Outlines of Period Flower Arrangement

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Dutch and Flemish

FROM AN OLD PRINT

An elaborate grouping of georgeous flowers and fruit intermingled with birds and butterflies represents the Dutch and Flemish periods of the 17th and 18th centuries

I. Dutch and Flemish

(17th and 18th Centuries)

Containers

Alabaster urn Pewter jar Bronze—Ewer Urn

Glass bowl (amber or green)

Pottery—Bowl Churn

Silver'bowl Majolica pottery bowl

Basket Metal utensils

Container usually subordinate to arrangement, as fruit and flowers festooning over edge of container in picturesque manner.

Backgrounds

Dark paneled walls Marble Fabrics—

Velvet Tapestry Brocade Damask Cloth of Gold

Plant Material

Anemone
Carnation
Celosia
Chrysanthemum
Crown Imperial
Dahlia
Daisy
Dried materials—
bittersweet
burrs
grain
seed pods
Foxglove
Fritillaria
Fruit—

grapes

lemons oranges peaches pomegranates quince Hemerocallis Hollyhock Honeysuckle Hyacinth Iris Lily Marigold Monkshood Morning glory Narcissus Parrot tulip Pentstemon Peony Poppy Primrose Ranunculus Rhubarb leaves Rose Sunflower Thistle Tulip Vegetables artichokes cabbage carrots onions

Accessories

Acorns and chestnuts Bird's nest and eggs Butterflies, bees and other insects Musical instruments Science instruments Hour glass Books Stuffed squirrels Snail shell Toadstool Globe Wine decanter, goblet Loaf of bread and knife Skull Marble slab

Ovsters Stuffed birds-Partridae Woodcock

Basket of bright colored yarns

Appropriate Setting

Window ledge Credence (sideboard) Flemish chest on leas Flemish cupboard Scribanne (secretary-commode) Tables—

Flemish Burgundian Writing

Dressoir (open cupboard) Tablecloths of rich, dark colors were in common use

Arrangement Characteristics

Opulent mass arrangement Italian Renaissance influence Combination of flowers and fruit was common practice Fruit may be impaled on twigs Several centers of interest Profusion of plant material and numerous accessories Globular flowers popular Curve of poppy stems gave pleasina desian The study of old flower paintings reveals curious use of turning flowers in order that the back side may be seen Flowers are often depicted with petals turned back (poppy) Vibrant harmony of color Warm scale of color generally

Favored Colors

Lemon yellow Chrome-yellow Naples yellow Orange Brown

predominated

Wine red Vermilion Brick red Pink Apricot Cobalt blue Purple Apple green Sage green Jewel tones

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II. French (17th and 18th Centuries)

Neo-Classic Era Louis XVI 1774-1793 Baroque Era Louis XIV 1643-1715 (Republic) 1795-1799 Directoire Louis XV 1715-1774 Rococo Era (Napoleon) 1799-1815 Empire

Fabrics— Containers Satin Damask Porcelain fruit basket with Tapestry pierced sides Brocade Sevres porcelain— Taffeta Compote Toile de Jouy Cornucopia Silk, flowered and Jardiniere figured Bowl with ball feet Mirrors and murals Crystal— Swan

Urn

Eperane

Dresden and Meissen-

Compote

Vase

Urn

Bronze-

Tole-

Silver-

Alabaster—

Bowl

Vase

Urn

Vase

Vase

Urn

Urn

Vase

Bowl

Capo di Monte urns

Painted walls—

Fruit basket

Backgrounds

Epergne

Old ivory

Putty

Pale grey

Basket

Compote

Urn

Venetian glass-

Vase with dolphin base

mounts and prisms

Vase with brass ormolu

Plant Materials

Acacia Ageratum Aquilegia Anemone Begonia Bouvardia Carnation Camellia Cyclamen Daisy Delphinium Easter lily Forget-me-not Freesia **Fuchsia** Grape leaves and tendrils Honeysuckle Hydrangea Iris Jasmine Jonauil Larkspur Lilac Lily-of-the-valley Marigold, pale yellow Myrtle Narcissus Pansy Parrot tulip Peony Petunia Plumbago Poddy

