

2010-2011

Guide to Resources for Flower Arrangers

This is an informal document our club has assembled from our members' experience, many noted designers' sources listed in their books, and on line information.

We cannot say it will be timeless. Some of these resources may change over the short term. But we can say that we wish to share it.

We share it in the hope that those of you who use it will help us keep it current. Our real hope is to allow all of you to enter the world of flower arranging with some helpful places to start.

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Part One: Floral Accessories, Tools, and Containers

These are useful web sites, stores and/or online stores (alphabetical) as of November, 2010. Should any reader wish to update or correct something that is out of date, please let us know.

1. **ABC Carpet and Home:** 888 Broadway, NY, NY
(212) 473-3000 (Suzy Bales, Grayson Handy and Nico de Swert recommend)
2. **Accents:** 338 Pequot Avenue, Southport, CT 06890-1345
(203) 255- 2737 (one of our members recommends)
3. **Accentdecor.com:** (800) 385-5114 (recommended by two of our members to the trade only) custserv@accentdecor.com or rstanley@accentdecor.com
4. **Afloral.com:** (888) 299-4100, www.afloral.com Bouquet Holders, oases, netted spheres, floral foam wreaths, water tubes, glass cube vases (Suzy Bales recommends, as does Grayson Handy, and one of our members)
5. **Arranging Supplies:** www.arranging-supplies.com floral foam, accessories, containers, tape, wire, tools adhesives, bases and more (recommended by three of our members) "Everything you need for flower arranging delivered to your door." Similar to country House Floral but offer discounts to garden clubs who order in bulk. Reliable.
6. **Barbara's Gardens:** www.barbarasgardens.com floral supplies (recommended by one of our members)
7. **B & J Florist Supply:** NY, NY (212) 564-6086: glass and ceramic vases, floral supplies. (This is within the Flower District of NYC; Grayson Handy recommends)
8. **Container Store:** www.containerstore.com containers, tins, ribbons, strings, gift packaging (Grayson Handy recommends)
9. **Country House Floral:** www.countryhousefloral.com floral Supplies (recommended by one of our members)
10. **W.J. Cowee:** www.wjcowee.com wired and unwired picks and plant stakes. (recommended by members)
11. **Englishcreekgardens.com:** (800) 610-8610, www.englishcreekgardens.com topiary forms, tussie mussies, Victorian vase pins (Suzy Bales recommends)
12. **Home Depot:** planters, pots, garden supplies, tools (Grayson Handy recommends)

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13. **Jamali Garden Supplies:** NY, NY (212) 244-4025 www.jamaligarden.com Glass and ceramic vases. Pots, floral supplies (This is within the Flower District of NYC and has been cited by Grayson Handy, Nico de Swert , Suzy Bales, and members of our club)
14. **Lowe's:** planters, pots (Grayson Handy recommends)
15. **Mainewreathco.com:** (877) 846-3797: www.mainewreathco.com wire wreath frames, circles and square, wire, fresh greens, floral foam (Suzy Bales recommends)
16. **Michaels, the Arts and Crafts Store:** www.michaels.com oases, wire and wreath forms, floral tape, ribbons, baskets, moss (Nico de Swert and Grayson Handy recommend)
17. **Ohio Wholesale Inc.:** 5180 Greenwich Road, Seville, Ohio 44273 (877) 745-5050 www.ohiowholesale.com (recommended by one of our members as well as Florists Review magazine)
18. **Omni Farm:** (800) 873-3325 www.omnifarm.com Fraser fir and white pine garlands, wreath hangers (Suzy Bales recommends)
19. **Pergola Home:** 7 East Shore Road, New Preston, CT (860) 868-4769 info@pergolahome.com
20. **Pickets:** 1894 Bronson Road, Fairfield, CT 06824 (203) 254-0012 (recommended by two of our members) garden ornaments, floral oddities
21. **Pier I Imports:** baskets, vases (Suzy Bales recommends)
22. **PJ Garden Exchange:** 4244 Madison Avenue, Trumbull, CT 06611 (203) 261-3688 (recommended by a member of our club)
23. **Save-on-crafts.com:** (831) 768-8428 www.saveoncrafts.com floral netting, oases, floral tape, sticky clay, vase gems, wreath hangers. (Suzy Bales recommends)
24. **Smithers-oasis:** www.smithersoasis.com wide range of floral supplies, foam , adhesive, tape (Nico de Swert recommends)
25. **Treillage:** 1015 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10021 (212) 988-8800 www.bunnywilliams.com/treillage
26. **Treillage:** 418 East 75th Street, New York, NY 10021 (212) 545-2288, www.bunnywilliams.com/treillage

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Part Two: Useful Places to Find Fresh Flowers

Please note that some are seasonal only. As for Part One, this is our information as of November, 2010. Should anyone find updates they wish to share, please let us know.

