

FLOWER STRUCTURE



Flowers are the reproductive ORGANS in angiosperms for SEXUAL reproduction.
Similar to human reproduction in which EGG and SPERM fuse, sexual reproduction in flowers requires the fusion of POLLEN (male sex cell) and OVULE (female sex cell).
The resulting offspring is an EMBRYO located inside a SEED contained within a FRUIT.

APPLE FLOWER

STAMEN MALE PART OF THE FLOWER

POLLEN
"SPERM"

PISTIL
FEMALE PART OF THE FLOWER

OVULE
"EGG"

PETAL
Colorful to attract bees & other pollinators

SEPAL
Outer whorl that covers & protects the bud. Can be green or colorful

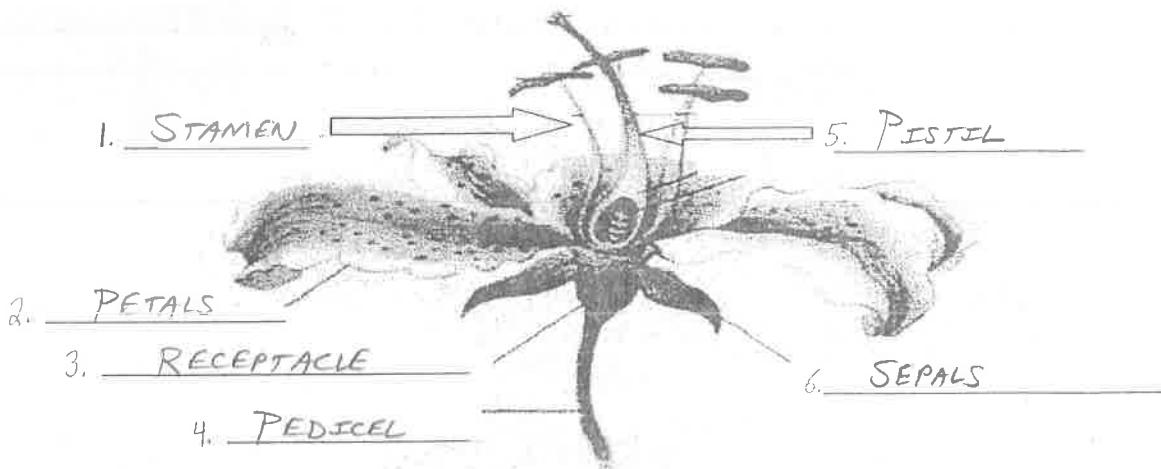
RECEPTACLE
Holds the flower parts

PEDICEL
Flower stalk

CALYX = All the SEPALS
COROLLA = All the PETALS

ACTIVITY: Flower Practice

Label the following parts on the plant diagram - pedicel, receptacle, sepals, petals, stamen, pistil.



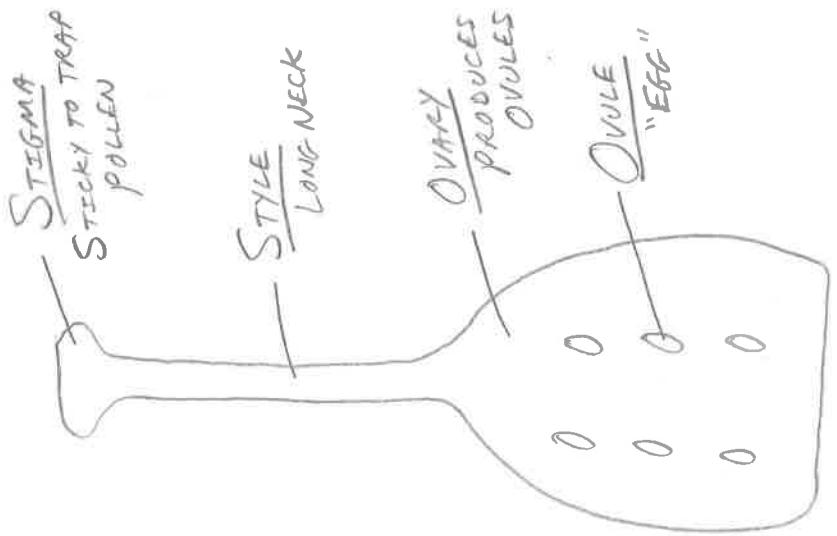
Complete the following passage using the word bank.

sepals	corolla	pedicel	petal
receptacle	small	stamen	calyx
pistil	pollen	green	

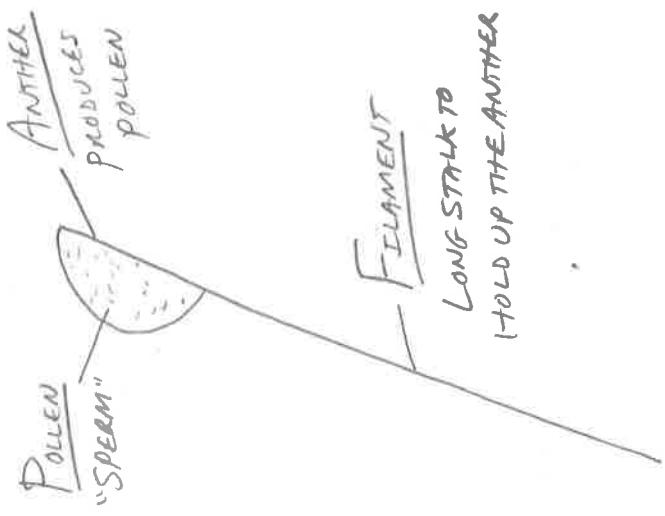
The flower begins with the stalk, which is called the PEDICEL. At the end of the flower stalk, there is cup like structure known as the RECEPTACLE, which holds the rest of the flower parts. Until the flower bud opens, the bud is covered and protected by the SEPALS. The sepals are often SMALL and GREEN but the size and color can vary. In some flowers, sepals and petals can look exactly alike. Collectively the sepals are known as the CALYX. The next flower part, the PETAL, is showier. These tend to be larger and more colorful. These colors are used to attract birds and insects. Collectively the petals are known as the COROLLA. In the center of the plant, the female reproductive structure, the PISTIL, contains the egg cells. Lastly, the male reproductive structure, the STAMEN, surrounds the pistil. The male reproductive structure contains the male sex cells, the POLLEN.

