

# Calling All Floral Designers

## Save The Date

### April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

RAL Art Center will be hosting the Art and Flower Exhibit April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2025. While on a smaller scale, this exhibit is similar to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Art and Flower exhibit. Floral designers select a piece of artwork within the Gallery and then interpret this art through floral design. This can be actual wall art, jewelry, pottery, or glass, essentially anything in the Gallery, ***with the exception of art that is displayed in the Stouffer Exhibit Room.*** The highlight of the exhibit will be showcased at the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday event on April 4th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Attendees to the First Friday event as well as anyone who visits the Gallery on Friday, will be able to vote for their favorite design. This is an extremely fun and rewarding event for both the artist and floral designer as well as the general public. This event is being held in conjunction with the April exhibits “Say it With Flowers” and “Crops and Gardens” which will be on display from April 1 through April 26 in the Stouffer Exhibit Room. Please consider signing up to do a floral interpretation. If interested, please contact RAL Art Center member, Cathie Elliott at [candjelliott411@yahoo.com](mailto:candjelliott411@yahoo.com) or cell 703.304.3960.

#### Important Dates and Information:

- Visit the Art Center and select your art starting Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Set-up of floral designs will take place on Thursday, April 3rd starting at 2 p.m. Floral designs must be in place no later than 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 4th.
- First Friday reception is on April 4th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Floral exhibit runs through Saturday, April 5th 4 pm. Designers must retrieve their designs by 4 p.m. unless other arrangements are made.

- VERY IMPORTANT—no more than one piece of artwork may be selected for any one artist.
- There are no rules except that you must use some plant material, either dried or fresh.
- The First Friday reception on April 4<sup>th</sup> runs from 5 pm to 7 pm. At the end of this event, a Peoples Choice Award will be given to the top three favorite designs. Anyone visiting the Gallery on Friday and through the First Friday reception will be given a ballot and the opportunity to vote for their top three favorite designs.
- THERE IS NO JUDGING.
- Pedestals are available at RAL and gallery staff will place the pedestal close to the artwork you have selected.

If you wish to sign-up or you have questions, please contact Cathie Elliott at 703.304.3960 or email her at [candjelliott411@yahoo.com](mailto:candjelliott411@yahoo.com).