Primrose



French

Elegance and formal balance distinguish this outstanding French arrangement in an alabaster urn of classic form. Arrangement by Mrs. John S. Loomis

Ranunculus Roman hyacinth Rose Salvia, blue Scabiosa Stock Sweet pea Tulip Viola Violet Wheat

Accessories

Dresden figure or group Cupid and Watteau type Porcelain birds or flowers Decorative boxes of painted enamel or Sevres-Snuff Patch Jewel case

Miniature

Fan or enameled opera glasses Marble or bronze-

Bust Statue

Bonbonnier

Ornamental clock Decorative hand mirror

Baroque angels—

Plaster gilt Carved wood

Scent bottles Candlesticks and candalabra-

> Dresden Sevres Ormolu

French bisque figurine Tole jars or trays Pomade jars

Nosegay tied with ribbons French print

Appropriate Setting

Niche Tripod pedestal (Lampadaire) Commode Desk Mantel

Tables—

Marble topped console Ormolu trimmed Boulle (tortoise veneer) Poudreuse Lacquered Inlaid Brass galleried Bleached and fruit wood Gilt or black and gilt Glass enclosed shelf

Arrangement Characteristics

Least weighty of all mass arrangements

Classic elegance and formal balance

Height greater than width

Individual beauty of flowers ' stressed

Harmony rather than contrast

Clever use of dark accent color at base and carried up through arrangement

Soft coloring resembled Aubusson and Savonnerie rugs

Cool colors often combined with pale yellow

Exquisite color harmony combined with one dominant tone

Spike flowers and trailing tendrils used in graceful manner

Procelain vases and urns of classical lines, usually with handles on sides, often decorated with pastoral scenes or portraits and gilt trimmed

Line considered subordinate to color

Favored Colors

Yellow Buff Citron Salmon Dusty pink "Pompadour" pink Mauve Turquoise blue "Sevres" blue Sky blue Delft blue Lavender Purple Violet Wine red Green

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III. Colonial Flower Arrangement (17th Century)

Pre-Revolutionary

Containers

Pewter-Bowl Ewer Tankard Connister Teapot Mug

Copper— Kettle Bowl Pitcher

Brass-Kettle Ewer

Salt alaze— Pitcher Bowl Dish with lid Chinese Porcelain-Bowl

Ginger jar Dutch Delft ware-Mua Pitcher

Earthenware pottery— Jug

Bowl Baking dish Bean pot

Early flint glass bottles Wooden bowl

Gourd bowl Iron pot Baskets made of bark

Woodwork-Natural pine paneling White painted Fabrics-Homespun linen India prints

Early American 1607-1720

Crewel embroidery Turkey work Damask Chintz

Plant Material

Artemisia Aster Bee Balm Blackeyed Susan Canna Chrysanthemum Clove pink Clover Coreopsis Cornflower Daisy Daylily Dried materialsbittersweet honesty cattail rose hip everlastina corn aourd Fern Feverfew Flax Fruit and fruit blossoms Foxalove Gaillardia Geranium Goldenrod Hollyhock Honeysuckle

