

50th
Annual

Sylvia Cup Design Competition



The Longest-Running, Live, National Floral Industry Design Competition

Space is
limited to 25
contestants!

WHEN

**Saturday
Sept. 15, 2018**

During SAF Palm Springs
2018

WHERE

**Westin Mission Hills
Rancho Mirage,
California**

GRAND PRIZE WINNER RECEIVES

- \$3,000
- The Sylvia Cup — an engraved silver trophy
- Recognition during the Stars of the Industry Awards Dinner at SAF Palm Springs 2018
- Complimentary registration to SAF's next convention

RUNNERS-UP RECEIVE

- 1st Runner-Up: \$500
- 2nd Runner-Up: \$250
- Award Plaque
- Recognition during the Stars of the Industry Awards Dinner at SAF Palm Springs 2018

SIGN UP TO COMPETE

Return entry form with
payment by August 8, 2018

MORE INFORMATION

safnow.org/sylvia-cup
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703-838-5216



Winner - 2018
It could be you!
Surprise Contest Theme:
Find out on-site!



Winner - 2016
Derek Woodruff, AIFD,
PFCI, CF
Floral Underground
Traverse City, Michigan
Surprise Contest Theme:
Elvis Aloha from Hawaii



Winner - 2015
Loann Burke, AAF, AIFD,
PFCI
Furst Florist and Green-
houses, Dayton, Ohio
Surprise Contest Theme:
Cirque du Fleur



Winner - 2014
Jacob McCall, AAF, AIFD,
FSMD
The Elite Flower
Miami, Florida
Surprise Contest Theme:
Studio 54 Revisited

Sponsors



CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM

Return Entry Form to SAF with payment and headshot by Aug. 8, 2018.

MAIL: Society of American Florists, Attn: Sylvania Cup
1001 N Fairfax St #201, Alexandria, VA 22314

EMAIL: pfcisafnow.org
FAX: (703) 836-8705

CONTESTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

SAF Member # (Required) _____

My Entry Sponsored By _____

Name _____

First Name for Badge _____

Company/Shop _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Tel _____

Email _____

CONTESTANT PROFILE

I am emailing my headshot* to pfcisafnow.org.

I understand SAF will publish my headshot in Sylvania Cup promotions and on-site materials, including the Awards Presentation.

I hold these professional designations:

AAF AIFD PFCI

I won/placed in these floral design competitions (please list years)

* Acceptable headshot: minimum size should be 3" x 5" at 300 dpi jpg, labeled with your name. Thumbnail size jpgs will NOT be accepted.

ENTRY FEE

Sylvania Cup contestants must attend the Awards Dinner, where the winner is announced.

I am not registered for the SAF Convention.

I am paying \$310 for my Sylvania Cup Entry and Awards Dinner ticket.

I am registered for the SAF Convention.

I am paying \$125 for my Sylvania Cup Entry; my SAF Convention registration already covers my Awards Dinner ticket.

ENTRY PAYMENT

Check enclosed payable to SAF

Call for my Credit Card Information

REFUND POLICY

Sylvania Cup cancellation must be received in writing by Aug. 24.

There will be no refunds after Aug. 24.

PHOTO USE PERMISSION

SAF is authorized to photograph floral designs and designers and reprint the photographs at its discretion. The entrant assumes the responsibility and liability for losses, damages and claims arising out of injury or damage to entrant's displays, product, equipment and other property brought upon the premises of the hotel and shall indemnify and hold harmless hotel agents and employees and SAF and its agents and employees from any and all such losses, damages and claims.

CONTESTANT SCHEDULE

Upon Arrival to Hotel

Celebrity Ballroom Foyer

Stop by the SAF Registration Desk to pick up your name badge and Awards Dinner Ticket, and purchase Awards Dinner tickets for family and friends.

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018

7:30 – 9 a.m.

Pre-Competition Meeting

Celebrity A-B

CONTESTANTS ONLY — Contestants meet, ask questions, review rules, find out the competition's theme and design categories, and review product assortment.

9 – 11 a.m.

Competition

Celebrity E

Family and friends join the public, convention-goers and media in watching. PFCI provides commentary to the audience during the final hour.

11 a.m. – Noon

Clean Up

CONTESTANTS ONLY — Contestants clean their work area and get picture taken by SAF photographers.

Noon – 5 p.m.

Afternoon On Your Own

Relax and enjoy your afternoon. Contestants registered for the SAF Convention may attend educational sessions.

6 – 10 p.m.

Stars of the Industry Awards Reception and Dinner

Ambassador Ballroom

TICKET REQUIRED — Enjoy an evening of fine food and joyful applause as we honor some of the most accomplished and dedicated people in the floral industry, including the Sylvia Cup winners. All Sylvia Cup entries will be displayed during the Awards Reception.

10 p.m. – Midnight After Party!

Celebrity D

Continue the celebration with music and dancing — a perfect finale to the Sylvia Cup and the SAF convention.

RULES

- Only SAF members or contestants sponsored by SAF members may compete.
- The competition is limited to the first 25 SAF members or affiliates of SAF members who return the entry form with payment to SAF by Aug. 8, 2018.
- Contestants who enter after the Aug. 8, 2018 deadline might not be listed on the on-site convention materials.
- The Sylvia Cup entry fee will be refunded if cancellation is received in writing by SAF on or before Aug. 24, 2018. There will be no refunds after Aug. 24, 2018.
- Contestants must attend the Awards Dinner, where the Grand Prize Winner, First Runner-Up and Second Runner-Up are announced and awarded.
- Contestants will receive the same assortment of flowers, foliage, containers and props.
- Size requirements for design(s) will be announced on-site. Design(s) that do not meet the size requirement will be disqualified.
- Contestants must clean up their work area and exit competition site before judging begins.
- The highest combined score of design portion(s) determines the winner. See "Sample Evaluation Form."
- Contestants may not speak during the competition. The PFCI Board of Trustees will answer spectator questions.
- Competition instruction is given in English.

No tools are necessary

Permitted Comfort Items

- Jacket (competition area may be chilly)
- Snack, Water, Soda
- Towels

SAMPLE EVALUATION FORM

10 Points = Superior 5 Points = Average 1 Point = Poor	Possible Points	Awarded Points
DESIGN ELEMENTS		
Line/Form – Definable path for the eye to follow. Has a “3-D” shape	10	
Color – Definable color harmony present	10	
Space – Area utilized in and around ingredients (including negative space)	10	
DESIGN PRINCIPLES		
Balance – Does not fall under its own weight and gives a sense of optical equilibrium Focal Area	10	
Proportion – Size relationships of the design ingredients to each other	10	
Unity – Chosen materials “work” together in size, shape, texture	10	
MECHANICS/EXECUTION		
Mechanics/Execution – Design is neat, clean and finished. No foam showing, sturdy and able to be picked up without falling apart?	20	
CREATIVE APPLICATION		
Originality within the Category Interpretation – Have they taken the category and made it something “above”?	10	
EXCEPTIONAL MERIT		
Bonus Points – Reward an outstanding quality with additional points. Please use the exceptional merit for anything you liked above and beyond. Maybe a leaf treatment, maybe a container alteration. It can be 1 pt. – it can be 9 points. These extra points help break ties that may occur from even scoring on the above categories.	10	
SCORE	100	

ENCOURAGEMENT & SUGGESTIONS FROM JUDGE: