Circular Arrangements

Elements of Floral Design

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Objectives:
After completing this lesson the student will be able to:

- Design circular arrangement's.
- Identify the four types of circular arrangements.
- Construct a circular mound arrangement.
- Construct a conical arrangement.
- Construct an oval arrangement.
- Construct a fan arrangement.
Mass Flower Arrangements

- Arrangements using a geometric pattern
- A beginning designer should visualize:
  - The geometric pattern of the design
  - How the completed design should look
- Patterns are the FRAMEWORK that guide a designer
- Mass designs are either triangular or circular
Forms of Circular Arrangements

- Mound
- Oval
- Fan
- Cone
Progression of Circular Design

- Introduced during the Byzantine period
- Foliage was arranged in containers to resemble cone shaped trees
- Flowers and fruit were often spiraled at the base.
- Modern designs are less formal
- Primarily used as table arrangements
Conical Design

- Low round containers are used for this design when placing it on a table
- The total height should not exceed 14 inches
Oval Arrangements

- Tend to hold the viewers attention within the circular pattern created by the arrangement
- Due to the size people tend to use them as alter arrangements or at the end of a room.
Fan Design

- One-sided arrangement
- Silhouette is a “fan” shape
- Williamsburg design era
Commonly used in:

- Banquet arrangements
- Sympathy flowers (funeral)
- Basket designs
- Church altars
Mound Design

- A Mound design is also called a nosegay arrangement
- Should be viewed from all sides
- **Does not have a focal point**
- Designs may be:
  - Compact
  - Light & airy
Mound Design

- Rhythm
- Equal space between flowers
- Round or low containers
- Flowers used:
  - Mass
  - Filler
  - Form (least common)
- Never use line flowers!
Floral Material Choices

- Use mass & filler flowers such as:
  - Carnations
  - Roses
  - Tulips
  - Mums
  - Statice
  - Baby’s breath
Constructing a Round Arrangement
Step 1: Collect Materials

- 6” design bowl
- 1/3 block of oasis floral foam
- 9 standard carnations
- Pompon (daisy) mums (optional)
- Baby’s breath
- 4-5 stems leatherleaf
Step 2: Prepare Container

- Cut 1/3 block of floral foam.
- Saturate the floral foam in warm water
- Place the block in water and allow it to absorb water at its own rate. If you push it under, it may have an air bubble in the middle
- Place securely in design bowl
Step 3: Green the Base

- Place a circle of leather leaf fern around the rim of the container.
- Allow the fern to overlap the side of the container.
- Save the remaining part of the fern stem for later use.
- Cover as much foam as possible!!
Step 4: Add Base Flowers

- Place four flowers straight into the foam, opposite each other at the rim of the container.
- These four carnations should form a square pattern.
- The base of the carnation blooms should extend just before the fern tips.
Step 5: Establishing the Height

- Place the carnation, with the straightest stem, in the center of the floral foam at a height of 1 ½ to 2 times the height of the container.
This flower will establish the uppermost boundary of the floral design.
Step 6: Green the Top

- Use the remaining fern stems to green the foam.
Step 7: Adding Remaining Flowers

- Insert remaining carnations
- Bisect angles!

Step 1: Draw Triangle

Step 2: Place flower right in middle
Step 8: Add Filler Flowers

- Filler flowers such as baby’s breath or statice are added to soften the design.
- Cut small pieces of baby’s breath and carefully place them between flowers in the arrangement.
- Allow the filler flowers to stick out slightly around the flowers and foliage.
Step 9: Evaluating the Design

- Design should be ROUND!
- NO bald spots 😊
Tips!

- Continue adding water to foam to increase arrangement life
- Place flowers carefully in the foam, holes are permanent
- Be sure all flowers and foliage are pushed securely into the foam to increase water absorption
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