Backgrounds

Tree of Life pattern

Poddy Queen Anne's lace Roses, moss and wild single type

Lupine

Mallow Marigold

Maple leaves Mertensia

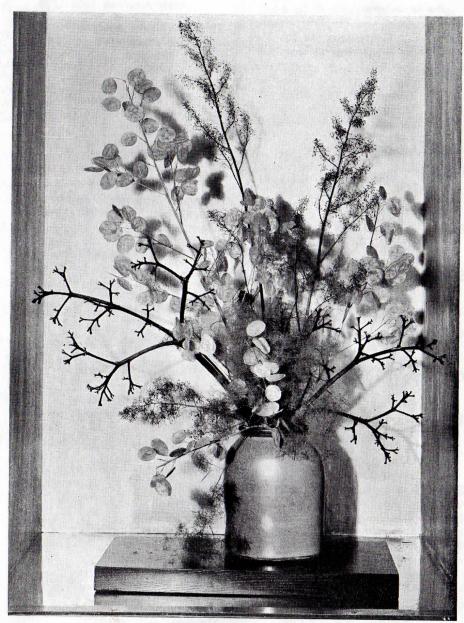
Monkshood

Nasturtium

Peony

Petunia

Flint,



Colonial

MATTIE EDWARDS HEWITT

A charming arrangement of dried materials in an earthenware beanpot is typical of the Americar Colonial Period of the 17th Century. Arrangement by Mrs. Karl A. deGersdorff Rosemary Sunflower Sweet William Tansy Trillium Trumpet vine Verbena Wallflower

Accessories

Pewter-Candlesticks Sconces Snuffer Oil lamp Ink well Sand shaker Snuff box Spoon holder Plate Platter Porringer Mold Bayberry candles Brass-Candlesticks Snuffer Pestle and mortar Plate Platter Quilled pen Hour Glass Sampler or needlework picture Salt alaze-Salt cellar Animal figures Copper— Kettle Plate Dutch Delft ware tiles Early blown glass Historical flasks Tuzzie-muzzies (nosegays)

Appropriate Settings

Queen Anne card table (Basset) Mantel shelf Welsh dresser Tudor court cupboard Dower chest (Hadley) Tables—
Cricket (three-legged)
Butterfly (maple)
Duck foot
Jacobean gate-leg
Refectory (oak)

Hutch

Candle stand

Arrangement Characteristics

William and Mary

Informal mixed bouquets
Bright complimentary colors
Contrast rather than harmony
Considerable simplicity and
charm

Sweet scented herb foliage— Lemon verbena Rose geranium Southernwood Costmary Mints

Dull grey pewter provided an excellent foil for bright tones of garden and field flowers

Trade with the Orient introduced Chinese porcelains, textiles and plants to Colonists

Colonial table arrangements combining fruits, vegetables and nuts are considered traditional Thanksgiving decorations

East India trade brought prints, ceramics and embroideries from Persia, India and China which furnished new ideas for crewel work and combinations of colors that were different from the English precedent

Favored Colors

Red Vermilion Chinese red Rose Wagon blue Delft blue Lavender Purple Orange Saffron yellow Colonial yellow Apple green Brown

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IV. Federal Flower Arrangement

(Late 18th and Early 19th Centuries)

Thomas Jefferson's Era Post-Revolutionary American Federal Period 1780-1830 From George Washington's Inauguration

