Frictionless E-Commerce: Secrets of High-Performing Websites

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Disclaimers / My Background

- Attempting to make region agnostic
- Not intended to call out any solutions vendors or florists
- Small sample size to form some consumer assumptions
- Too much to cover
 - I'm mid-funnel down specialist BUT this talk biases to top of funnel
 - Quick note on economics of paid traffic (CAC, CLTV, Cohort Retention)
- I won't win any presentation awards

So what is the relation between cannabis and flowers . . .

Similarities

- Perishability
- Price::Quality
- Knowledge barriers/asymmetry
- Aroma matters
- Margin sensitivity
- Post-COVID hangover

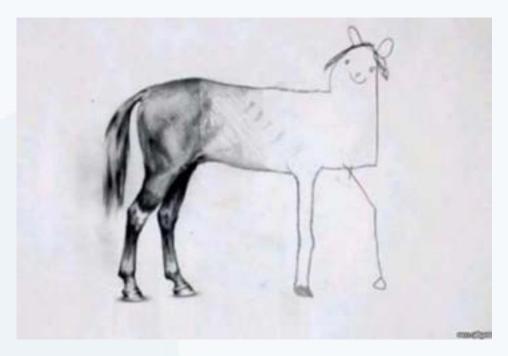
Differences

- Cyclicality
- Interstate commerce
- Payments
- Stigma/perception
- Industry age
- Tech maturity / investment profile



Topics

- Top of Funnel SEO
- Top of Funnel On-Site
- Mid Funnel: Category Pages and Product Cards
- Bottom of Funnel: PDP and Checkout
- General Thoughts / Closing

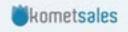


Top of Funnel: Traffic Sources



Top of Funnel: SEO, Organic and Paid

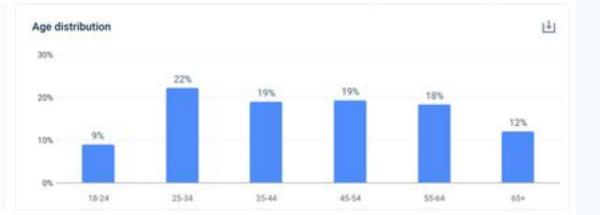
- "Organic Traffic" used for referring to the visitors that land on your website as a result of unpaid ("organic") search result
- "Direct Traffic" used for referring to visitors that land on your website from directly navigating to the URL or using your native app
- "Paid Traffic" used for referring to traffic that is generated through paid means only.
 - Paid website traffic from search engines is directed to a website when a user clicks on an ad placed on a search engine results page for a particular search query.
 - NOTE! many types of paid outside of search engines (and Google)



Who is shopping currently

Gender distribution

Male
33%
Female
67%

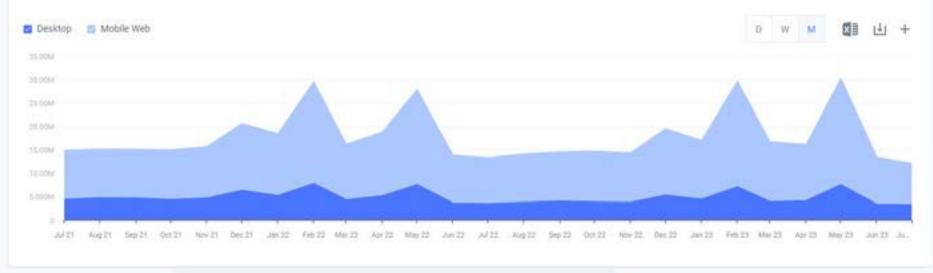




For organic from social, this is current picture. But this doesn't match flower buyer age cohorts ...



Floral ecommerce traffic industry-wide has remained relatively flat post-2020 . . .





1800Flowers tops traffic in the B2C floral ecommerce space, but smaller companies are carving out their own niches and grabbing market share from the top.