FLOWER STRUCTURE (Part 2)

PISTIL

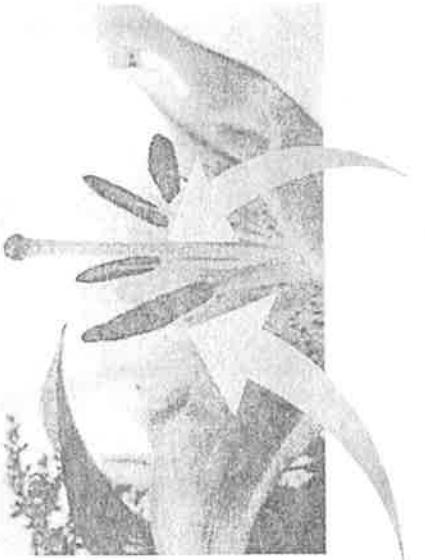


STAMEN



PERFECT FLOWERS

Contain Both pistil and stamen on the same Flower.



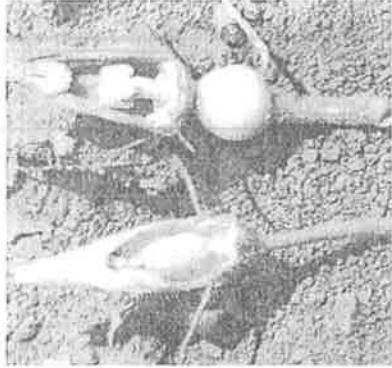
Pistil

Stamen

IMPERFECT FLOWERS

Contain EITHER pistil or stamen but NOT both.

Ex. PUMPKINS

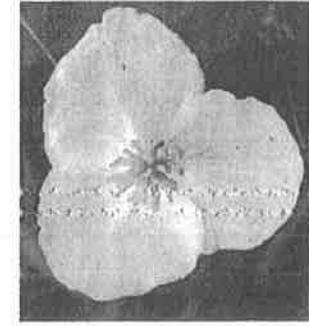


MALE flower

FEMALE flower

STAMINATE FLOWERS

Male flowers containing only STAMEN



Arrowhead

Red maple

PISTILLATE FLOWERS

Female flowers containing only PISTIL



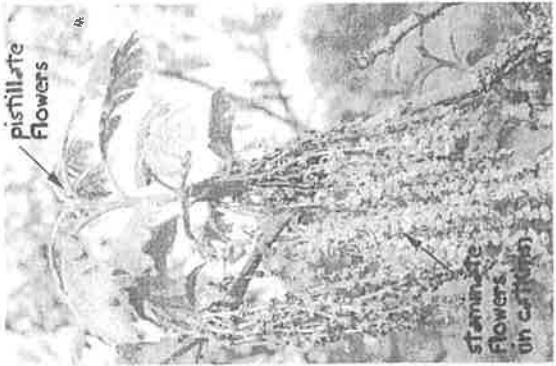
Arrowhead

Red maple

~ ONE ~ House

MONOECIOUS PLANT

- Has male & female flowers on the same plant.
Ex. Pumpkin, Corn, Oak

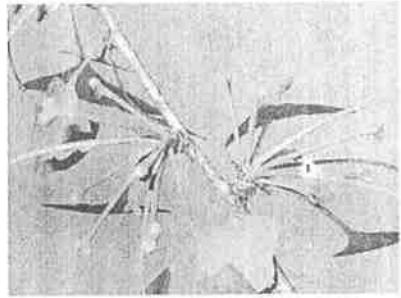


Bur Oak Flowers

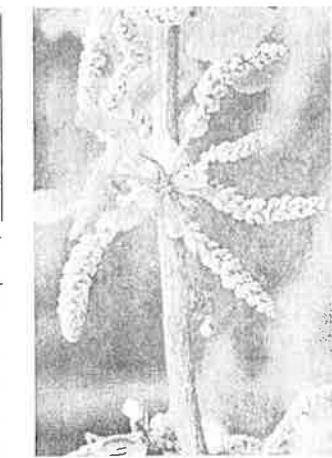
Bur Oak Fruit (Acorn)

~ TWO ~ Houses

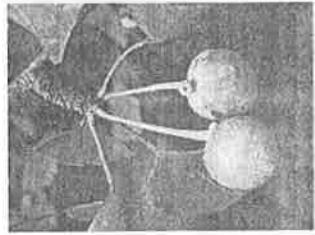
DIOECIOUS PLANT - Has male & female flowers on separate plants.
Ex. Red maple, Ginkgo



