



Floral Designers Society (Singapore)

# COMPETITION KIT

## 13<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL FDSS CUP Floral Designing Competition

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# INTRODUCTION

The Floral Designers Society (Singapore), a non-profit organization, founded in 1997, is proud and honoured to stage the 13<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL FDSS CUP – Floral Designing Competition in conjunction with the Singapore Garden Festival 2024.

The “LIVE” competition returns with a fresh new look and revamped format; and will take place on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Suntec Singapore, Level 4. Competition design pieces will be on display till 10pm daily from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

This year, the theme is “Designing & Sustainability in Floristry”. Floral Designers Society (Singapore), has incorporated the 3Rs of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle into the design tasks of the competition. This is in alignment with Singapore and global efforts to promote environmental sustainability. It is vital to be conscious, recognize and embrace the role that FDSS can play in conserving and protecting the environment and its resources. FDSS also aims to create such an important awareness on this platform for the competitors and the floral community at large.

Floral Designers Society (Singapore) is privileged and grateful for the invaluable and unstinting support from National Parks Board who has been our joint collaborator and supporting partner for this event for many years. Floral Designers Society (Singapore) is totally committed to continue to uphold the highest level of floristry standards without compromise and promote floral design as a recognized profession through this prestigious floral designing competition.

This competition is open to all local and international floral art designers who have to fulfil a set of entry requirements to apply for the competition. With a revamped format, competitors will compete in an open category. All competitors will have the esteemed privilege of having their works evaluated by a panel of international floral designers. The top three winners will win attractive cash prizes, receive trophies and recognition certificates. There will also be three merit award winners who will receive trophies and recognition certificates. In addition, winners who are Singapore residents will receive a complimentary one-year membership subscription to Floral Designers Society (Singapore).

# COMPETITION SCHEDULE

## ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024

Competition venue: Singapore Garden Festival 2024  
Suntec Singapore, Level 4

From 9:00am	Arrival at competition site
9:50am	Competition briefing
10:00am – 11:30am	Task 1 – Free Standing Floral Display (1 hour 30 minutes)
11:45am – 1:00pm	Task 2 – Hand Bouquet (1 hour 15 minutes)
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Task 3 – Surprise Package (1 hour 30 minutes)
7:00pm	Announcement of Winners and Prize Presentation Ceremony

All timings are correct at the time of release. Competitors will be duly notified if there are any changes in the timings due to unforeseen circumstances

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

1st Prize	S\$1,000 Cash and Trophy Certificate of Recognition
2nd Prize	S\$800 Cash and Trophy Certificate of Recognition
3rd Prize	S\$600 Cash and Trophy Certificate of Recognition
Merit Awards	Trophy and Certificate of Recognition (3 winners)

Winners who are Singapore residents will get a complimentary one-year membership subscription to FDSS.

# PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be at least 20 years of age as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.
2. Applicant must fulfil at least one of the following criteria:
  - (i) Minimum 3 years of floral designing experience in the floral industry;
  - (ii) Hold recognised floral qualifications such as Diploma or Professional certification in floristry.
  - (iii) Have experience in competing in various national and/or international floral competitions.
3. Applicant must submit their application via **Entry Form** together with the following
  - (i) Sketch of design described in Task 1 (refer to page 6).
  - (ii) Three photos of their individual floral works to show their floral designing ability.
  - (iii) A photograph of the applicant for use in publicity materials (at least 1MB)
4. Interested floral designers are welcome to submit their application by 23:59, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (Singapore Time).
5. Shortlisted applicants will be notified by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
6. A non-refundable participation fee of SGD100.00 is required from successful applicants as a confirmation of their participation; within 7 days of the notification.

# COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

1. Competitors are required to create three tasks:
  - Task 1 – Free Standing Floral Display (1 hour 30 minutes)
  - Task 2 – Hand Bouquet (1 hour 15 minutes)
  - Task 3 – Surprise Package (1 hour 30 minutes)
2. Fresh plant material can be conditioned but not cut, wired or in any way prepared to the required length, before the commencement of the competition.
3. No insertion of fresh plant material is allowed before the commencement of the competition.
4. Staples, nails, screws, tape and mounting fixtures are NOT permitted on the backdrop, flooring, pedestals and fixtures provided.

## TASK 1 - FREE STANDING DISPLAY

### THEME: "ENCHANTING NATURE IN THE TROPICS"

- (i) The theme is open to each competitor's creative interpretation. In support of sustainability, the design **must incorporate** a material that is 'Reduce, Reuse or Recycle'.
- (ii) Design must be staged on a platform measuring Length 150cm x Width 150cm x Height 15cm. Colour of platform: Matt White.
- (iii) Maximum size of design (excluding the platform): Length 150cm x Width 150cm x Height 200cm.
- (iv) Competitor must bring their design components and flowers to complete Task 1.
- (v) All fresh material must be designed with water retaining sources such as test tubes, vials or floral foam.
- (vi) A title and brief description in English, in A4 size, must be displayed beside the design. Indicate what material is "Reduce, Reuse and/or Recycle". Do **NOT** display your name, school's, or company's name and logo on the design and description.

