

14th International FDSS Cup
Floral Designing Competition

THE ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

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COMPETITION KIT

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Introduction

The Floral Designers Society (Singapore) — a non-profit organization founded in 1997 — is proud and honored to present the 14th International FDSS Cup – Floral Designing Competition, held in conjunction with the Singapore Garden Festival 2026.

This year, the much-anticipated “LIVE” competition returns with two days of excitement. The Amateur Category will take place on Saturday, 4 July 2026, while the Professional Category will be held on Wednesday, 8 July 2026, both at Gardens by the Bay – The Meadow. Competition pieces will be on public display daily from 4 to 12 July 2026, until 10:00 pm.

The theme for the 2026 edition of the FDSS Cup centres on **“The Elements of Design.”** Upholding its strong commitment to floral education and excellence, FDSS continues to champion the artistry and professionalism of floral design. Each competition task will showcase and celebrate the fundamental elements that define exceptional floral artistry.

The year 2026 also marks a significant milestone — 20 years of collaboration between the Floral Designers Society (Singapore) and the Singapore Garden Festival. FDSS is deeply privileged and sincerely grateful for the invaluable and unwavering support of the National Parks Board (NParks), our esteemed collaborator and supporting partner since 2006.

FDSS remains steadfast in its mission to uphold the highest standards of floristry and to promote floral design as a recognized and respected profession through this prestigious international competition.

The competition is open to both local and international floral designers, subject to specific entry requirements. All participants will have the distinguished honour of having their creations evaluated by an esteemed panel of international floral design judges.

The top three winners will receive attractive cash prizes, trophies, and certificates of recognition. Additionally, three Merit Award recipients will each receive a trophy and certificate. As a special gesture, winners who are Singapore residents will also receive a complimentary one-year membership with the Floral Designers Society (Singapore).

Amateur Category

Participation Requirements

1. Applicant must be at least 20 years of age as of 1 January 2026.
2. Applicant must fulfil **at least one** of the following criteria:
 - (i) Completed basic floral arrangement studies by an instructor or school;
 - (ii) Received tutelage on floral competition requirements.
3. Applicant must submit their application via Google Doc together with the following:
 - (i) Two photos of their individual floral works to show their floral designing ability.
 - (ii) A photograph of the applicant for use in publicity materials (at least 1MB)
4. Interested floral designers are welcome to submit their application by **23:59, 31 March 2026 (Singapore Time)**.
5. Registration closes **23:59, 31 March 2026 (Singapore Time)** or when all 25 places are taken up.
6. Successful applicants will be notified via email by 30 April 2026. A non-refundable participation fee of SGD100.00 is required as a confirmation of participation; within 7 days of the email notification.

Prizes and Awards

- **1st Prize** : S\$500 Cash and Trophy
Certificate of Recognition
- **2nd Prize** : S\$350 Cash and Trophy
Certificate of Recognition
- **3rd Prize** : S\$200 Cash and Trophy
Certificate of Recognition
- **Merit Awards** : S\$50 Cash, Trophy and Certificate of Recognition
(3 winners)
- **People's Choice Award**

Winners who are Singapore residents will get a complimentary one-year membership subscription to FDSS.

Amateur Category

Competition Venue

Singapore Garden Festival 2026

The Meadow

Gardens by the Bay

18 Marina Gardens Drive

Singapore 018953

Competition Schedule on 4 July 2026

From 9:00am : Arrival at competition site

9:45am : Competition briefing

10:00am – 11:30am : Task 1 – Free Standing Floral Design (1 hour 30 minutes)

12:00pm – 1:00pm : Task 2 – Surprise Package (1 hour)

5:00pm : Announcement of winners and
Prize Presentation Ceremony

All timings are correct at the time of release. Competitors will be duly notified if there are any changes in the timings due to unforeseen circumstances.