1. **Boston Flower Exchange** (to the trade) www.thebostonflowerexchange.com/info.html
540 Albany Street
Boston, MA (617) 426-6700
2. **Colonial Gardens**
1174 Bronson Road
Fairfield, CT (203) 259-2722
3. **Compo Farm Flowers**
392 Post Road East
Westport, CT (203) 226-1293
4. **East Coast Wholesale Flowers** (to the trade)
1 Muller Ave
Norwalk CT 06851 (203) 847-8218
www.eastcoastwholesaleflowers.com
5. **Elegant Effects** (Peter Stephens)
PO Box 1021
Southport, CT 06890-2021 (203) 255-6261
www.eleganteffectsfloal.com
6. **Fairfield Flowers**
1998 Post Road
Fairfield CT 06824 (203) 256-9342
7. **Green Point Nurseries Inc.** (Hawaiian tropicals)
www.greenpointnursery.com
PO Box 4400
Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (800) 717-4456
8. **M. Filanowski and Sons Nursery and Greenhouse** (May through October)
381 Wheelers Farms Road
Milford, CT (203) 874-5094

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9. **Maple Tree Farm** (Summer and Spring)
989 Wheelers Farm Road
Milford, CT (203) 874-7036

10. New York Flower Market-Sixth Avenue and 28th Street

- Dutch Flower Line, 148 West 28th Street
(212) 727-8600 info@dutchflowerline.com
- Major Wholesale Florist, 41 West 28th Street
(212) 686-0368 www.majorwholesaleflorist.com
M-F 5AM to 1PM, Saturdays 6AM to 11am
- G Page Wholesale, 120 West 28th Street
(212) 741-8928 www.gpage.com
- Bill's Flower Market, 816 Sixth Avenue
(212) 889-8154 www.billsflowermarket.com
(Monday through Friday 8-6; Saturday 9-5)
- Associated Cut Flowers, 131 West 28th Street
(212) 695-6100 www.associatedcutflower.com
- Caribbean Cuts, 120 West 28th,
(212) 924-6969 www.caribbeancuts.com
- And many others

11. **Pacific Floral Exchange, Inc.** (orchids, tropicals, shipping)
16-685 Milo Street,
Keaau, Hawaii (800) 752-7779

12. **The Flower Basket** (Charles Case)
995 Post Road East
Westport, CT (203) 222-0206

13. **Valley View Farm,**
South Salem, NY (914) 533-2526 (wholesale greenhouse recommended by one of our members)

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Part Three: Flower Arranging Magazines

By Design magazine, published by the GCA's Flower Arranging Study Group (see GCA website, Committees/Flower Arranging for subscription form or email fasgmagazine@gmail.com for more information.

International Flower Arranging Magazines: One of our members added her own personal favorites for other international magazines:

European Flower Arranging Magazines

Fusion Flowers, <http://www.fusionflowers.com/>

One of our member's favorite international magazine and a visual source for books and supplies – but check Amazon.com (for books) and local suppliers before paying international shipping.

Website for ordering other European flower arranging magazines: (in order of preference)

<http://www.newsstand.co.uk/650-Flower-Arranging-Magazines/Subscriptions.aspx>

Click: Crafts/hobbies then Flower Arranging

Fleur Creatif (2nd favorite after Fusion Flowers)
Flora International
Flower Arranger
Art Floral

This is a very reliable and easy way to purchase all of the magazines (except Fusion Flowers) at once and keep track of your subscriptions.

New Zealand Flower Arranging Magazine

On-Line Floral Magazine <http://www.floraldesignmagazine.com>

On-line floral magazine from New Zealand with lots of other products (videos, books, etc.). Though our member had mixed success with this in the past, she purchases on-line downloadable versions now and that works well. Worth a look.