Common pattern of cross shopping across the online floral space, with prospects comparing products across multiple sites (that's good for you)

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The floral ecommerce industry relies heavily on organic and paid search as their primary customer acquisition channels



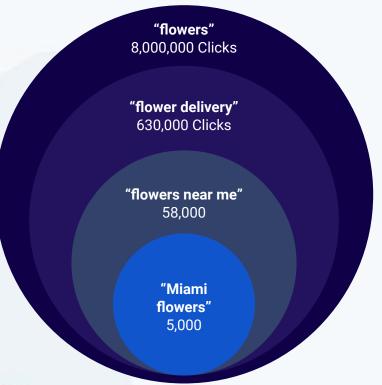
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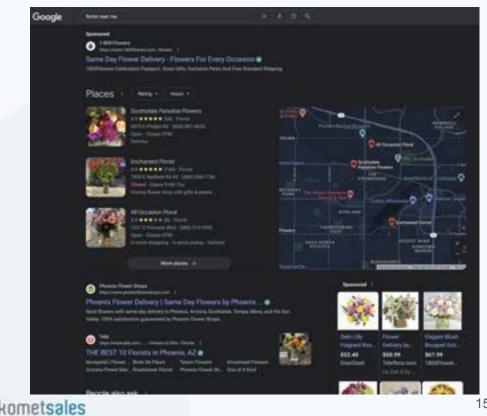
General to Geo Search Traffic

- Search traffic across the floral industry is massive and highly competitive
- Local and geo-specific searches have a relatively high volume of searches and remain
- Impacts website strategy when organic traffic is coming via "geo specific" search



Google 1-Box Changed SEO

- Maps results from Google for "Near me" searches
- Sponsored includes both products and sites
- Impact on organic traffic (. . . it's lower)
- **Solutions**
 - Invest in google listing page management 0
 - Encourage google reviews 0
 - Enhance crawlability 0



1800 SEO Strategy



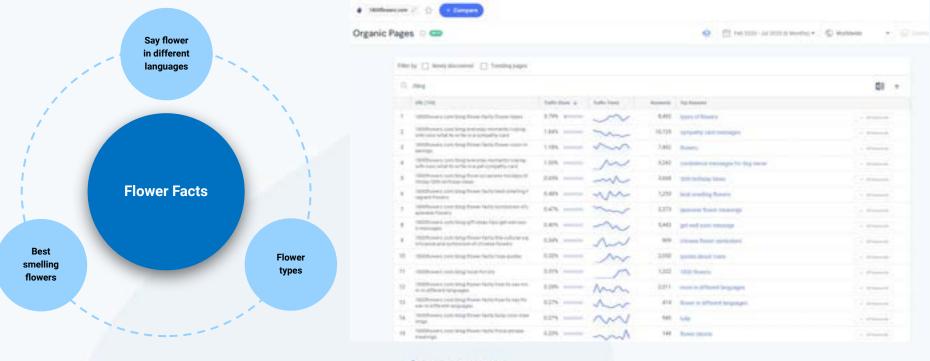
SEO is not limited to just blog content, product SEO pages account for the 56% of 1800Flowers' Organic non-brand traffic



For 1800Flowers, their blog is an essential part of their content SEO strategy, driving a substantial amount of organic search traffic

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1800Flowers uses pillar pages and topic clusters to improve topical authority and maximize organic reach across their blog content



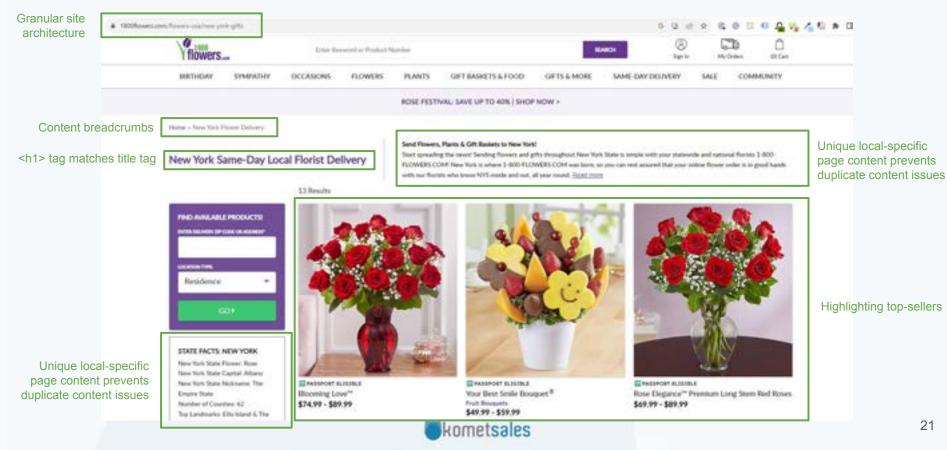
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Google heavily favors local listings in broad floral searches - optimizing for long tail geo-specific intent is crucial

