora Competitions where she was awarded Victorian Florist of the Year in 2016 and 2018. In 2018, she received 3rd place in the Interflora Australia Cup held at MIFGS.

After selling the business, Myhanh worked for Interflora Australia as the Area Manager for Victoria for a short period. Now in a full circle, Myhanh has returned to Melbourne Polytechnic where she teaches floristry full-time.

Alongside her colleagues, Myhanh is passionate about embedding sustainable floristry principles in vocational education and is on the advisory team for the Sustainable Floristry Network.

Over the years, Myhanh has also demonstrated for various floral art groups and is very excited and honoured to have been invited to demonstrate and facilitate the workshops for the 2024 Southeastern Splendour Convention.



We have organised some exciting excursions during the Convention.

Tulip Tops - Thursday 26 September

12.30pm - 5.00pm

\$55 per person

Relax in comfort as our tour bus transports you to the hidden magic of Tulip Tops on the outskirts of Canberra. A family owned garden of pure tulip delights, you will be free to browse and enjoy the display at your own pace. A light afternoon tea is included.

Galloping Canberra Gourmet

Friday 27 September 12.30pm - 5.00pm

\$45 per person

Savour the delights of local Canberra producers on our specially curated tour that includes a charcuterie, chocolate factory and wineries. All purchases, including lunch, are at your own expense.

Free Guided Tours of the Australian National Botanic Gardens

Explore our National Botanic Gardens with an expert guide in two different free sessions. *Transport to and from the Gardens is not provided by the Convention. Public transport is available, car parking fees apply.*



Flower Suppliers

Flower HQ

9 Tantalum Street, Beard ACT

Alyssa 0407 887 792; Mikey 0419 926 536

Jonima Flowers

10 Carlisle Street, Yanderra NSW

John 0401 055 125

Accommodation

Mercure Canberra

Corner Of Ainslie and Limestone Ave, Braddon ACT

(02) 6243 0000

Pavilion on Northbourne

242 Northbourne Ave, Dickson ACT

(02) 6247 6888

ibis Style Canberra Tall Trees

21 Stephen St, Ainslie ACT

(02) 6247 9200

Transport

Regular domestic flights are direct to Canberra from all capital cities. The venue is 8.5kms from the airport. There are taxi and Uber ranks just outside the baggage claim area.

For those travelling from Sydney, Canberra is an easy three-hour drive via the motorways.

Murray's Buses also has a regular bus service from Sydney Airport to Canberra.

Canberra has both light rail and bus services that are convenient to the venue.



General Information

REGISTRATION

All participants are required to register (\$80/\$40). We have tried to keep this cost as low as possible to cover the venue hire and refreshments and other costs involved in staging a large event. All registrants will receive a bag containing convention details, tickets and badges, as well as tourist information, maps, and freebies.

OFFICIAL OPENING & AWARD CEREMONY

The official Opening and Award Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 6.45pm for 7.00pm. This will be followed by Myhanh Rutledge's Demonstration. Attendees will have an exclusive viewing of the exhibits at this time. Cost: \$70.

CONVENTION DINNER

A Convention Dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 26 September 2024 at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. A 2-course table service dinner plus an after dinner buffet (selection of desserts, cheese and fruit), will be served and a cash bar will be available for drinks. Cost: \$65.00. Please indicate on ticket allocation form if you have any special dietary needs.

LUNCHES AND OTHER MEALS

Ainslie Football Club has a range of meal choices available – from the café to the bistro and pizzeria. There are no eating areas within a short enough walking distance from the venue for obtaining other food during the lunch breaks. It is the policy of the Ainslie Football Club that no outside food and drink be brought into the venue.

STATE EXHIBITS

State exhibits will be staged in the foyer space outside the Convention rooms. Exhibits may be constructed pre-convention on Tuesday 24 September from 4pm -7pm.

TRADING TABLE

We will have floral art items for sale for those who would like to stock up.



REGISTRATION

Registration opens 3 June 2024.

Registration forms will be sent to AFAA member contacts on Thursday 30 May 2024. Registration will be available online through the AFAA website and the Floral Art Guild of ACT website from Monday 3 June 2024.

A payment plan (4 part payments) will be offered for the Convention as part of early registration online. The payment plan for early registration closes 26 July 2024.

Registration closes 23 August 2024.

Ticket Allocation/Competition Registration
(after 3 June 2024)

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Competition Schedule Enquiries -

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