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F L O W E R W O R K S H O P S

Welcome to Flower Duet

Welcome to the Flower Duet Flower Workshops. We are so pleased that you have decided to learn about the wonderful world of flowers by enrolling in our workshop. My sister and I love to create stunning arrangements and we are excited to help you discover the joy of floral arranging. We want to show you how easy it is to be creative with flowers.

We will nurture your skills to help you unleash your creativity. So put your fears aside and get ready to create beautiful works of art that amaze you, your friends, and your family. Let us show you how.

Flower Duet - Flower Care Tips

Help make your cut flowers last:

Re-Cut - When you first receive flowers, re-cut the stems at a 45-degree angle under water if possible. Set the flowers in warm water treated with floral preservative for an hour before arranging into your design. (NOTE: Use cool water for Tulips.)

Remove - Remove excess foliage that would fall below the vase water-line. Decaying leaves and foliage left on stems contribute to bacteria build-up in the water. This bacterium then blocks the stems from drinking the water and will shorten the life of your flower arrangement.

Feed - Use a commercially-prepared floral preservative to ensure long-lasting flowers.

Display - Display your arrangements in cool spots in your home. Avoid drafts, hot spots and television sets. Never store ripening fruit and flowers together. Apples produce ethylene gas, a hormone that causes aging in flowers.

Clean - Use a clean vase or container and check the water level daily. Every 2 or 3 days, re-cut the stems and change the water for maximum flower life. Don't forget the flower food!

Extend - As some flowers fade in the arrangement, don't throw out all of the flowers! Take apart your arrangement and toss out the old flowers. Rinse and re-cut the stems of the fresher flowers and put them in a clean vase.



Where to Buy Flowers and Floral Supplies

Flower Duet Tours: Flower Duet offers 2-hour tours of the Flower District for \$20 per person. If you hire us for your wedding or other special event, we'll take you on your own personalized tour of the Flower Mart as part of the package. We'll teach you how to buy flowers from vendors. We can add a tour of the Flower District to your Flower Arranging Party. After we take you and your party guests on a tour, we'll return to your home or our design studio to teach your guests how to make their own Floral Arrangement they take home!

LA Flower Mart - laflowerdistrict.com

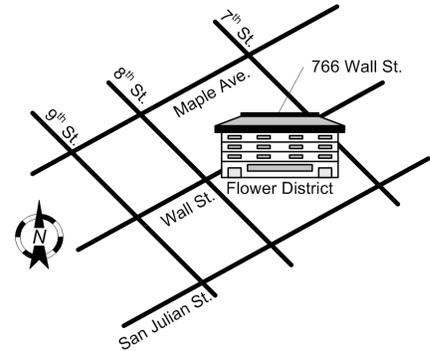
Flower Duet's number one choice for flowers and supplies. Located at 766 Wall Street downtown, between 7th and 8th Streets, the "Flower Mart" has over 90 vendors to choose from. You can purchase floral supplies, vases, plants and flowers – all at wholesale prices (you must pay an entrance fee and sales tax). Most flowers are sold in grower's bunches. Parking entrances on San Julian and Maple streets.

Non-Trade Hours (open to public)

Mon., Wed., Fri. (\$2 admission) 8 am to noon

Tues., Thurs. (\$2 admission) 6 am to noon

Saturday (\$1 admission) 6 am to noon



Farmers Markets - www.farmernet.com

There are many Farmers' Markets in the Los Angeles area. You could go to a different Farmers Market almost every day of the week! Flowers are sold in single and multiple flower bunches. Here are the websites for LA, Orange and Ventura county farmers' markets:

Los Angeles- www.farmernet.com Orange County – <http://orange.cfb.com/cfm.htm> Ventura - www.vccfarmersmarkets.com

Trader Joes - traderjoes.com

Flowers are sold in single flower bunches and multiple flower bunches. Prices are better than other chain grocery stores.

Grocery Stores, Plant Nurseries

Grocery stores like Ralph's, Costco, Vons and Albertsons and small plant nurseries have good quality seasonal flowers at lower prices than a commercial florist. Be careful when choosing your flowers.

Commercial Florists

Commercial Florists are great when you want to have a bouquet delivered to a friend or you want flowers that have already been cleaned and prepped. Be aware that a single stem can be marked up to five times more than you would pay if you bought the same flower wholesale. You are paying for all the flower conditioning steps that we've taught you.

Michaels and Moskatels - michaels.com

Michaels Stores are located throughout southern California. Moskatels is located on Wall Street – adjacent to the LA Flower District. These two stores are part of the same company and offer a variety of floral supplies.

JoAnn Stores - joann.com

Jo-Ann stores sell a lot more than fabric. You can purchase a variety of floral supplies including wet floral foam. Located throughout SoCal.

GM Floral Supply - gmfloral.com

GM Floral is located in the north building of the LA Flower Mart downtown. This floral design supplier has the most amazing Christmas Display each year.

Floral Supply Syndicate - fss.com

FSS is located on Wall Street next to the Flower Mart. Open to the public, this vendor is primarily geared toward the reseller.