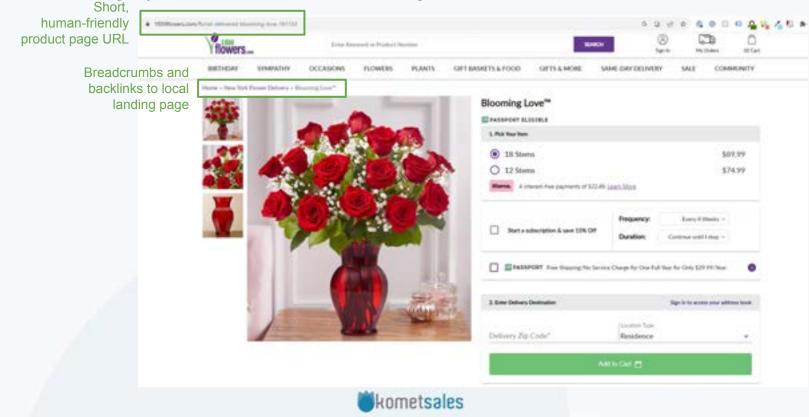
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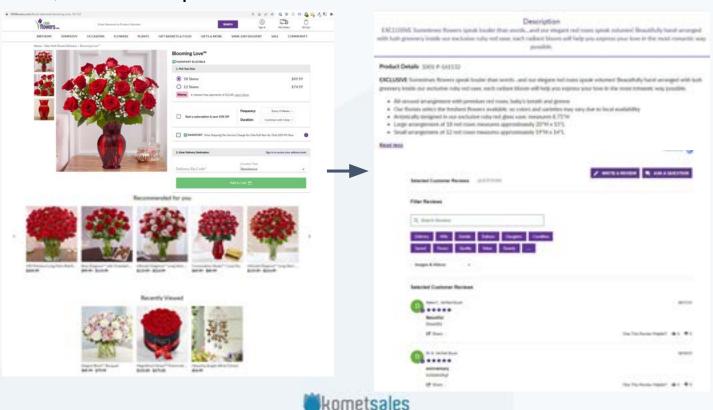
Cat. pages segmented by intent / customized to rank Long Tail SEO keywords



Individual product pages use short SEO-friendly URLs along with a strong internal linking system to rank well for long-tail local terms



Optimized product listing pages have detailed and unique descriptions, strong internal links, and social proof



Exercise: Does My Website Seem SEO/Local Optimized

- How is your sites crawlability/indexability (SEMRUSH, etc.)
- Are you branching pages by geo
- Do you have product reviews or other hooks for relevance/activity
- Do you have logical breadcrumb trails (backlinks, etc.) or do pages look like they exist in a vacuum?
- Are your product pages including relevant product information



Top of Funnel: Landing Page

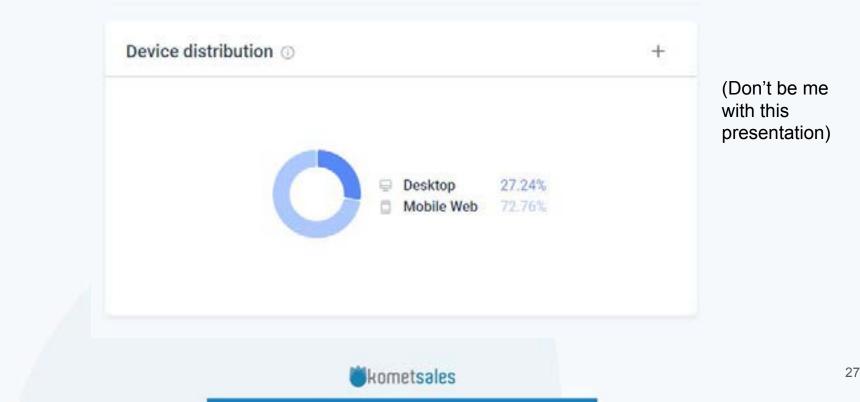


Landing Page Strategy

- Know your target
- Service their intent
- Engage to reduce bounce



On the web, floral ecommerce is primarily mobile first. Stop using your desktop to see if your site works.