## TASK 2 – HAND TIED BOUQUET

### THEME: “FROM TRASH TO CASH”

- (i) Competitor must bring **ONE** pre-done structure. Structure must incorporate a material that is “Reuse and/or Recycle”.
- (ii) Floral material will be provided on-site.
- (iii) Design must be placed in a vase and displayed on a pedestal. Vase and pedestal are provided. Size of pedestal: Diameter 40cm x Height 100cm.
- (iv) A title and brief description in English, in A4 size must be displayed beside the design. Indicate what material is “Reuse and/or Recycle”. Do **NOT** display your name, school’s, or company’s name and logo on the design and description.

## TASK 3 – SURPRISE PACKAGE

- (i) Create a design with a selection of materials only made known on-site. The theme will be announced as the competition begins.
- (ii) All fresh materials provided **MUST** be designed with a water source.

# JUDGING CRITERIA

Designs shall be judged based on the following criterias:

1. Distinction ..... 25 points
  - Interpretation of the theme
  - Compliance to the application of 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'
  - Originality, creativity, style, flair, impact
  - Flower selection
  
2. Design .....25 points
  - Proportion, scale
  - Visual & physical balance
  - Emphasis / Focal area
  - Material harmony, usage of flowers
  - Rhythm & lines
  
3. Colour Aesthetics .....25 points
  - Colour rhythm, harmony
  - Visual appearance
  - Proportion & balance
  
4. Professional Skills .....25 points
  - Techniques
  - Stability of design
  - Wiring & taping competency (if any)
  - Mechanics & finish

# TOOLS/SUNDRIES

Competitors must bring their own work tools. List of permitted items are as follows:

- Floral knife
- Secateurs
- Florist scissors
- Utility scissors
- Flat-nose pliers
- Wire cutters
- Thorn/foilage stripper
- Pen knife
- Stapler/staples
- Greening pins
- Wires (florist wires including for mechanical or non-decorative purposes)
- Battery operated drill
- Wood picks/bamboo skewers
- Floral stem tape
- Pot tape
- Cable ties
- Adhesive tapes (cellulose, double-sided, etc.)
- Measuring tape

**Note: No electrical power points will be provided.**



# RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The registration by a competitor is not transferable.

2. There is no refund or withdrawal once payment is made.

3. In the event that a competitor fails to show up, he/she is required to pay the competition organizer a no-show penalty of SGD\$500.00.

4. All expenses of non-Singapore residents (e.g. accommodation, travel, etc.) relating to the participation in the competition are to be borne by the competitor.

5. Competitors must bring their own work tools. No borrowing, sharing or bartering of tools and materials is allowed.

6. The usage of mobile phones, camera or other recording devices is not allowed during the competition.

7. Competitors can secure one assistant only to transport props and materials into the competition site prior to the commencement of the competition.

8. Only competitors and competition officials are allowed in the competition site during the preparation time.

9. Competitors are not allowed to re-enter the competition site once he/she leaves the site during the competition hours, without the approval of a competition official.

10. Fresh plant material has to predominate at least 70% of the design. Artificial flowers, silk flowers and comparable products may not be used. Competitors are prohibited from incorporating live or preserved animals in any form into their entries. However, you may utilize animal-derived materials such as fur, bones, horns, and feathers, as well as products like wool.

11. The application of aerosol-based substances (including adhesive sprays, paints, and products for enhancing leaf gloss) that can leave marks on surfaces is strictly forbidden.

12. No electrical powerpoint will be provided nor can they be requested on-site.

13. Competitors are not allowed to display their names, school's or company's name and logo on the design and title/brief description tag.

14. Each competitor is required to clean up his/her own area at the end of the competition.

15. It is the competitor's duty to ensure that flowers/plant material remain fresh until 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Wilting flowers/plant material should be removed and replaced with similar flowers/plant material but no change to the design is allowed.

16. The competition organizer reserves the right to remove and replace any wilting materials.

17. Penalty points will be imposed on competitors who repeatedly refuse to cooperate with the competition officials and for any disorderly behaviour in the competition site.

18. The entire risk and responsibility with regards to the competitor's designs and property, including liability for accidents due from handling; and all consequential and other injury or loss arising – shall be borne by the competitor.

19. Judges' decision is final. No correspondence will be entertained.

20. The decision of FDSS and the Competition Chairperson is final to any matter during the competition. No correspondence will be entertained.

21. FDSS reserves the right to disqualify the competitor in the event of non-fulfilment or non-compliance. Participation fee paid shall be deemed forfeited.

22. FDSS reserves the right to use the competition designs in any form of medium, print or storage, for whatever purpose, during and after the event.

23. Overseas competitors who are unable to remain in Singapore for the duration of the festival can seek assistance from the competition organizer for the maintenance and disposal of the design.

24. Competitors are required to remove their designs from the competition site on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 from 10.15pm to 11.00pm. Should a competitor fail to remove his/her designs by the stipulated date and time, FDSS reserves the right to remove them.

# ENQUIRIES/REGISTRATION

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