Competition Requirements

Competitors are required to create two tasks:

- Task 1 – Free Standing Floral Display (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Task 2 – Surprise Package (1 hour)

Amateur Category

Task 1 – Free Standing Display

Theme: “TEXTURE TALKS”

- (i) The theme is open to each competitor's creative interpretation with a strong emphasis on the innovative and expressive use of texture in floral design. Beyond colour and form, texture speaks a visual and tactile language that evokes emotion, movement, and atmosphere.
- (ii) Design must be staged on a pedestal measuring Length 60cm x Width 60cm x Height 75cm.
Colour of pedestal: Matt White.
- (iii) Maximum size of design (excluding the pedestal):
Length 60cm x Width 60cm x Height 100cm.
- (iv) Competitor must bring their design components and flowers to complete Task 1.
- (v) All fresh material must be designed with water retaining sources such as test tubes, vials or floral foam.
- (vi) Fresh plant material can be conditioned but not cut, wired or in any way prepared to the required length, before the commencement of the competition.
- (vii) No insertion of fresh plant material is allowed before the commencement of the competition.
- (viii) No artificial flowers or foliage permitted.
- (ix) Staples, nails, screws, tape and mounting fixtures are NOT permitted on the backdrop, flooring, pedestals and fixtures provided.
- (x) A title and brief description in English, in A4 size, must be displayed beside the design. Do not display your name, school's, or company's name and logo on the design and description.

Task 2 – Surprise Package

Create a design with a selection of materials only made known on-site. The theme will be announced as the competition begins.

Penalty points will be imposed for failing to meet any of the above requirements.

Professional Category

Participation Requirements

1. Applicant must be at least 20 years of age as of 1 January 2026.
2. Applicant must fulfil at least one of the following criteria:
 - (i) Minimum 3 years of floral designing experience in the floral industry;
 - (ii) Hold recognised floral qualifications such as Diploma or Professional certification in floristry.
 - (iii) Have experience in competing in various national and/or international floral competitions.
3. Applicant must submit their application via Google Doc together with the following:
 - (i) Sketch of design described in Task 1.
 - (ii) Three photos of their individual floral works to show their floral designing ability.
 - (iii) A photograph of the applicant for use in publicity materials (at least 1MB)
4. Interested floral designers are welcome to submit their application by **23:59, 31 March 2026 (Singapore Time)**.
5. Registration closes **23:59, 31 March 2026 (Singapore Time)**.
6. Successful applicants will be notified via email by 30 April 2026. A non-refundable participation fee of SGD100.00 is required as a confirmation of participation; within 7 days of the email notification.

Prizes and Awards

- **1st Prize** : S\$1000 Cash and Trophy
Certificate of Recognition
- **2nd Prize** : S\$800 Cash and Trophy
Certificate of Recognition
- **3rd Prize** : S\$600 Cash and Trophy
Certificate of Recognition
- **Merit Awards** : S\$100 Cash, Trophy and Certificate of Recognition
(3 winners)
- **People's Choice Award**

Winners who are Singapore residents will get a complimentary one-year membership subscription to FDSS.

Professional Category

Competition Venue

Singapore Garden Festival 2026

The Meadow

Gardens by the Bay

18 Marina Gardens Drive

Singapore 018953

Competition Schedule on 8 July 2026

From 8:45am : Arrival at competition site

9:45am : Competition briefing

10:00am – 11:30am : Task 1 – Free Standing Floral Design (1 hour 30 minutes)

12:00pm – 1:00pm : Task 2 – Hand Tied Bouquet (1 hour)

2:00pm – 3:30pm : Task 3 – Surprise Package (1 hour 30 minutes)

5:30pm : Announcement of winners and
Prize Presentation Ceremony

All timings are correct at the time of release. Competitors will be duly notified if there are any changes in the timings due to unforeseen circumstances.