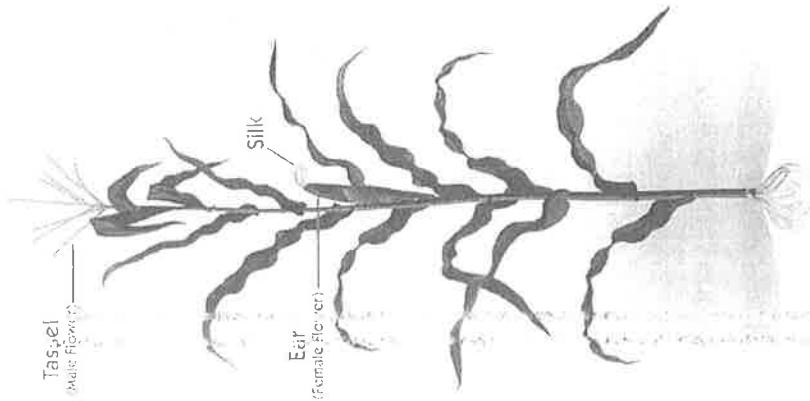
Ginkgo
male



Ginkgo
female



Ginkgo
fruit



CORN PLANT

ANNUALS

Flowering plants that complete their lifecycle in ONE growing season. The plant grows, BLOOMS, sets SEED, and DIES in one year. The seeds can be HARVESTED and planted the following spring.



ZINNIA

PANSIES



GERANIUM

Annual sunflower

PLANT LIFECYCLES

PERENNIALS

Flowering plants that live more than two growing seasons. Perennials can survive winter in a DORMANT state and grow new flowers next season.



DASIES

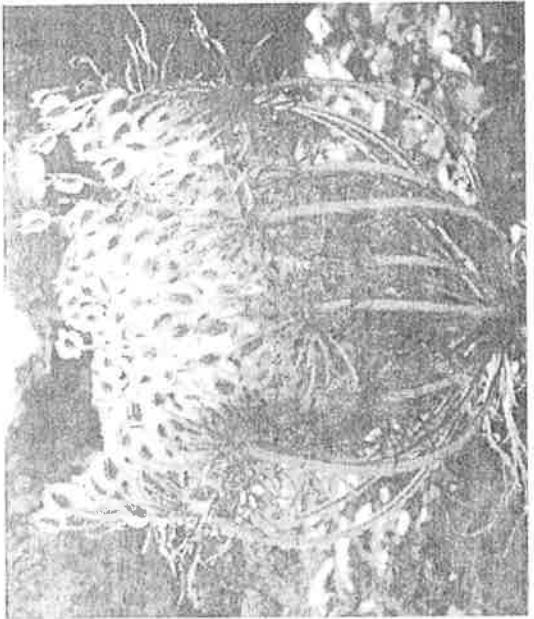
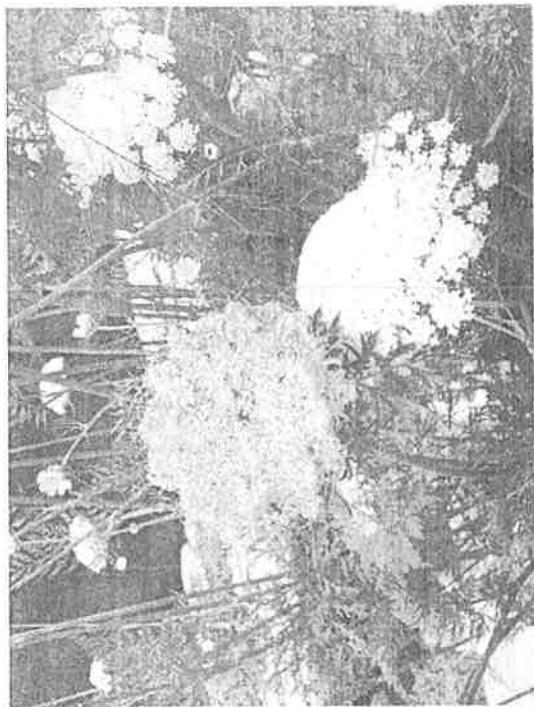


CONE FLOWERS

BIENNIALS

These plants live Two years. In the First year, vegetative structures grow such as Leaves and Stems. During winter, these structures DIE BACK to the ground, and the roots stay Dormant. In the Second growing season, the plant grows Flowers, sets seed, and then dies. These seeds can be HARVESTED.

Many Taproot vegetables like Carrots are biennials and the roots are harvested after the First year.



End of First year growth
yields Taproot

Second year of growth: plant uses up
food in taproot to produce Flowers

Flowers are FERTILIZED
and plant goes to SEED



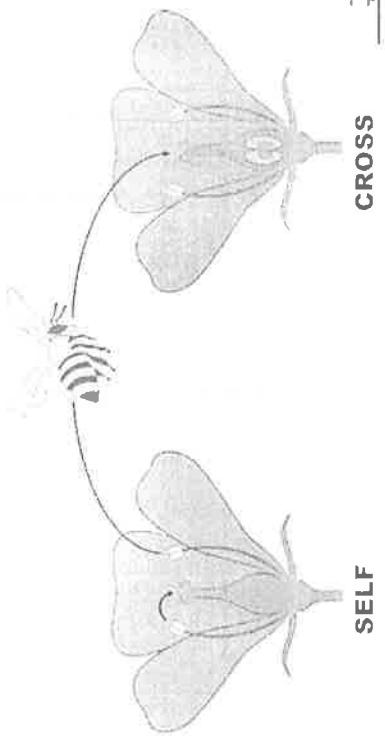
POLLINATION

Pollination is the TRANSFER of pollen from ANTHE to STIGMA.
Pollen is carried by WIND, INSECTS,
BIRDS, and BATS.