Don't confuse "why" with "what"

Get a bouquet of flowers with a card delivered to my friend for their birthday What **Upsell/Option** Means Recipient ≠ Buyer Why kometsales

The Hierarchy of "What" aka Attribute Taxonomy

Cannabis

- Price
- Form
- Cannabinoids (Potency)
- Brand
- Effect
- Strain
- Aroma

Floral (Guess-timated)

- Price / Discount
- Availability/Timeliness
- Size (arrangement)
- Ancillary (Hardgoods) / Form Factor (Casket Topper)
- Color
- Flower type
- Longevity / Freshness
- ?? Scent ??
- Event Type

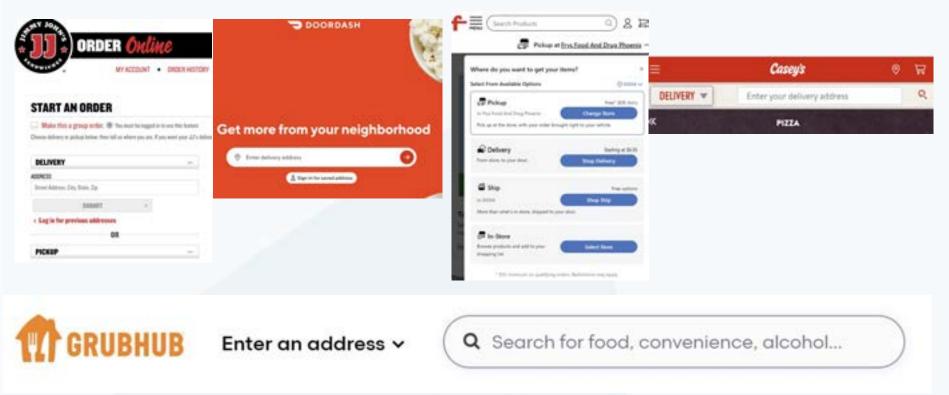


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Means: Floral Top of Site Funnel

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Exercise: Top to Mid Funnel Role Playing

- Think of a shopping persona and shopping example
- Ex: "I'm sitting down in the evening and just realized I need to buy flowers for my co-worker's goodbye party tomorrow. I want to get a vase of flowers with a Goodbye/congrats card delivered to the office tomorrow. I like them, but not that much, so I want to get them a vase of flowers that costs less than \$75 and where the vase would be pretty to keep afterwards."
- How conducive is your site to the exercise? Does it work well on phone and desktop? Do you need your wallet or can you use Apple Pay/Paypal?

Mid Funnel: Category and Product Pages



Category Page Strategy

- Match hierarchy of shopping intent
- Enable search
- Think about filters and rendering results
- Product imagery and form of display (density, card vs. row)
- Capture means of fulfillment to determine display

Example: Amazon . . . Fishing Rods

- Ordered by engagement (generally)
- Biased towards Amazon preferred monetization pathways
- Individually based profile & behavior
- Amazon advertising has impacted

1-16 of over 5,000 results for "fishing rod"

Eligible for Free Shipping

 Free Shipping by Amazon Get FREE Shipping on eligible orders shipped by Amazon

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Deals & Discounts

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Fishing Type



Hand Orientation
Right-Handed

Left-Handed Ambidextrous

Business Type

Small Business

Fishing Rod & Reel Combo Material

- Carbon Fiber
 - Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene
- Alloy Steel
- Aluminum
- Carbon Steel
- Ethylene Vinyl Acetate
- Fiberglass
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Category Page Filters

- Sort by hierarchy/engagement
- Make adding/removing filters easy
- Top vs. Side Filtering

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Product Cards

- Relevant information
- Avoid click-in click-out flows
- Drive urgency
- Match the intent of how consumer got to page

