

Increased Interest

Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers

- 1,600 Members (April 2019)
- 2,500 Members (Fall 2021)

Floret Course Scholarship

- 3,107 Applications (2018)
- 4,000 Applications (2019)
- 6,464 Applications (2021)



• Floral Industry

- -\$10-13 Billion Dollars in the US
- -85% International Imports
- -15% American Grown
- -10% (of 15%) Produced by Small Farms





Surplus flowers are destroyed at an auction site in Honselersdijk, the Netherlands. Photograph: Piroschka van de Wouw/Reuters



With Mother's Day approaching it would normally be the moment for millions to 'say it with flowers' — but the virus has put paid to that. (Kenzo Tribouillard/AFP)



Workers throw flowers into a crusher after they did not sell at auction in Aalsmeer, the Netherlands, on Friday. Ilvy Njiokiktjien for The New York Times

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· Changes

- 1. Consumers more likely to buy directly from the producer.
- 2. Wholesalers in short supply forcing florists to change buying habits.



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Start Anyways

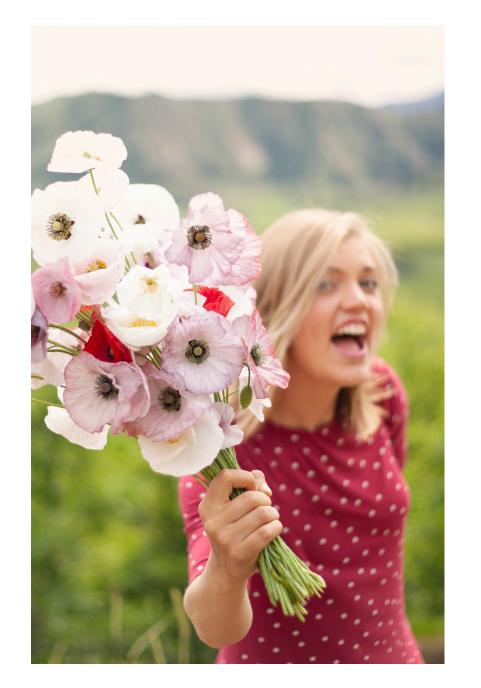
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Make Friends

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Customer Examples

- a. Childhood Friends
- b. Church Members
- c. Neighbors
- d. Co-Volunteers
- e. Co-workers

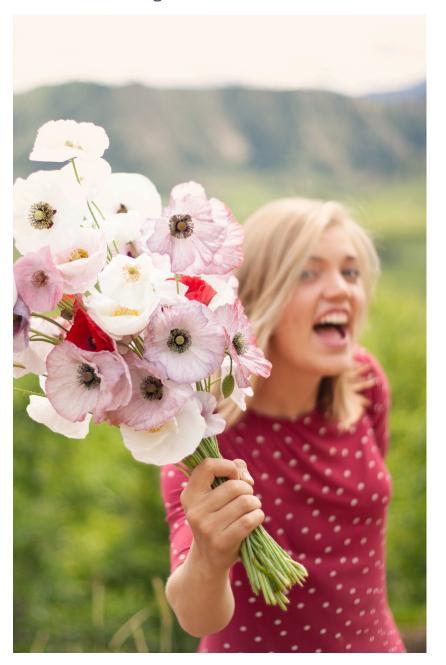


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Build Community

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- a. Florists
- b. Fundraisers
- c. Farmer's Market
- d. Photo Shoots
- e. Social Media
- f. Boots on the Ground



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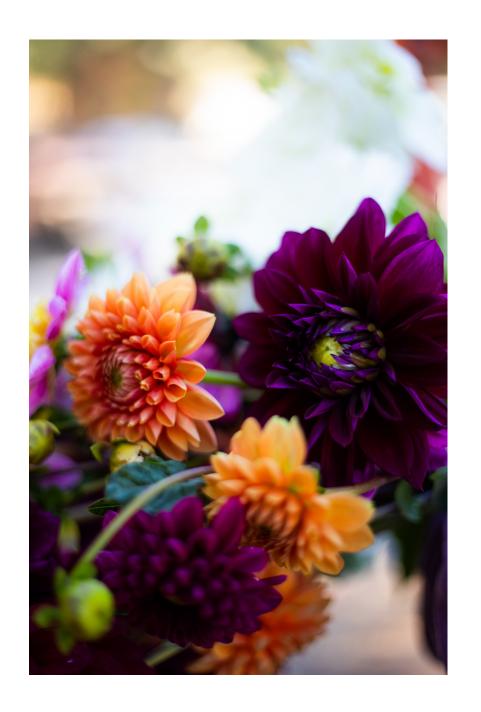
Solve a Problem

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Examples of problems you solve:

Half dead
Unique
Elegant
Customized
Sentimental
Big Box

Garden-touch
Overpriced
Tells a story
Local
Small Business

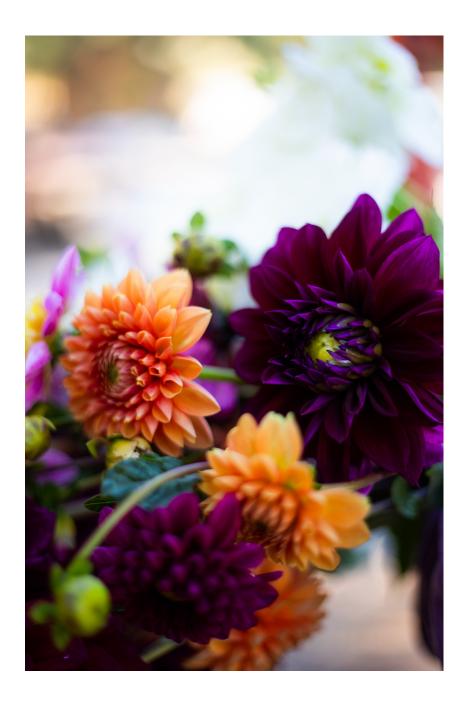


Solve a Problem

Examples of problems you solve:

Time
Thought
Love
One-of-a-Kind

Fill the Gap for Florists
Poor Shippers



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Specialize

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- Mono-cropping
- Season Extension
- Dried Flowers
- Weddings
- Funerals
- Ecommerce
- Hotels