SELF-POLLINATION

A flower pollinates ITSELF or
another flower on the SAME plant.



CROSS-POLLINATION

A flower pollinates a flower on a
DIFFERENT plant of the same species

ADVANTAGES: 1. Saves POLLEN
2. Increases pollination RATE

Orchid

Ex. Sunflower



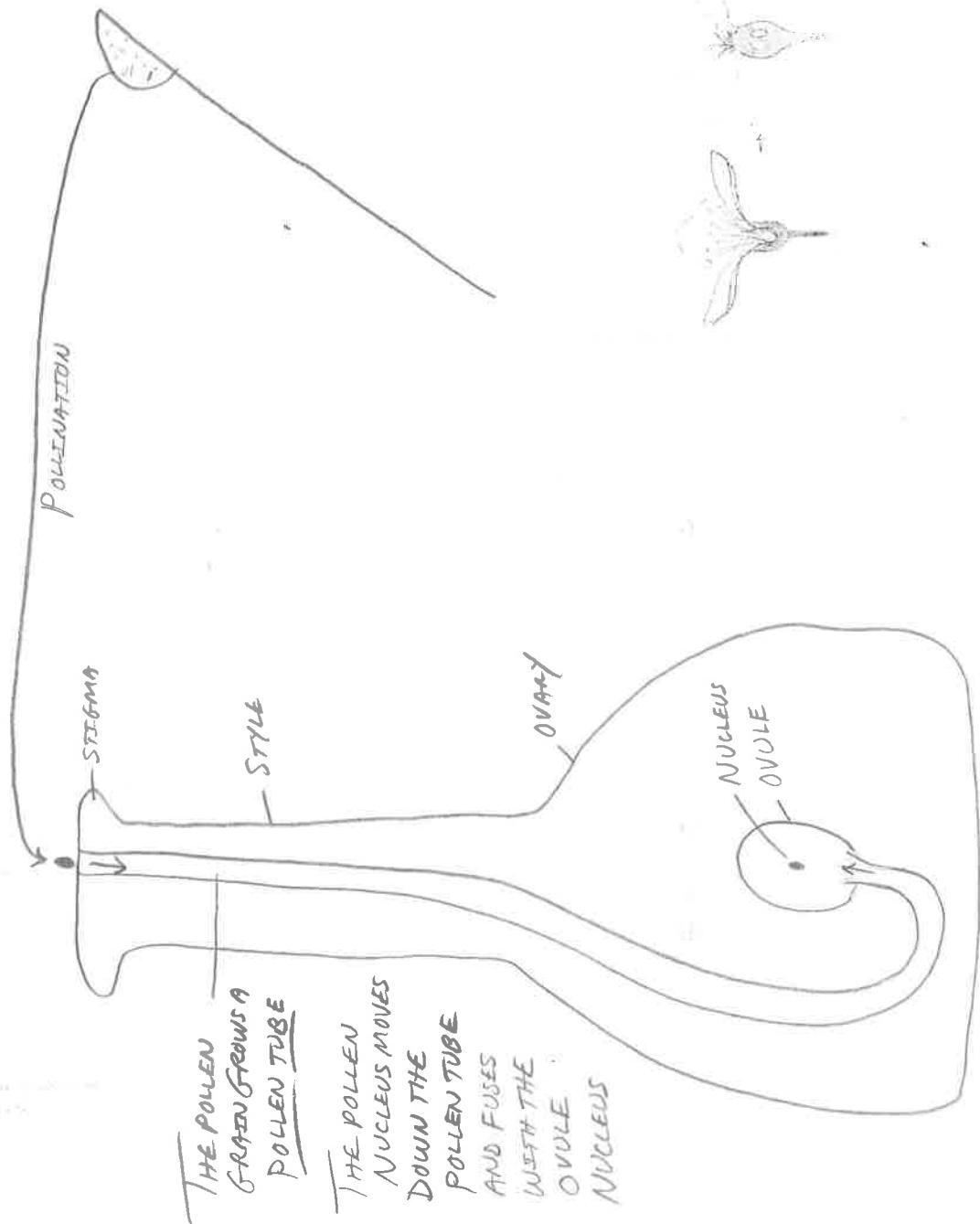
Blueberries



ADVANTAGES: 1. Diversity
2. Hybrid VISOR

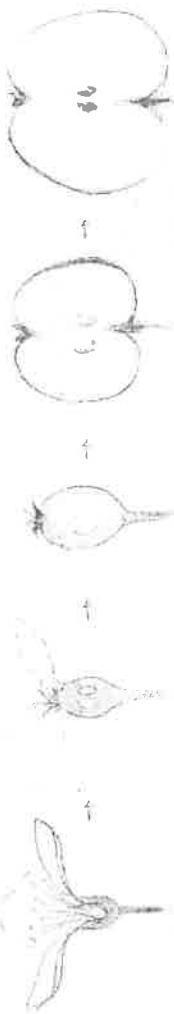
FERTILIZATION

The Fusion of Pollen and Ovule



AFTER FERTILIZATION:

The ovule becomes a SEED
The ovary becomes a FRUIT



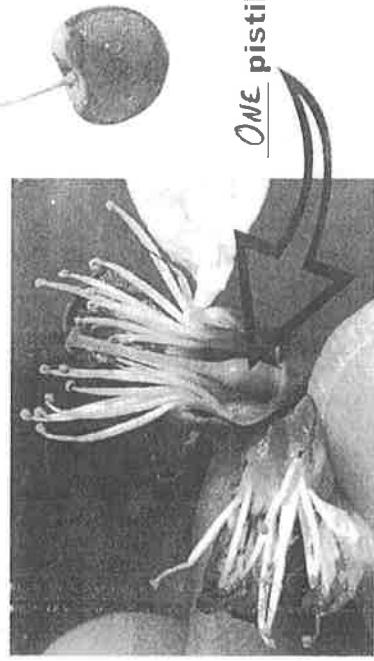
FRUITS

Fruits are the product of Sexual reproduction in flowering plants and are designed to help DISEASE the seeds. Some fruits are EATABLE, some are WEED dispersed, and others CATCH to animals with their burrs.

