Floral Containers



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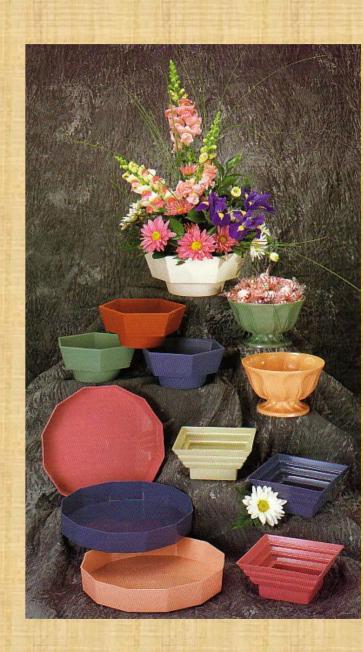
Objective

At the conclusion of this lesson students will be able to:

Understand the importance of floral container selection by creating a 2-dimensional design focusing on container function and aesthetics

Introduction to Containers

- There are a variety of containers
- Shapes
- Sizes
- Styles
- Materials
- Prices
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- Choice depends on different components
- Flowers being used
- Where design will be placed
- Container should be compatible with entire design and setting



Function of Containers

- Ancient times
 - Not made specifically to hold flowers
 - Alternative use for food and water containers
- Modern times
 - Container serves as the foundation and starting point for construction
 - •If the container is weak in its design or impression, the entire arrangement will look weak as well



Function of Containers

- Factors to Consider
 - Fresh flower containers must hold water
 - Must be large enough to accommodate flower stems in the container
 - Must have an opening large enough to fit the stems into the vase
 - Container must be heavy enough to support the weight of the arrangement
 - Should help conceal any mechanics of construction



Shape and Size

- Adds to the unity of the design
- Shape
 - Should flow visually with the arrangement
 - Harmony cannot exist if the container is the wrong shape or out of proportion with the arrangement
 - Shape often dictates the form of the finished composition
- Size and Scale
 - Container should not overwhelm or underestimate the foliage
 - Size is closely related to function as it must hold the flowers sturdily
 - Gladiolus and Football Mums must have a heavy container or the arrangement will tip over



Shape and Size









Style

- May set a period-style theme
- Color of container should also be compatible
 - Make sure contrast is not too bold (ie: pastel flowers with black container)
- Patterns may be used if they do not overshadow the flowers
 - Useful in holiday designs to execute a theme
- Textures may enhance arrangement
 - Current trend involves reflective containers of shiny metals or mercuried glass

Style









Common Materials

- Most common are glass and plastic
- Baskets are popular
- Brass and other metals are used for more formal arrangements
- Choice is dictated by arrangement requirements and budget

Glassware

◆Pros

- Affordable
- ◆Versatile
- Variety of sizes and shapes
- Look of elegance and quality
- Light being able to pass through adds dimension to arrangement

Cons

- Inner workings of arrangement are easily seen
- Minimal use of mechanical aids
- Water must be kept clean
- Floral preservative must not cloud



Plastic

- ◆Pros
 - Many shapes, sizes, and colors
 - Versatile in its appearance
 - Very cheap
 - ◆Durable
 - Lightweight
- *Cons
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 - May look cheap



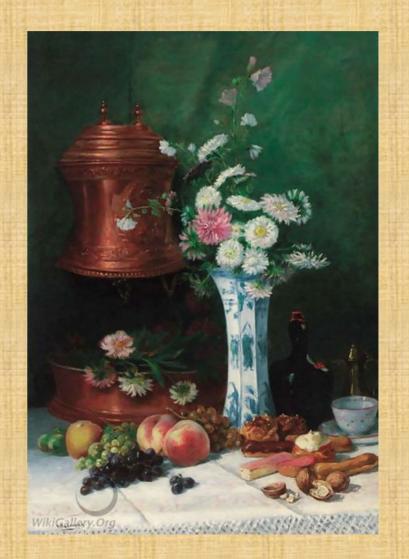
Baskets

- ◆Pros
 - Generally inexpensive
 - Coarse texture offers home spun appearance
 - Used throughout the year
- Cons
 - Stability issues
 - Must have liner to hold water or soil



Ceramics

- ◆Pros
 - ◆Sturdy
 - Versatile
- ◆Cons
 - Heavy
 - Expensive



Metals

- ◆Pros
 - Very high quality appearance
 - Sturdy
- Cons
 - Heavy
 - ***EXPENSIVE!!!**
 - May be chemical reaction with floral preservative

So expensive...these were in Martha Stewart Magazine as a new trend: Martha is always super expensive:)



