



Judges' Bulletin

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To all GCO Club Presidents,

Re: Judges' Council Meeting April 28, 2025

We are very pleased that one of Canada's foremost floral artists has agreed to share his talents with us on April 28, 2025 at Landscape Ontario in Milton for a morning demonstration and an afternoon workshop.

Bruno Duarte, an award-winning floral designer, has excelled in numerous international competitions and is sought after globally for demonstrations. This is a fantastic chance to witness a true master in action!

The following is the agenda for the day at our venue at Landscape Ontario in Milton.

- 9:00 Registration and Coffee
- 10:00 Bruno Duarte Demonstration
Designs will be auctioned.
- 12:00 BYO lunch and afternoon Registration
- 12:30 Bruno Duarte Workshop
- 3:30 Final Announcements and clean-up

The registration fees for the event are below. This event is now open to GCO member clubs and other interested groups. Workshop places are limited so please register early.

- Morning demonstration - \$125
- Afternoon workshop - \$150
- Full day - \$250

Final registration date is March 7, 2025 as plant material and supplies must be ordered well in advance.

You must first contact our Treasurer, Cathy Faber-Rowlands at crwf@sympatico.ca before sending any money. Cathy will confirm availability and then she will let you know if you can

either e-transfer or send a cheque to her with the fee payable to ***Garden Clubs of Ontario Judges' Council***

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There will be no registration at the door. All attendees must be pre-registered and pre-paid.

Bruno's amazing designs from the morning demonstration will be available by auction at the end of the demonstration. Please bring cash or you may pay by e-transfer if you are a lucky bidder.

Also bring a box to transport your winning bid if you think you will be lucky.

For those who register for the workshop, you will be able to bring your completed design home. Bring a box or basket to transport your design. You will require basic floral design tools such as scissors, secateurs, wire cutters, gloves and binding wire. A complete list of tools will be available in early April for all workshop attendees.

If you are interested in booking into a local hotel the night before, we have negotiated a group rate at the Best Western in Milton for a double room at \$145 plus HST. Here is the link for the group's online reservation:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.66101.html?groupId=1K8FA6F7

Contact information as well as the address for the Hotel is below. The rate applies if ten rooms are booked. We have 15 set aside. *Final date for booking at this special rate is March 26, 2025.*

Best Western Milton Inn

[*161 Chisholm Drive*](#)

[*Milton, Ontario*](#)

[*L9T 4A6*](#)

Telephone: (905)875-3818

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We are looking forward to seeing you and working with Bruno on some amazing designs.

Co-Chairs Judges' Council

Mary-Ann Vercammen and Anne Harbord