2 MAJOR TYPES OF FRUIT: (1) FLESHY FRUITS

A. SIMPLE FRUITS

Develop from a flower with one pistil
Ex. Cherry blossom



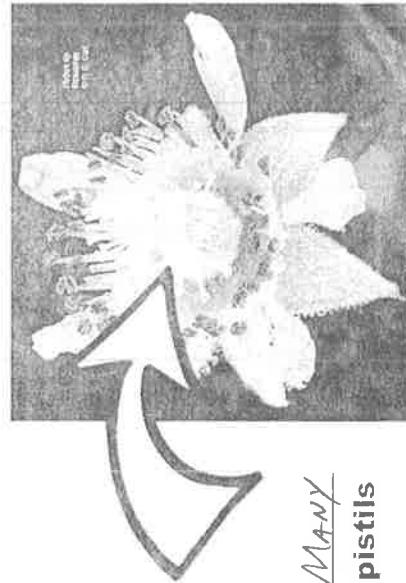
One pistil

B. AGGREGATE FRUITS

Develop from a flower with many pistils
Ex. Raspberry flower

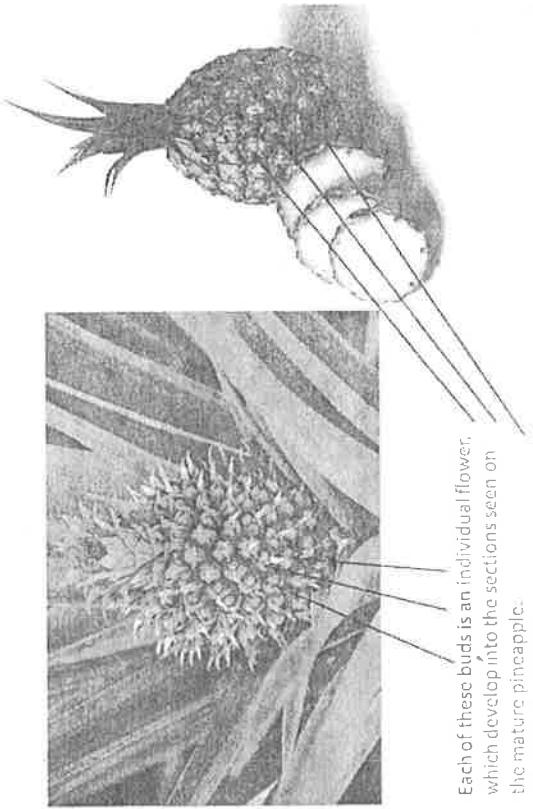


Many pistils



C. MULTIPLE FRUITS - Develop from many SEPARATE flowers (an inflorescence)
on the same stalk. The ovary walls
thicken and fuse together to form the fruit

Ex. PINEAPPLE

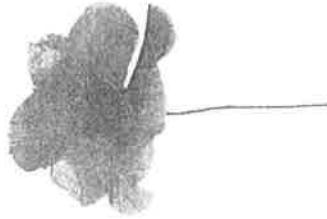


Each of these buds is an individual flower,
which develop into the sections seen on
the mature pineapple.

(2) DRY FRUITS

Some dry fruits SPLIT open when ripe to release their seeds and some do MOR split open

A. SPLIT



MULLEIN



B. DON'T SPLIT

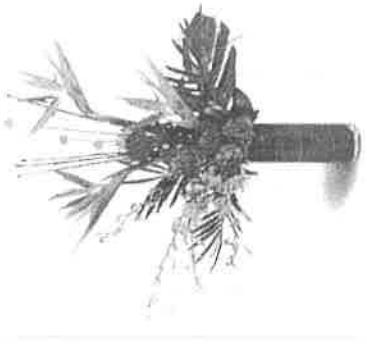


ACORN

MAPLE KEYS



What is Floral Design?



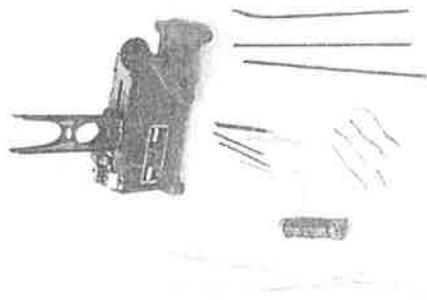
Floral design is the ORGANIZATION of PLANT materials, accessories, and CONTAINERS into an appealing ARRANGEMENT.

MATERIALS USED IN FLORAL DESIGN:

CUTTING TOOLS



WIRE



ADHESIVES



STEM SUPPORT



CONTAINERS

The requirements for a container are:

- Contribute to the Theme of the arrangement
- Hold the stem Support material
- Hold Water
- Not distract from the Arrangement

Type	Description	Typical shape
Vase	The height of the container is greater than its width. It is not pedestal but is used for vertical designs.	
Bowl	The width of the container is greater than the height. It is often used for table arrangements.	
Pedestal	The container is elevated on a base that may be short, or long-stemmed. It is useful when a tall arrangement is needed yet the mass of a vase container is not desired.	
Baskets	The styles and materials vary, and they are used for both vertical and horizontal designs. The designs are usually informal in style.	
Novelty	These are limitless in possibilities. Care should be taken to assure that they do not overpower the design.	