Competition Requirements

Competitors are required to create two tasks:

- Task 1 – Free Standing Floral Display (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Task 2 – Hand Tied Bouquet (1 hour)
- Task 3 – Surprise Package (1 hour 30 minutes)

Professional Category

Task 1 – Free Standing Display

Theme: “LINES OF BEAUTY”

Create an original floral design that interprets the theme “Lines of Beauty”. This year’s focus is on the creative use of lines – both natural and constructed – to express rhythm, flow, and harmony within floral art.

Design Focus

- The design must prominently feature lines as a key visual and structural element.
- Participants may use materials such as strings, threads, wool, wires, reeds, vines, or grasses to emphasize line movement and direction.
- The integration of these materials should enhance, not overpower, the floral elements.

Creative Guidelines

- Designs should reflect originality, balance, and professional craftsmanship.
- The overall composition should demonstrate a clear interpretation of the theme – how lines can define form, lead the eye, and create emotion.
- Use of color, texture, and negative space should complement the linear expression.
- All floral materials used must be fresh and botanically identifiable.

Technical Requirements

- Arrangements may be freestanding or on a base, depending on competition category specifications.
- The structure should be stable, transportable, and professionally finished on all visible sides.
- No artificial flowers or foliage permitted.

Professional Category

Task 1 – Free Standing Display

Theme: “LINES OF BEAUTY”

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- (i) Design must be staged on a platform measuring Length 100cm x Width 100cm x Height 15cm. Colour of platform: Matt White.
- (ii) Maximum size of design (excluding the platform): Length 100cm x Width 100cm x Height 200cm.
- (iii) Competitor must bring their design components and flowers to complete Task 1.
- (iv) All fresh material must be designed with water retaining sources such as test tubes, vials or floral foam.
- (v) Fresh plant material can be conditioned but not cut, wired or in any way prepared to the required length, before the commencement of the competition.
- (vi) No insertion of fresh plant material is allowed before the commencement of the competition.
- (vii) Staples, nails, screws, tape and mounting fixtures are NOT permitted on the backdrop, flooring, pedestals and fixtures provided.
- (viii) A title and brief description in English, in A4 size, must be displayed beside the design. Do not display your name, school's, or company's name and logo on the design and description.

Professional Category

Task 2 – Hand Tied Bouquet

Theme: “DYNAMISM IN CONTRAST”

- (i) Competitor is required to bring ONE pre-done armature. The pre-done armature anchors the design, offering stillness and form, allowing the floral composition to burst forth with rhythm and vitality. Contrasting elements do not compete but coexist, revealing the pulse of dynamism within stillness.
- (ii) Competitor must bring their own vase to place their hand bouquet.
- (iii) Competitor is required to bring ONE type of fresh foliage. The rest of the floral material will be provided on-site.
- (iv) Hand bouquet shall be displayed on a pedestal measuring Length 40cm x Width 40cm x Height 120cm.
Colour of platform: Matt White.
- (v) Maximum size of design (excluding the pedestal):
Length 50cm x Width 50cm x Height 80cm.
- (vi) No insertion of fresh plant material is allowed before the commencement of the competition.
- (vii) Staples, nails, screws, tape and mounting fixtures are NOT permitted on the backdrop, flooring, pedestals and fixtures provided.
- (viii) A title and brief description in English, in A4 size, must be displayed beside the design. Do not display your name, school's, or company's name and logo on the design and description.

Task 3 – Surprise Package

Create a design with a selection of materials only made known on-site. The theme will be announced as the competition begins.

Penalty points will be imposed for failing to meet any of the above requirements.

Judging Criteria

Designs shall be judged based on the following criteria:

Distinction 25 points

- Interpretation of the theme
- Originality, creativity, style, flair, impact
- Flower selection

Design 25 points

- Proportion, scale
- Visual & physical balance
- Emphasis / Focal area
- Material harmony, usage of flowers
- Rhythm & lines

Colour Aesthetics 25 points

- Colour rhythm, harmony
- Visual appearance
- Proportion & balance

Professional Skills 25 points

- Techniques
- Stability of design
- Wiring & taping competency (if any)
- Mechanics & finish

Tools and Sundries

Competitors must bring their own work tools.

List of permitted items are as follows:

• Floral knife	• Battery operated drill
• Secateurs	• Thorn/foliage stripper
• Florist scissors	• Pen knife
• Utility scissors	• Stapler/staples
• Flat-nose pliers	• Greening pins
• Wire cutters	• Wood picks/bamboo skewers
• Cable ties	• Measuring tape
• Floral stem tape	
• Pot tape	
• Adhesive tapes (cellulose, double-sided, etc.)	
• Wires (florist wires including for mechanical or non-decorative purposes)	

Note: No electrical power points will be provided.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The registration by a competitor is not transferable.
2. There is no refund or withdrawal once payment is made.
3. In the event that a competitor fails to show up, he/she is required to pay the competition organizer a no-show penalty of SGD\$500.00.
4. All expenses of non-Singapore residents (e.g. accommodation, travel, etc.) relating to the participation in the competition are to be borne by the competitor.
5. Competitors must bring their own work tools. No borrowing, sharing or bartering of tools and materials is allowed.
6. The usage of mobile phones, camera or other recording devices is not allowed during the competition.
7. Competitors can secure one assistant only to transport props and materials into the competition site prior to the commencement of the competition.
8. Only competitors and competition officials are allowed in the competition site during the preparation time.
9. Competitors are not allowed to re-enter the competition site once he/she leaves the site during the competition hours, without the approval of a competition official.
10. Fresh plant material has to pre-dominate at least 70% of the design. Artificial flowers, silk flowers and comparable products may not be used. Competitors are prohibited from incorporating live or preserved animals in any form into their entries. However, you may utilise animal-derived materials such as fur, bones, horns, and feathers, as well as products like wool.
11. The application of aerosol-based substances (including adhesive sprays, paints, and products for enhancing leaf gloss) that can leave marks on surfaces is strictly forbidden.
12. No electrical powerpoint will be provided nor can they be requested on-site.
13. Competitors are not allowed to display their names, school's or company's name and logo on the design and title/brief description tag.
14. Each competitor is required to clean up his/her own area at the end of the competition.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

15. It is the competitor's duty to ensure that flowers/plant material remain fresh until 7 July 2026 for Amateur category and 12 July 2026 for Professional category. Wilting flowers/plant material should be removed and replaced with similar flowers/plant material but no change to the design is allowed.
16. The competition organizer reserves the right to remove and replace any wilting materials.
17. Penalty points will be imposed on competitors who repeatedly refuse to co-operate with the competition officials and for any disorderly behaviour in the competition site.
18. The entire risk and responsibility with regards to the competitor's designs and property, including liability for accidents due from handling; and all consequential and other injury or loss arising - shall be borne by the competitor.
19. Judges' decision is final. No correspondence will be entertained.
20. The decision of FDSS and the Competition Chairperson is final to any matter during the competition. No correspondence will be entertained.
21. FDSS reserves the right to disqualify the competitor in the event of non-fulfilment or non-compliance. Participation fee paid shall be deemed forfeited.
22. FDSS reserves the right to use the competition designs in any form of medium, print or storage, for whatever purpose, during and after the event.
23. Overseas competitors who are unable to remain in Singapore for the duration of the festival can seek assistance from the competition organizer for the maintenance and disposal of the design.
24. Competitors are required to remove their designs from the competition site according to the schedule:
 - Amateur category: 7 July 2026 from 10pm-11pm.
 - Professional category: 12 July 2026 from 10pm-11pm.Should a competitor fail to remove his/her designs by the stipulated date and time, FDSS reserves the right to remove them.

ENQUIRIES / REGISTRATION

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Application Form for AMATEUR Category

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Application Form for PROFESSIONAL Category

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