Containers

Sandwich pressed glass— Vase Fruit dish

Pitcher

Steigel and Wistar blown glass— Vase

Bowl on standard Celery vase

Paul Revere Silver— Bowl

Teapot

Spode— Vase Tureen

Staffordshire—

Vase Compote

Wedgwood— Urn Vase Bulb dish

Crown Derby—

Urn Pierced fruit bowl

Worcester— Vase Pitcher Cornucopia Compote

Chinese Lowestoft bowl

Sheffield silver— Epergne Cake basket Wine cooler

Lustre ware— Pitcher Bowl

Japanned chestnut jar

Backgrounds

Painted Walls—
 Grey
 Moss green
 Buff

Paneled walls

Scenic wall paper—Historical

Fabrics—

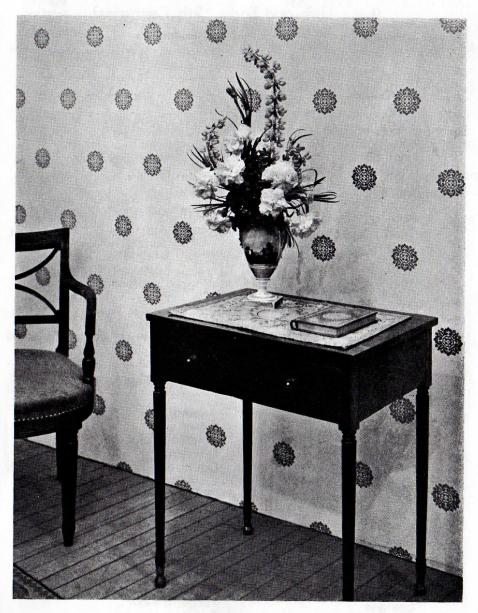
Damask Brocatelles India prints Crewel embroideries Satin Velour Calico

Flowered and printed silks

Plant Material

Anemone Aster Bleeding heart Candytuft Canterbury bell Carnation Chrysanthemum Crown Imperial Cornflower Dahlia Daylily Delphinium Dogwood Easter lilv Forget-me-not Foxalove Fruit blossoms **Fuchsia** Gladiolus Hollyhock Hyacinth

Iris



Federal

A formal mass arrangement in a decorative urn, with appropriate accessories reflects the American Federal Period of the late 18th and early 19th Centuries. Arrangement by Mrs. Edgar A. Knapp

Jonquil Larkspur Lilac Lily-of-the-valley Marguerite Marigold Narcissus Pansy Peony Petunia Phlox Poppy Ranunculus Roses Primrose Salvia, blue Snapdragon Strawflower Striped grass Stock Sunflower Sweet William Tiger lily Tulip

Accessories

Classic figurines Silhouette or miniature Snuff box Sandwich glass-Lamp Sweetmeat dish Salt cellar Historical bottle Shelf clock Girandole candlesticks Candalabra Wedgwood-**Platter** Jar Medallion Toby jug Astral lamp with prisms Chinese Lowestoft tea caddy Hurricane globes Sheffield silver— Candlesticks Candalabra Paper weight

Staffordshire figures or group
Glass painting, historical
Clipper ship model
Mirrors—
Concave
With painting at top
Steigel glass bottle
Flower print
Illuminated certificate of baptism or marriage
Powder flask

Favored Colors

"Wedgwood" Blue
Cobalt blue
"Worcester" blue
"Adam" green
"Lowestoft"pink
Chinese red
Lemon yellow
Apricot
Terra cotta
Rose
Cherry red
Wine red
Lavender
Purple

Arrangement Characteristics

Mass arrangement with formal balance
Prevailing influence was French

rather than English

Fruits were used in combination with flowers and foliage, particularly in epergnes

Height greater than width

Vases and ornaments of classic form predominated

Individual beauty of flowers stressed

Martha Washington is credited with introducing formal flower arrangement in America. Mt. Vernon was known for its beautiful gardens and George

Washington was responsible for the importation of many foreign plants and trees Harmony of color was more important than vivid contrast

Appropriate Setting

Tripod candlestand Sideboard Mantel Desk Chest, serpentine front Tables— Sofa, Duncan Phyfe Card, pedestal Sewina Gate-leg Kidney Tea, carved pedestal Chinese lacquer Quadrille (aame) Nest of tables

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V. Georgian Flower Arrangement 18th Century

AMERICAN GEORGIAN WILLIAMSBURG ERA 1720-1780 ENGLISH GEORGIAN

George | 1714-1727 George II 1727-1760 George III 1760-1820

Containers

Classic designs and forms Sheffield silver— Wine cooler Wall paper— Cake basket Eperane Bristol glass-Urn Fabrics-Vase Waterford glass fruit bowl Chinese Lowestoft-Bowl