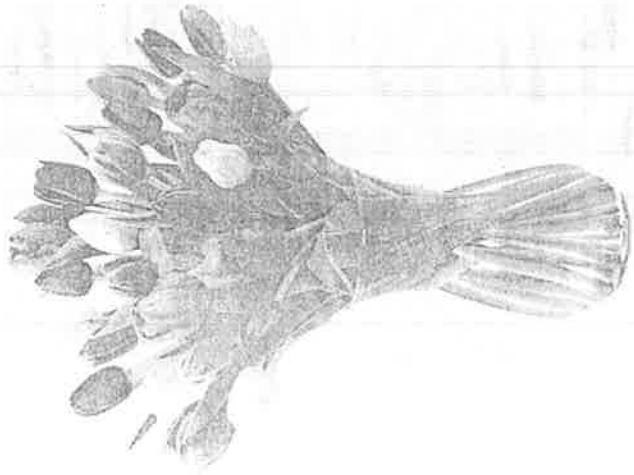


PEDESTAL
"Georgia on My Mind"

Novelty
"Western Wedding"

CARE OF CUT FLOWERS

When cut flowers AIR TIGHT at the floral shop they should:



1. Have the Base of the stems CUT to expose fresh VASCULAR tissue
2. Be put in warm WATER in a bucket about 1/3 full until the flowers are TURBED (not wilted). After a few Hours the flowers should then be moved to the COOLER and kept at 36 to 40 °F. This cool temperature SLOWS metabolism and prevents DECAY
3. Be given PRESERVATIVE in the water

What's in the preservative packet?



- SUGAR - For quick ENERGY for the flowers
- ACIDIFIER - To lower the pH of the water
- BLEACH - To KILL any bacteria
- STEM UNPLUGGERS - To keep the vascular tissue OPEN

Principles of Form – Arrangement Flowers

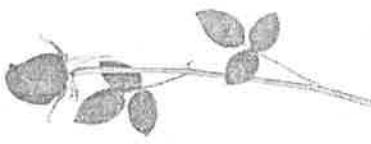
There are 4 basic types of ARRANGEMENT flowers used in floral design:

Type	Typical shape	Flower examples	Nonflower examples
Line		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flowers, long seed pods, sticks, dry grass, long stems with flowers, such as the andean branches of flowering plants, such as fuchsia, begonia and lily-of-the-valley. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cattails, sedges, broom, corn, dried corn, dried grass, or long stems, eucalyptus
Mass		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open rose, carnation, gerbera, strawflower, marigold, zinnia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas ornaments (mistletoe balls), pine cones, seed pods, fruit
Form		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orchid, ivy, roses, thistle, parrot's beak, tulip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figures, candles, driftwood, certain fabrics
Fuller		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babylonian date palm, rosemary, lavender, sage, mint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assorted foliage, such as ornamental fern, peacock feathers, ivy, dried leaves

(1) LINE FLOWERS

- These are TALL spikes of flowers. They create the outline or basic SHAPE of an arrangement, and establish the HEIGHT.

Lone-stemmed Rose



Snapdragon

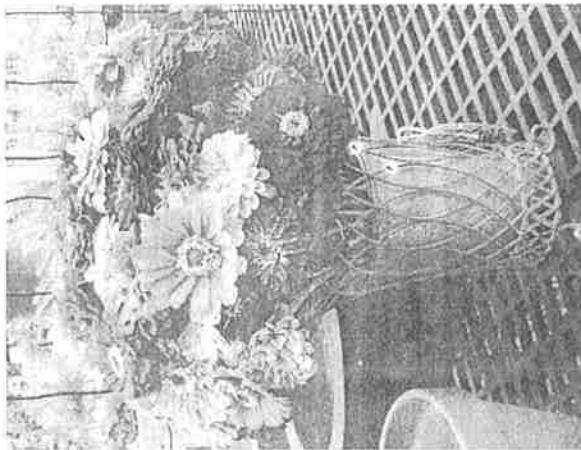


(2) Mass FLOWERS - The flower head is on the terminal end of the stem. These flowers draw ATTENTION toward the focal point and add mass to the arrangement. They are also used to cover floral foam and to fill in empty spaces.

Ex. Chrysanthemums (Mums)



Ex. Zinnia



Ex. Carnations

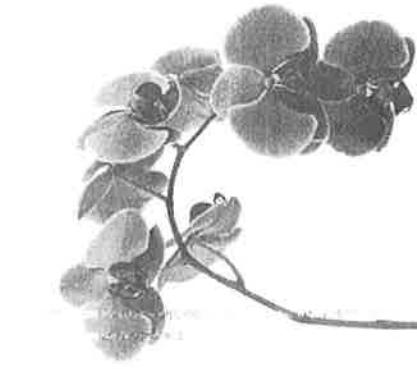


(3) **Form** FLOWERS - **Unique** in shape or color. These create the **Focal** point of the arrangement to **ATTRACT** the viewers attention

