INFORMATION FOR FLORAL DESIGNERS

THE UPSTAIRS ARTSPACE IS BLOOMING!

An Art in Bloom Event and fundraiser for Upstairs Artspace

In coordination with the Tryon Garden Club

Friday, December 4, 2026 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm (free)

Saturday, December 5, 2026 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm (free)

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“BUBBLES AND BLOOMS”

A floral fundraiser on December 5, 2026

From 5:30 -7:30 pm

Admission to Bubbles and Blooms is $25.00 in advance or $30.00 at the door.

How to Participate:

1. Confirm your interest in donating your floral arrangement by email to frontdesk@upstairsartspace.org on or before November 5.
2. Visit Upstairs Artspace during one of the designated art selection days (November 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 or 14 between 12-5 pm. First come, first choice!)
3. Choose one Martha Strawn photograph from the “Phenomenology of Water” exhibition as the inspiration for your arrangement. (NOTE: Can't make it into the gallery on selection day? No worries! Just let us know and we can select a photograph and pedestal for you on November 14, 2026.)
4. Select a pedestal for your arrangement from the gallery’s collection.
5. Create an original floral arrangement inspired by your chosen photograph.
6. Bring your completed arrangement, including the vase or container, to Upstairs Artspace on Thurs., December 3 between 12-5 pm.
7. Join us on December 5 for Bubbles and Blooms and encourage your friends and family to vote for your arrangement!

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Your floral arrangement must fit securely on your chosen pedestal. We can help you measure in advance.
- The arrangement should complement the paired photograph without obstructing or overpowering it.
- Please use only fresh and/or natural floral materials in your arrangements. These may be fresh flowers, foliage, branches, botanicals and other natural fresh or dried plant materials. Metal is also permitted. Containers may be any material.
- To maintain the spirit of Martha Strawn's exploration of nature, artificial flowers and foliage will not be accepted.

DESIGNER'S TIMELINE

PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2026

Visit Upstairs Artspace during one of the designated art selection days (November 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 or 14 between 12-5 pm. First come, first choice!) Choose one Martha Strawn photograph and pedestal for your arrangement. (NOTE: Can't make it into the gallery on the selection days? No worries! Just let us know and we can select a photograph and pedestal for you on November 14, 2026.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026

Bring your arrangement to the gallery between 12 - 5 pm completed and ready for display. Gallery staff will be available to assist with placement and final installation. Please include information on the florals used in your design. Any information you provide will be attached to your pedestal.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
Join us for Bubbles and Blooms from 5:30-7:30 pm. We will announce the floral design People's Choice winner and Artist Choice winner and hold a raffle drawing for the floral arrangements. Your participation entitles you to one free ticket to the Bubbles and Blooms event.

DONATION INFORMATION

By participating in this event, you agree that your completed floral arrangement including the vase/vessel, or container and floral arrangement is a donation to raffle off at Bubbles in Bloom Celebration.

Your contribution helps Upstairs Artspace continue presenting exhibitions, educational programs, artist talks, workshops, lectures, film screenings, and other community arts experiences. As a 501 C(3) organization, your donation may be tax deductible. We will provide you with a donation receipt when you deliver your arrangement. Please consult your tax advisor for donation advice.

Thank you for helping keep Upstairs Artspace in bloom!