Ginger iar Chinese Crackle porcelain

vase Worcester fruit cooler

Spode--

Jardiniere Pitcher Wedgwood-

Urn Vase

Bulb dish

Chelsea-

Compote Tureen Vase

Crown Derby-Compote

Pierced fruit basket

Lustre ware-

Copper and silver Bowl

Pitcher Mua

Staffordshire—

Compote Vase

Willow ware-Tea caddy

Tureen Apothecary jar

Backgrounds

Painted walls-

White Grev Dusty green Pale blue Pale Pink

Chinese Marblized Landscape

Damask Velvet Chintz Crewel embroideries Chinese brocade

Plant Material

Anemone Babysbreath Blackberry flowers, fruit and foliage Candytuft Carnation Chrysanthemum Clover Cornflower Crocus Crown Imperial Dahlia Daylily Delphinium Dried Materials— Rose hips Strawflower Seed pods

Wheat Easter lily Fruit blossoms Foxalove Gladiolus Honeysuckle Hyacinth Iris Larkspur Lilac

Lupine

Marguerite



Georgian

FRED WADDELL

A "still life" picture in the 18th Century Georgian manner, using roses in a porcelain urn with an old Staffordshire figurine as an accessory. The background is of old Chinese gilt paper. Arrangement by Mrs. Allen B. Hannay

Marigold Mignonette Muscari Narcissus Pansy Peony Pentstemon Petunia Pomegranate, flowers and truit Primrose Queen Anne's lace Ranunculus Roses, old fashioned types Salvia, blue Snapdragon Statice Sunflower Stock Tulip Veronica

Accessories

Miniatures and silhouettes
Chinese porcelain—
Plates
Figures
Cup, saucer
Ginger jar
Tea caddy
Inkwell
Chinese horses
Teakwood stand
Sheffield silver—
Candlesticks

Candalabra

Crystal-

Candalabra with prisms Candlesticks Hurricane globe

Alabaster box Enameled boxes— Snuff Patch

Staffordshire—

Figurine or group Shepherd, milkmaid Animals, birds Candlesticks

Meissen figurines WedgwoodStatuettes Medallions

Toby jug Lustre—

> Mugs Pitcher

Sampler and embroidery picture Mirrors—

Adam designs Chinese Chippendale Carved gilt Mahogany, gilt trim

Favored Colors

"Chelsea" green
'Staffordshire" blue
'Wedgwood" blue
"Worcester" blue
Chinese yellow
Cobalt blue
Mauve
Naples yellow
Terra cotta
Rose
Russet
Copper
Tangerine
Salmon
Apricot

Appropriate Setting

Niche
Night stand
Tripod candle stand
Corner cupboard
Bowfront chest
Lowboy
Revolving book stand
Tables—

Pembroke
Drum (leather topped)
Tier, Hepplewhite
Piecrust
Card, lift top
Tea, Chippendale
Serving, Sheraton
Chinese lacquer
Tripod tilt top, Chippen-

dale Nest of tables

Arrangement Characteristics

Mass Arrangement with formal balance

Somewhat triangular in form with perfect symmetry

Less delicate than French type of arrangement

Color harmony often monochromatic

Eperanes arranged with combinations of flowers and fruit in harmonizing tones and quali-

The arrangement, as a whole, was more important than stressing the beauty of the individual flowers

Accessories were used to heighten or repeat the color of plant material or container

Handles on urns added formality to arrangements

Old floral paintings provide many lessons in the taste of this period

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VI. Victorian Flower Arrangement 19th Century

VICTORIAN ERA 1830-1901

Containers

Parian ware— Hand vase Cornucopia Pitcher

Bohemian Glass Lustre— Vase with prisms

Rockingham— Vase Compote

Belleek-Vase Basket

Shell Ironstone China-Tureen

Hexagonal dish Haviland china vase

March Stand

(Compound trumpet eperane)

Silver-

Spoon warmer Cake basket

Victorian glass—

Blown and Pressed Hobnail

Cranberry Opal Satin Milk Amber Peachblow Cut

Tiffany Favrile Clinchy (painted)

