

From Your President



WOW!! What an awesome Convention!!! We had a wonderful weekend of education and fellowship! I have heard nothing but positive feed back from Convention. Everyone has almost stated the very same thing. Great programs, awesome location and such an wonderful excitement in the air. Ms Hitomi even stated from stage the energy at convention was amazing and everyone seemed so excited to learn. I have heard from all the designers, as well as industry professionals commenting on what an awesome weekend we had on St Simons. One of our members shared with me last week that he was so excited about things he had learned at convention that once he returned home he began to play. I just laughed because Hollie, Joey and myself did the very same thing. Actually we had a mini hands-on workshop in our workroom one afternoon. Practicing techniques we had picked up at convention.

I do appreciate all the HARD WORK that went into making convention a success. We all know that making convention happen takes a lot of work. It is always a group effort and I can't say THANK YOU enough! We were so blessed to have so many arrive early to pitch in and help. It was amazing! I am afraid to name everyone in fear that I would leave someone out. So from the heart I do say THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!!!!

Congratulations to Angie Head GMF on becoming GSFA's 2011 Designer of the Year!!!! I am so proud of you Girl! Oh Sharon, it was such a delight watching you as your name was announced as the winner of the Burton Cup. Your excitement carried me back to a time not that long ago and reminded me why I love what I do! I am so happy for you darling. Ladies we are looking forward to seeing you gals in July at Summer Symposium.

Also Congratulations to Jeff Lott AIFD, CFD, GMF on being named Retailer of the Year and Van's Floral Products on being named Wholesaler of the Year. Scholarships were also awarded to Sherry Moon AIFD, CFD, Jenna Naylor, Sharon Ivy and Valera Snead. Angie Head GMF and Jenna Naylor were awarded The Dick Timmons Service Award. Congratulations to all and keep up the great work!

I would also like to say thank you again to our sponsors. Without you guys we would not have been able to provide education to our industry. Your support is very much appreciated!

Stay tuned for details on Summer Symposium. We are working on an awesome lineup. Again thanks to everyone for a great convention and for your support of GSFA!!!

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