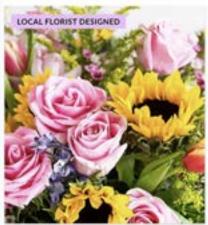


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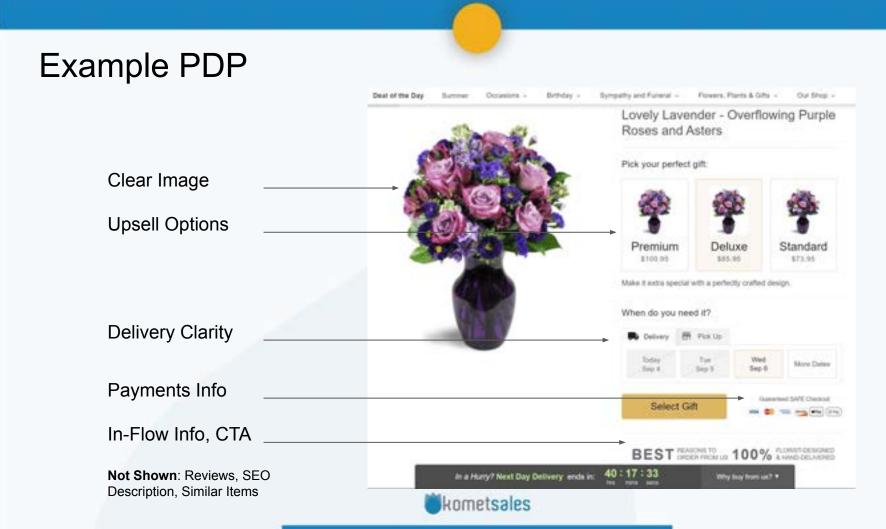
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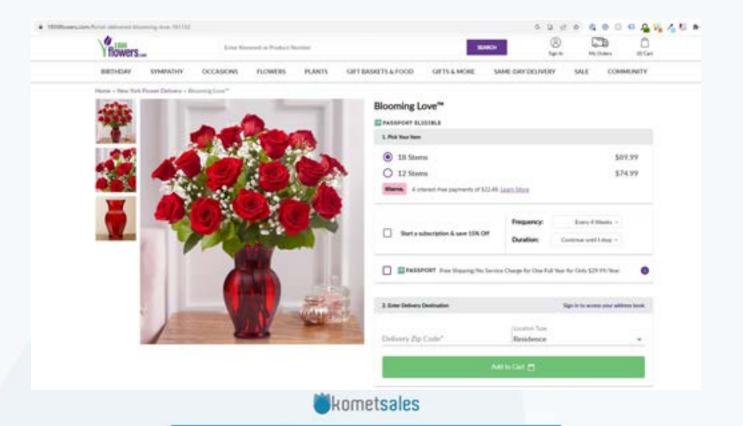




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Going back to 1800 example





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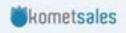
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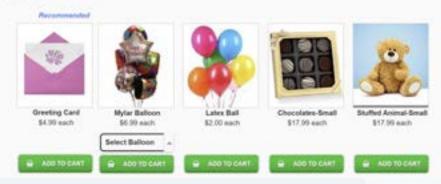
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Upsell can multi-tier

2. LET'S PERSONALIZE YOUR ORDER

Would you like to make this delivery more personal? We recommend a greeting card, and maybe something else to help you convey your sentiments.





Bottom of Funnel



Checkout

- Payments
- Location Accuracy
- Ease of entering information (autofill)
- Expectation management

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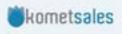
Cardinal Rule: Don't take your customer out of checkout



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You can spend more to acquire customers IF you can get them to shop again (1.x inflection point)

- Do
 - Delivery updates
 - Loyalty
 - Email list
 - CRM
 - Subscription offerings
 - Reminders
 - Social Sign-on (Google, Facebook, Apple)
 - Account creation
- Don't
 - App install
 - Eliminate guest checkout
 - Force list signup



Avoid Dead End Loops

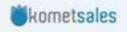
- Click-in and Click-Out flows
- Landing a customer on products before you land on intent/what
- Missing Customer Time/Delivery Needs
- Forcing customers to back click to adjust cart or add quantity
- Not offering options you would offer over the phone (e.g. deals)
- Anything that exits from checkout screen

Closing



Other Observations

- Lack of adequate "Florist Choice" intake
- Hardgood support
- Missing "smell, feel, freshness"
- Uneven subscription posture
- Upsell on checkout
- Delivery/Pickup Status
- Matching Delivery to economics minimum purchase size; upcharge for expedited; delivery radii/zones
- Florists often don't add their branding/name to package



Product/Marketing Suggestions

• Marketing

- Leverage Tik Tok and non-facebook social media
- Venture outside of Google for ads
- Analog is ok for smaller geos: Door stuffing, print ad
- Product configurator / Florist Choice Handling
- Status update / expectation management framework
- Lifecycle marketing (e.g. cart abandonment, customer reactivation)
- API's to fulfillment networks
- Interlinking of master product catalog to PDP data
- Customer reactivation

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Some homework

- Think through exercises
- Shop your site from your phone
- Change your font size and shop from your phone again
- Think about relationship between
 - SaaS fees for website embed
 - Outsourced website maintenance fees
 - Take rate on referred orders (who pays, are they referred orders)
 - Take rate on organic/self-originated orders (don't do it)
- Consider if product photography good and accurate?
- Survey some customers





Helping floral companies grow.