JUDGES UPDATE "Into the Future" DESIGN SESSION

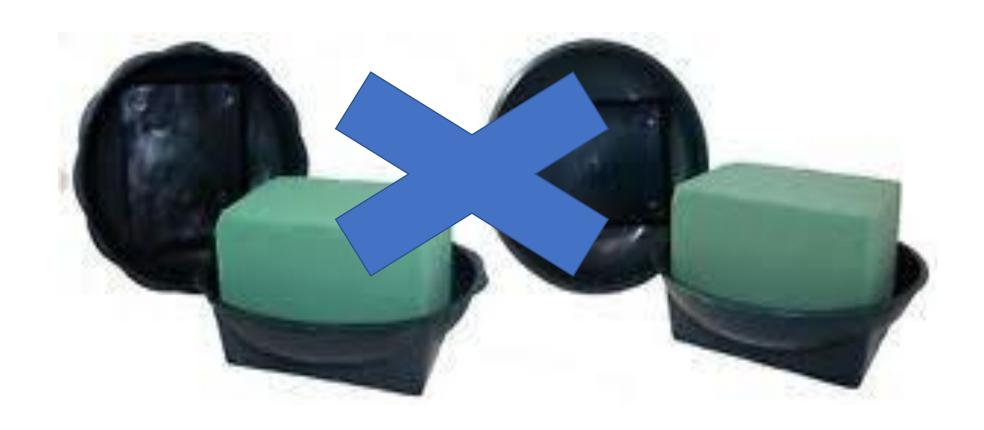
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Why the change in the mindset?





Because...
The earth needs all of us to save it

Using recyclable, reusable, biodegradable and sustainable mechanics are a way we as floral designers can be part of the solution in helping the earth recover

*All the regular floral foam ever used is still on this planet because it is not biodegradable

* Floral foam is basically plastic made of formaldehyde and phenols which are toxic

*Oasis brand is working on making a biodegradable product but it's still not totally biodegradable. It's expensive and not easy to find.



Think about it... Only using floral foam may be limiting your creativity

The internet is a great source for ideas and many of the following photos are from on-line searches

Note: Designers in this slideshow have been given credit if they were identified



Non-Foam mechanics and techniques adapt well to various design styles



Visible Use of Water

String & Wire an easy eye catching mechanic





Pin holders/ Kensans

A kenzan (剣山), also called spiky frog, is a specific device used in the Japanese art of flower arrangement ikebana for fixing the flowers in the container. The name kenzan (剣山) literally means sword mountain.



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Kenzan's can be found in metal, or clear plastic











All sizes and weights, check out thrift stores for the better-quality older ones!

The Japanese use some interesting holders for design Not the Kenzans we are most familiar with







There are variations on the usual Kenzan, more modern mechanics that help support plant material





Combined mechanics such as... Branch & Kenzan





Don't just use one



Design by Kathryn Lindsay

Gel beads work but watch your colour choice





Reusable Glass beads again watch the colour choice and size



Tape grids

Re-useable grids



Twigs & Moss



Sand great for lower profile designs like Pave









TWIGS - can be an easy simple and effective means of support





Armature
A structure or grid work
designed for mechanical
and decorative purposes,
and which becomes an
integral part of the design
Definition from OJES Page 130



Remember an Armature can be made of many materials and be used in many designs



Egg shells and branches create a simple armature Be creative Non foam design allows us to really think outside the box!

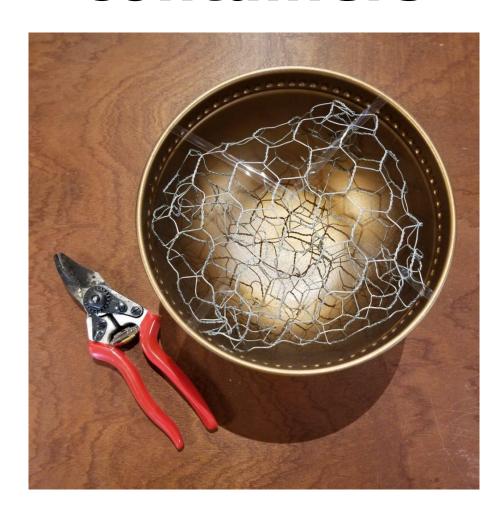
A simple wooden branch may be all you need





CHICKEN WIRE Inexpensive, flexible, reusable

Fits all sizes and shapes of containers



Comes in colours or spray paint your own



Fill the chicken wire with moss to hold moisture and give a more natural effect





Water tubes

Plastic or Glass Tubes and Bottles in groupings

Covered tubes help create a unique container with added texture



Groupings of small bottles perfect for stems of blooms



Tubes for handheld work





Wood straw or oat straw Fill a container and it will hold moisture, give your plant material support, and it's very natural looking !

What can Judges do to help spread the word about Green designing?

- Offer to give demonstrations at their societies to help educate members of ways to do green designs
- Volunteer to do a workshop-Hands on learning is a great way to get people comfortable with new ideas
- Volunteer to be on your Society Flower Show
 Committees to help them make their schedules more foam free and green
- Use all these green techniques when you enter shows to show others how great these type of mechanics work

Sideau by Agra-Wool is available in Canada

Blocks
23cm x 10cm x 7.5cm
20 blocks in a box

Stitch Plate 59.5 x 40 x 6.5cm 5 sheets in a box





Completely biodegradable, reusable, compostable, can also be used as growing medium.

100% Natural Floral Foam™ products produced by Agra Wool International™, made from Basalt and a type of sucrose (cane or beet sugar) are degradable. All ingredients are all-natural substances and completely biodegradable until Basalt flour remains. (rock dust)

BE CREATIVE



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THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX