

Lea Romanowski



Lea Romanowski is a renowned floral designer based in Calgary, Canada. With her business, Designing on the Edge, she has showcased her exceptional talent on the international stage, representing Canada at the Interflora World Championships & most recently in Singapore.

This year she is off to Vietnam, to design in the Vietnam International Floral Expo.

Driven by a passion for creativity and innovation, Lea finds inspiration in the world around her. From her travels and interactions with growers to the latest trends in the industry, she continuously seeks new ways to push the boundaries of floral design.

With a versatile skillset, Lea tackles projects of all sizes with equal enthusiasm. No challenge is too great or too small, her joy lies in finding the perfect floral solution for every occasion.

Balancing her busy career with family life, Lea is a dedicated professional who remains committed to her craft. She shares her knowledge and passion through teaching and workshops, inspiring the next generation of floral designers.

She loves assemblage art and recycling old items and adding flowers to them. Like a group of designers, when combined they become much more than the individual components; a true collaboration of art is born. This ties into her drive for more eco-friendly design. She understands the strain the floral industry has on the environment, and believes we can reduce this impact by our conscious choices.





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Design Career

Floral & Structural Designing 1983- to Present

- Basic Ohara Ikebana 1986-1988
- Assistant Floral Coordinator, 1988 OLYMPICS - Calgary
- CAFD Accreditation 2001 - Canadian Accredited Floral Designer
- AIFD Accreditation 2003 - American Institute of Floral Designers
- CAFA Accreditation 2000 - Canadian Academy of Floral Art
- CFD Accreditation 2003 - Certified Floral Designer
- CFEJ Accreditation 2019 - Certified Floral Evaluator and Judge
- EMC Part 1 Foundation 2017 – European Masters Certification
- Owner of Designing on the Edge 2000 – Present

Floral Fundamentals Ambassador of Canada 2024

President – Canadian Academy of Floral Art 2021- to 2024

Teaching

2001, 2003, 2005 - Olds College

2003- to Present - Floral Design Instructor, Mount Royal University

2013- to Present - Education Week, Webinars - Florists Supply Canada

2015- to Present - Private teaching, Speaker - Designing on the Edge

Various years – How to tutorial articles for Canadian Florist, Florists' Review & Fusion Flowers Magazine

Competitions/Awards, Exhibits/Installations, Presenting, Judging

2025

- Natures Mechanics Workshop - Non manmade mechanics incorporating recycling
- Design Show - Sustainable Floristry for the profitable florist - Eco positive choices
- Floral Art Society of Pakistan - Where movies come alive -
1st place, 1st place, 2nd place, Commended & Runner up Best on Show

2024

-HFNA – 2024 Fresh Look Expo - Presenter – Organic Containers/Structure Design Workshop Facilitator

- Gregor Lersch – Floral Leaders Seminar – Australia
- Singapore Garden Festival – Floral Windows to the World Competition - Finalist
- One Talks MPI - Entrance & Floral Art Installation,
- Speaker & Facilitation of 2 Interactive Workshops -Floral Therapy
- Philadelphia Flower Show – AIFD Exhibit - Bronze Medal

2023

- Interflora World Cup 2023 (Olympics of Flowers) - Canadian Competitor
- FSFA Design Challenge International - Top 10
- Cirque du Soleil Calgary 2023 – Entrance Installation
- One Talks MPI – Floral Art Installation
- AIFD Body Flower Competition – 2022 - 2nd place & 3rd place Tie

2022

- HFNA Wedding Celebration 2022 - Bridal Bouquet Competition 1st
- Maple Leaf Cup of Canada – 1st
- Gateway to the Americas Cup - 3rd
- Gateway to the Americas Cup - 1st - Fern Trust Foliage Category
- IFFAD - 'Green Energy' - 3 Awards plus Special Awards
- Exhibit Best Emphasizing the Use of Texture
- Exhibit Best Influenced by A Provided Image
- Floral Art Re-Imagined - 'Synaesthesia' 4 Awards
- Fusion Flowers - Just Chrys - 'Take 10 Stems!'

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- AIFD – Foraged & Found - Judge

2021

- Designs published in 'International Floral Art 2021-2022' book.
- IFFAD - Festive Flair - 2 Awards SFAU - Virtual Flower Show
- International Floriculture Expo – Iron Designer Competitor
- Live at 5 Solomon Bloemen, Hong Kong - The Artist Within - Presenter
- SAFU - When Floral Becomes Art - 10 Awards plus Special Awards
- 'The design most likely to attract a younger audience to Floral Art.'
- IFFAD - Design & Discover - 2 Awards plus Special Award
- Best Interpretative
- Best Interpretative Exhibit
- IFFAD - Joy of July - 2 Awards

Garden Club De Monaco - Category 'Vegetable bouquet' - 2nd

2020

- Designs published in books 'Creativity' A Global Floral Introspective & 'Flowers to Wear' The Fascination of Floral Couture
- Contemporary Calgary Art – Entrance Installation
- FSFA - Ian Prosser Bridal Bouquet Competition - Winner AIFD
- "Rock that Tree" design contest - 3rd
- FSFA Design Challenge International - Top 10

2019

- Fleuramour 2019 - Alden Biesen, Belgium - Canadian Team Installation
- Upcycled Trash - Christmas Couture Installation - Lougheed House
- AFA - IRON Designer - 1st
- Fusion Flowers - International Designer of the Year Competition Silver Award - Category 'This is Me'
- Bronze Award - Category 'Table Talk'
- Fusion Flowers Magazine - Hydrangea World Winners June
- Maple Leaf Cup of Canada – Judge
- Canadian Academy of Floral Art – Fall Design Show Presenter
- Designs published 'The Story of Marginpar'

2018

- Fusion Flowers - International Designer of the Year Competition
- Bronze Award - Sympathy
- Flowers & Design Contest International – 1st
- Fleurs de Villes - Award for Most Original - Floral Art Mannequin Installation
- Fleurs de Villes – Monarch Butterfly Mannequin Installation
- Maple Leaf Cup of Canada – 2nd
- Foothills Orchid Society – Speaker
- Travel Alberta & Tourism Calgary – Art Installation

2017

- Fusion Flowers - International Designer of the Year Competition
- Bronze Award - Category - 'Season' FALL
- Bronze Award - Category - 'Energy'
- Bronze Award - Category - 'Focus on Foliage'
- Maple Leaf Cup of Canada - 1st
- Calgary Event Awards – Winner Best Supply
- Floral Design International
- International Special Event GALA AWARDS - Winner - Best Table Design
- Canadian Event Industry Awards - Winner - Best Table scaping
- Woman of Inspiration – Lifetime Achievement Award

2016

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- Foothills Orchid Society – Design Show Presentation
 - Maple Leaf Cup of Canada - 3rd
 - Winner International Plants Scape Award - Platinum - Special Event & Holiday
- North American Lily Society - Judge
2015
- International Special Event GALA AWARDS - Winner - Best Table Design
 - North American Lily Society/ International Lily Show – Keynote speaker
 - Calgary Rose Society - Speaker/demonstrator
- Rose Bowl Parade Designer
2014 - Earlier
- Design of Distinction Award - CAFA Canada
Christmas Future - 1st place - CAFA Canada
AIFD Mainstage program - Murano glass - Seattle WA
- Magazine Publications
- Florists Review - March 2025
 - The Flower Arranger – Autumn 2023
 - Vigour Magazine – Special Edition Halloween October 2022
 - Avenue Magazine – Jan 2015
 - Canadian Florist – June/July 2004, Mar/April 2019, May/June 2019, Jan/Feb 2020
 - Fusion Flowers – June/July 2019, August/Sept 2019, Feb/March 2020
 - Florists Review – July 2019, March 2020, Sept 2022, June 2023, Sept 2023,
- March 2024, May 2024
 - Moments Magazine – Spring/Summer 2016, Volume 7 – Imagine 2018
 - Floriology - May 2013, Feb 2016, Sept/Oct 2018, March/April 2019
 - Flower& - August 2000, Nov 2000, August 2002, August 2017, July 2018
 - Faddy Fashion Magazine(Italy) - Nov 2020
 - WED Lux Magazine – Summer/Fall 2015
 - The Story of Marginpar 2019
 - Danzinger Cut Flower Catalog 2019-2020
- Bulletin (Garden Club of America) Winter 2025
- Online Articles
- Martha Stewart (Online) - Sept 2018
- Florists' Review – In Season Chrysanthemum
- Florists' Review – Floral Mechanics Oct 2024
- Florists' Review – Floral Mechanics Mar 2024
- [FTDi.com](#) – 2023 Interflora Interview
- Oasis - IDEA Weekly Blog – Floral Mechanics
- Oasis - Bridal Bouquets, The Magic is in the Mechanics
- Oasis - A tablescape for spring events