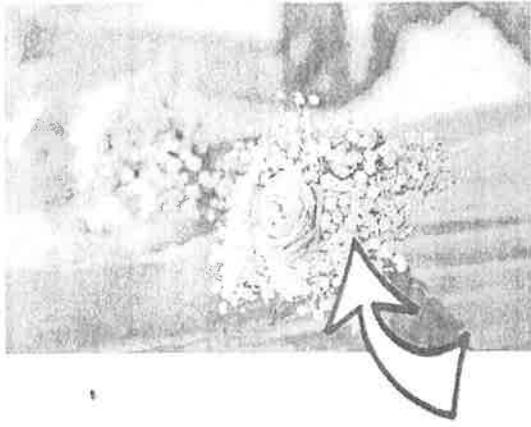
Ex. **Bird of Paradise**



Ex. **Orchid**

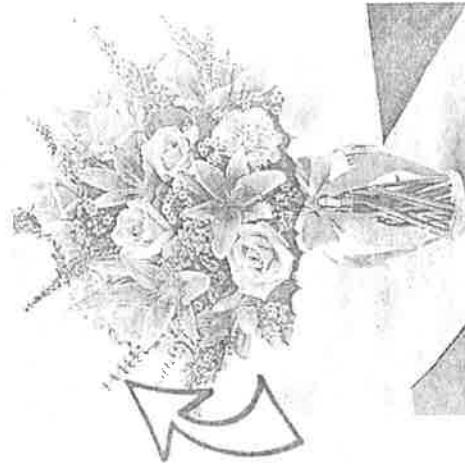


Ex. **Basses' Breath**



(4) **Freee** FLOWERS - Small **SPRAYS** of flowers. These are used to **fill** empty spaces, **Accent** the other flowers, and **Cover** the mechanics of the arrangement including the foam, **wires**, and ties

Ex. **Heather**

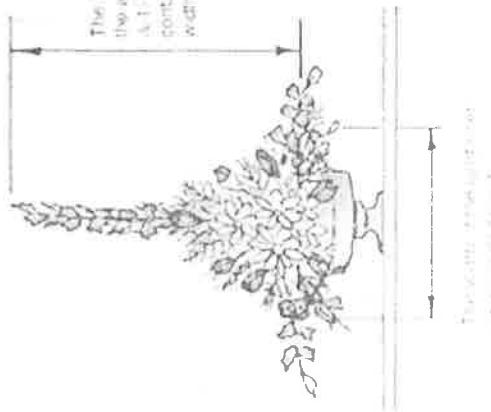


Simplicity

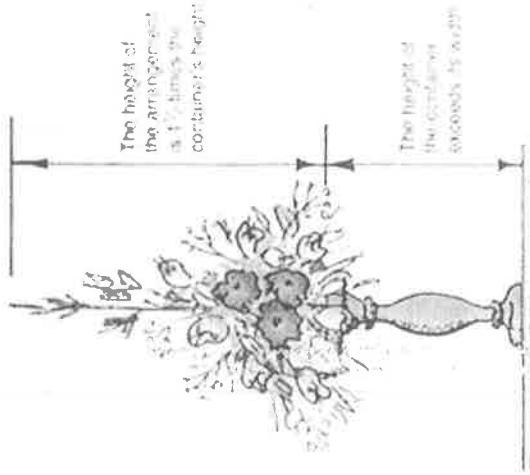
Themes should be Uncomplicated with a focal point. Colors should be LIMITED to a few that Contrast or blend harmoniously. Avoid using too MANY types of flowers and be sure the CONTAINER doesn't attract too much attention.

Scale & Proportion

A. If the container is TALLER than it is wide, the arrangement should be 1.5 to 2.5 the container's HEIGHT. If the container is WIDER than it is tall, the arrangement should be 1.5 to 2.5 taller than the container's WIDTH.



B. The SMALLEST flowers should be at the EDGE of the design, and the LARGEST flowers at the focal point



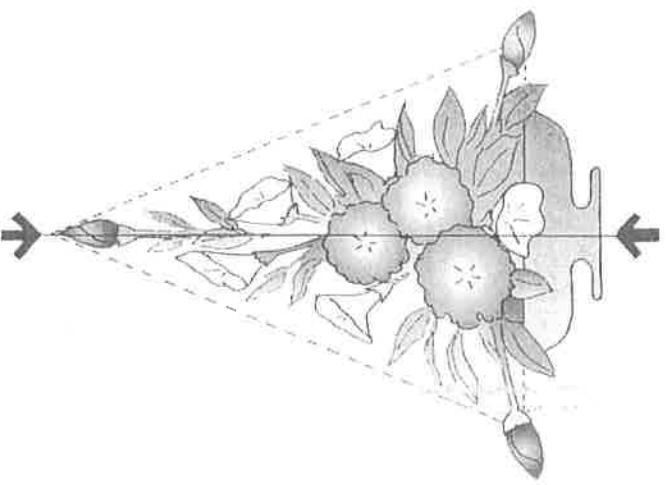
C. Make the SIZE of the arrangement appropriate to the usage. For example, a DINNER arrangement should not Block the view.

BALANCE

The viewer should sense the Same amount of Importance on each SIDE of the center although the center MAY or may NOT be the midpoint of the container.

