

## FLOWER MAGAZINE

**The event:** More than 350 guests attended a launch party at the Birmingham Museum of Art to celebrate the premiere issue with editor-in-chief Margot Shaw.

**The scene:** Birmingham's talented arrangers created compositions. Using flowers in the magazine's signature pink and green colors in arrangements were Dykes Culp, Dorothy McDaniel, Sybil Sylvester, Ray Jordan, Janet Jackson, Carole Sullivan, Jon Davis, Jon Martinez, Leah Hazzard and Kathy Miller. At the end of the evening, flowers were donated to Perenity, Jennifer Slaughter's nonprofit that recycles flowers into bouquets for hospice patients.

One of the dramatic visual effects was a giant fresh floral sculpture of pink roses made by Gates Shaw, an up-and-coming floral designer/craftsman (and husband of the editor).



Margot Shaw, Gates Shaw and Winn Crockard

Chef Jason Mezrano's famous Thai Noodle Station, complete with green Thai take-out containers and pink chopsticks, included pan sauteed vegetables with rice noodles, ginger chicken, Napa cabbage, snow peas and bean sprouts. The noodle station was complemented with edible Asian spoons with salmon and tuna tartare. Guests also sampled smoked turkey on orange corn muffins, and mini gourmet BLTs. Desserts included ice cream flowers, layered chocolate mousse and key lime pie.

A flowertini station featured beautiful lime green appletinis with pink dendrobium orchids and pink cosmopolitans with green dendrobium orchids floating in each glass. Vases of floating flowers under an acrylic table top decorated the flowertini station.

SPECIAL/BUTCH DILL



Margaret Musseleman, Angela Dodd and Christy Risher



Terri Elder and Jason Elder

At the end of the evening, guests took home a fresh flower donated by Eleanor Clevenger of Miami, a beautiful flower writing pen, flower chocolates, Flower Magazine t-shirt and the first issue.

Among the featured events in the premiere edition are the Ballet of Guild of Birmingham's Ball of Roses; the Queen's Bal Masque in New Orleans honoring

Virginia Cooney, the Queen of Endymion; and Margot's piece on Cornelia Guest's Long Island garden.

**Spotted:** Helping Margot and team celebrate were Conrad and Peggy Rafield with children Carlton and Logan, Elton and Leslie Stephens, Wescott Shaw Garrett, Tim and Liz Young, John and Katherine Cobbs, Claire Cormany, Nina Botsford,



Leslie and Elton Stephens

Kate Nielsen, Mary and Victor Hanson, Walker Jones, Evje and Alex Vare, Cynn timer Sproull, Henry Lynn, Winn Crockard, Laura and Richard Abernethy, Margaret and John Paul Musseleman, Sally and Will Legg, Chris Presley, Stuart Riddle, Matthew Bees, Celine Chenoweth, Bradford Bankhead, Lee and Rusty Whatley, Leah McKinney and Bo Taylor, Sybil Newton, Mary Berkley and Pete Pritchard, Julie Gower, Arden and Brett Ward, Ginny Farley, Melanie and Mike McCraney, Mimi Brown, Alice Cox, Tandy Graves, Hallman Ray, Nan Teninbaum, Alice Cox, Melissa Brown, Jaime Primak, Nancy Kennemer, Jean Hendrickson, and Judy Leesburg.