

SAF Miami 2024 FAQ's

Do I have to wear my name badge the entire convention?

Yes. Your name badge gives you access to the SAF convention programs and events and encourages other participants to greet you.

What happens if I lose my name badge?

Stop by the SAF registration desk for a new one.

I've never been before — what if I don't know anyone?

For starters, even if you think you don't know anyone, you actually do— everyone on the SAF staff (easy to recognize — in royal blue SAF logo shirts). Consider them your new best friends, ready to chat and introduce you to other participants throughout the event.

We host a private reception for first time participants on **Tuesday evening from 5:15-5:45 p.m.** that will make you feel right at home. Don't be shy — talk to as many people as possible at every event. You'll be surprised by how many new friends and business contacts you'll make.

What should I wear?

In addition to your name badge, of course, “resort casual” is the fashion.

- **Wear “resort casual” to all convention events:** Casual shirts, slacks, shorts, or dresses.
- **Wear “business attire” to Saturday's Stars of the Industry Awards Experience:** Collared shirts, ties and jackets, pantsuits, or dresses.

Bring a light jacket or sweater for cool air-conditioned ballrooms and meeting rooms.

Do I really have to show up for the breakfasts at the listed start times?

Breakfast opens at:

- 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday
- 7:00 a.m. on Thursday
- 6:30 a.m. on Friday (if attending the optional tour of Miami Floral operations)

You don't have to show up right at the start time, but programming will start promptly 30 minutes after breakfast begins.

What meals are included with a full convention registration?

- **Tuesday:** Light dinner at the President's Welcome Party.
- **Wednesday:** Kick-Off Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, dinner if attending the SAFPAC party.
- **Thursday:** Business Breakfast and Stars of the industry Awards Reception and Dinner.
- **Friday:** Grab and Go Breakfast and lunch (if attending the optional tour of Miami Floral operations)

Is it OK to slip into educational sessions late?

Yes. You may go in and out of sessions as needed. Please enter and exit as quietly as possible and turn off your cell phone ringer.

How should I organize my time at the convention?

With so many scheduled sessions and events, you have many choices. If you are attending with more than one person from your company, "divide and conquer" might be the best approach. Check out the "agenda" section of the app to start planning your day and building your personal schedule.

To download the SAF Convention app:

- Scan the QR code and download "Whova" from your app store.
- Sign in or create an account with the email you registered for convention with.
- Search "SAF Miami 2024" and join the event.
- *If prompted, enter the event invitation code: bpta3xl6fp*

Can I follow SAF's convention on social media?

Absolutely! Follow SAF at:

- [Facebook.com/SocietyofAmericanFlorists](https://www.facebook.com/SocietyofAmericanFlorists)
- [Instagram.com/SocietyofAmericanFlorists](https://www.instagram.com/SocietyofAmericanFlorists)

Please share your convention photos and experiences by **tagging @societyofamericanflorists and using hashtag #SAFCONV**. Post pictures in the photo section of the convention app, too!

Will SAF provide copies of the speaker handouts?

We are doing our part to reduce our environmental footprint, so, educational session handouts and slides will be available digitally in the app and after the event on the SAF website. We will not have printed handouts this year.

Can my partner, child, or family member accompany me at convention?

Absolutely! Convention programs and events require a badge for entry. Evening events are the most popular times to bring guests:

- Tuesday evening President's Welcome Reception
- Thursday Stars of the Industry Awards Experience, Dinner and After Party.
- *The Outstanding Varieties Exhibit and the Sylvia Cup Design Competition are both popular and are open to the public for free.*

Tickets for other convention events are available to purchase. [Click here](#) to see all options.

What is the SAFPAC Party?

Join your fellow industry members to support SAFPAC on Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy drinks and delicious food while watching a floral design competition filled with twists and turns. The audience will have the opportunity to influence the winners, and all money raised goes to SAFPAC. Who will emerge victorious? You need to be there to find out!

SAFPAC Party tickets are \$150, and 100 percent of your ticket cost is used to help elect floriculture-friendly members of Congress.

Click here to purchase your ticket: [2024 SAFPAC Party - safnow.org](https://safnow.org) (click donate then choose the SAFPAC party option).

What if I have a question or need help? Who can I ask?

Absolutely anyone on the SAF staff (in the blue shirts) — we are ready to resolve any issue that comes up.