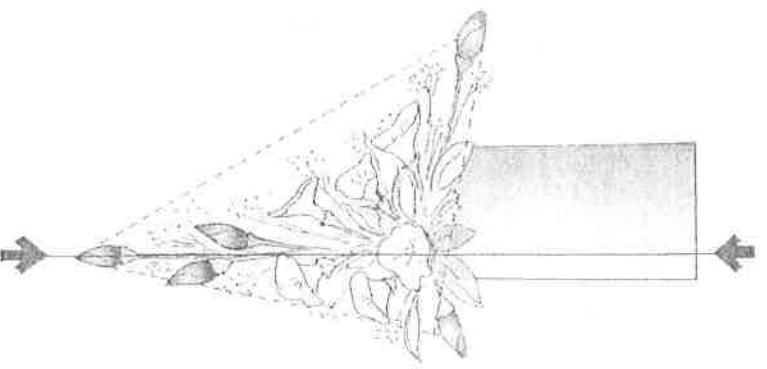
Symmetrical

It is bisected by a LINE (axis) running from the vertical TOP through the BASE of the container, with flowers & foliage in almost exactly the SAME places on OPPOSITE sides



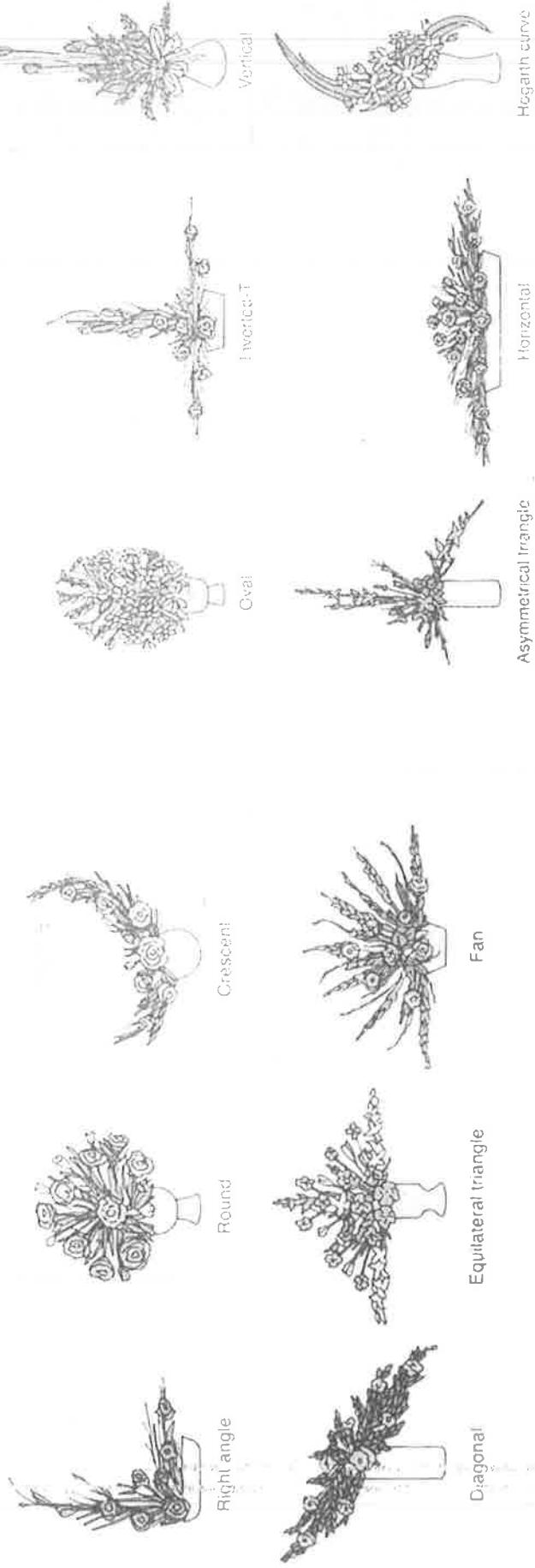
Not Asymmetrical

Also has an axis but it may NOT bisect the container EQUALLY. The sides are NOT a mirror image



PATTERNS OF ARRANGEMENT

LINES OF FLORAL ARRANGEMENT



What do you think? Which line or pattern APPEALS to your eye? In which SERENADES might you use some of these different arrangements?

Patterns OF FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

Wiring Flowers

It is common practice to wire certain **Flowers** and foliage prior to their use in designs. The wire must not **show** after the flowers are arranged, so it is **concealed** with foliage and floral **TAPE**.

FLOWERS ARE WIRED TO:



- Support **WEAK** stems
- Hold stems in a certain **POSITION**
- Extend stem **LENGTH**
- **REPLACE** bulky stems in corsages

Floral tape is **APPLIED** after the flower has been **WIRED**. It is **STRETCHED** tightly for a secure fit.

Wiring technique	Example of flowers
Wire straight at hollow stem	Bulb flowers such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and gladioli
Wire in the calyx and around the stem	Roses, carnations, large mums
Wire looped through the neck of a blossom and around a wad of moistened cotton	Tuberous, fragile flowers such as stephanotis
Wire through the calyx and the ends bent to form a replacement stem	Flowers with a thick, strong calyx such as carnations and roses
Wire through the calyx, formed into a hook, and pulled back to center	Flowers with weak stems and flattened heads such as daisies, pom pom mums, and black-eyed susans

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR FLORAL CLIENTS

These questions will help you CREATE the best possible arrangement based on your client's NEEDS and preferences.

- ✓ What is the occasion or PURPOSE of the arrangement?
- ✓ Do you have a preferred flower TYPE or style?
What COLORS would you like?
- ✓ What will the SETTING of the arrangement be? (i.e. prom dress, colored TABLE cloth, entrance foyer)
- ✓ Do you want the arrangement to be visible on all SIDES or just one?
- ✓ If the arrangement is a BOUQUET or CORSAGE, how tall is the wearer & do they have any ALLERGIES?