Rose bowl Pickle iar Glass dome

Most China vases of this period were deeply gilded, of ornate shape and form, and usually had feet or bases

Backgrounds

Wall paper— Figured Flowered Landscape

Fabrics-

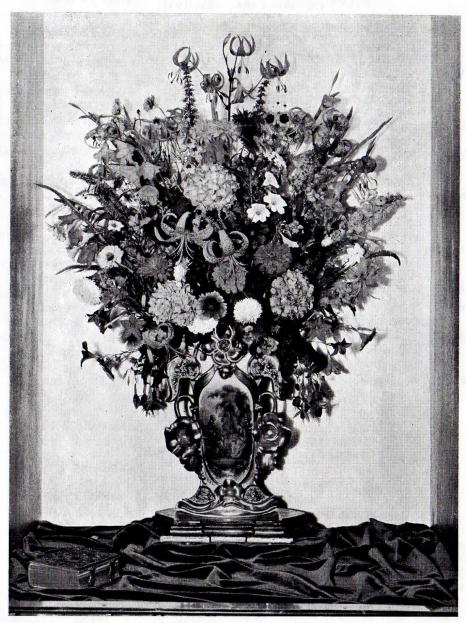
Velvet Plush Horsehair Satin Brocade

Plant Material

Amaryllis Anemone Bleeding heart Bluebell Bouvardia Caladium Camellia Carnation Cineraria Clover Cockscomb Cornflower Coreopsis Crown Imperial Dahlia Daisy Easter lily Eucharis lily Forget-me-not Foxglove Freesia Fritillaria Fuchsia Gardenia Geranium Godetia Heather Heliotrope Hyacinth Immortelle xora Jasmine Lilac Lobelia Magnolia

Mariaold

Mignonette



Victorian

MATTIE EDWARDS HEWITT

An opulent arrangement using bold, richly colored flowers of many varieties in an ornate gilt vase is characteristic of the Victorian Period. Arrangement by Mrs. John Worth Edmonds

Morning glory Narcissus Pansy Passion Flower Phlox Roses Salpialossis Salvia, blue and red Stephanotis Stock Tiger lily Thistle Tuberose Tulip Verbena Vinca Violet Water lily

Accessories

Daguerreotype Album or prayer book Fan or Valentine Paper weights-Mille-fiori Baccaret Clinchy Parian Ware-Portrait bust Figure Miniature vase, etc. Box (with sleeping child on lid, etc.) Rockingham bisque figurine Staffordshire figurine or group— Pastoral and domestic Animals and birds Historical and Scotch Cottage Pottery (chimney ornaments)-Poodle, spotted dog, cat Cow creamer Cottage, castle, etc. Banks Mother-of-pearl boxes-Sewing Music Glass slipper, hat, etc. Currier and Ives prints

Baxter prints

Blackamoor figure
Decorated lamp
Papier-mache tray
Candlesticks
Cup and saucer
Illuminated certificates of baptism and marriage

Appropriate Setting

Pedestal What-not (Etagere) Melodeon Mantel Tables—

Marble topped
Circular, with fringed
cloth to floor
Bedside or night
Tea, spool-turned
Card, lift top

Arrangement Characteristics

Most compact of all mass arrangements Globular or circular in form

Color contrast rather than harmony

Opulent and somewhat heavy Bold, rich colors

All white arrangements very popular

Wider than height was usual

Arrangements massed so that individual beauty of flowers was lost

Numerous varieties of flowers Mantel arrangements large, placed flat against wall

Aquatic bouquets

Nosegays concentric in design

Thick petaled flowers popular

When fruit was used, it was not combined with flowers, but was arranged with grape leaves on separate compotes or baskets

Stiff striped grasses, grains, Dusty Miller, ivy and ferns were used as edging for bouquets or vases

Favored Colors

Blush pink Sapphire blue Ochre yellow Lavender Violet Purple Magenta Mulberry Carmine Vermilion Claret red Emerald green Yellow chartreuse "Staffordshire" pink Rose Deep blue Brown

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VII. Early Twentieth Century American

Traditional Line, Line-Mass, MASS 1930's-1960's

Containers

Glass brick
Brandy glass
Swedish crystal—

Bowls Vases Compotes Plates

Modern pottery-

Vases
Pitchers
Bowls
Boats
Jars
Bulb bowls

Figurine flower container

Brass, bronze, copper and Pewter

Vases Bowls Urns

Spun aluminum— Bowls Platters

Pillow vases of porcelain, metal and pottery

Wall pockets

Epergnes

Chinese porcelain vases and bowls

Wide range of modern decorative objects which are utilized as flower containers

Backgrounds

Monotone settings— Antique white Gray

Putty

Rough textured fabrics

Walls-

Plastered Wood paneled Mirrored Wall paper—
Striped and flowered
Vivid flowers used in monotone
setting bring whole room to
life

Modern indirect lighting dramatizes color schemes

Plant Material

Amaryllis Anthurium Azalea Banana blossoms and fruit Broccoli (gone to seed) Cactus Camellia Calla lily and leaves Cattails Chinese Tallow berries Cockscomb Cyclamen Foliage material— Aspidistra Bird's Nest Fern Caladium Croton Dieffenbachia

Agapanthus

Pandanus Parsley Philodendron Rhododendron Rhubarb Sansevieria

Dracaena

Kale

Loquat

Magnolia

Eucalyptus

Gardenia
Gladiolus
Hibiscus
Hydrangea
Iris
Kalanchoe
Lotus flowers and leaves
Onion blooms
Orchid



alv. Tanders South and American

Modern

MATTIE EDWARDS HEWITT

An unusual and distinctive interpretation of Modern flower arrangement, using onion blooms and foliage in a well balanced design. Arrangement by Mr. Dwight Kellogg

Pitcher plant Strelitzia Succulents Tigridia Tritoma Tulip Zinnia

Accessories

Danish porcelain—
Figurines
Animals

Modern pottery—
Birds
Animals
Figurines
Candle sticks
Cigarette boxes
Ash trays

Crystal—

Balls
Birds, fish, animals
Figurines
Ornaments
Candle sticks
C a n d y and cigarette
boxes

Coral
Books and book ends
Fruit of all sorts
Plastic ornaments and objects
Globes
Prints
Potted plants
Aquarium
Clock, lamp, barometer
Decanter and glasses
Unusual ornaments of brass,
bronze, copper and pewter

Appropriate Setting

Desk
Radio
Piano
Book shelf
Pedestal
Tripod flower stand
Chest
Tables: Walnut, fruitwood or
bleached
Coffee

Glass Glass topped Console Nest of tables

Arrangement Characteristics

Line arrangements preferred, usually of geometric form Elimination of all unnecessary and confusing detail Dramatic and exotic Bold silhouette Distinctive and unusual plant material Strong upright and angular forms Bold rich colors preferred to pas-Stemless flowers floated in shallow bowls or plates Bizarre combinations of fruits and vegetables with plant material All-foliage arrangements popu-When mass arrangements are used they are colorful, stylized, and circular in form Odd combinations of similar textured material, such as gardenias and eggs. Small flowers (tuberose, hyacinth, stock, etc.) strung on bamboo splints or straws often used for exotic effects. Gilded and/or silvered fruit and

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foliage arrangements are used

Favored Colors

for formal dinner tables Modern flower arrangement is

still a growing style.

Citron yellow
Chamois yellow
Chartreuse
Cafe au lait
Terra cotta
Earth brown
Chalk grey
Vermilion

Coral red
Strawberry red
Raspberry
Lacquer red
Eggplant purple
Peking blue
Lupine blue
Reseda green
Olive green
Sage green
Black

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