



# Texas State Florists' Association

## Asymmetrical Triangle Arrangement PowerPoint Presentation

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LEVEL 2 HIGH SCHOOL  
FLORAL CERTIFICATION



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# High School Certification Level 2 Testing Information

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- ❖ Check TSFA website [www.tsfa.org](http://www.tsfa.org) for required information
- ❖ \$100 Testing Fee, if not receiving scholarship, by application deadline
- ❖ Must have completed and passed Level I Certification
- ❖ Must pass 3 required designs in a total time of 1 hour and 30 minutes. The designs are:
  1. An asymmetrical container design
  2. A vase arrangement of 1 dz. roses or 1 dz. carnations
  3. A crescent shaped shoulder corsage
- ❖ Test Dates and Locations: to be announced each year

# Additional Testing Information

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- ❖ Students will be provided with a design bowl, oasis, vase, floral wire, container tape, floral tape, and fresh product for 3 hands on designs.
- ❖ Students MUST bring knives, stem cutters/shears, and wire cutters.
- ❖ There will be no tools provided.
- ❖ Design portion will be timed one hour and 30 minutes for total of three designs.
- ❖ Re-testing is available for students who do not pass one item in design portion.
- ❖ Re-test time will be 30 minutes per design portion (i.e. Re-testing Asymmetrical arrangement only: 30 minutes, Re-testing corsage only: 30 minutes, or Re-testing one dozen roses/one dozen carnation arrangement only: 30 minutes).
- ❖ Date, place, time: to be announced.
- ❖ Check TSFA website: [www.tsfa.org](http://www.tsfa.org)
- ❖ \$35.00 Re-testing fee



# Completed Asymmetrical Triangle Arrangement



## Required Materials and Flowers Needed to Complete Level 2 Asymmetrical Arrangement

- 1 #73 Green Design Bowl
- ¼" Waterproof Green Tape
- 2 Pieces of Myrtle
- 10 Stems of Leatherleaf
- 9 Carnations
- 1/3 Bunch of Mini Carnation

# Prepare Container for Design

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1/3 block wet floral foam

2 pieces 1/4" anchor tape,  
enough to secure oasis into  
foam

Slice off front corners of floral  
foam for better insertions of  
stems into front corner areas.

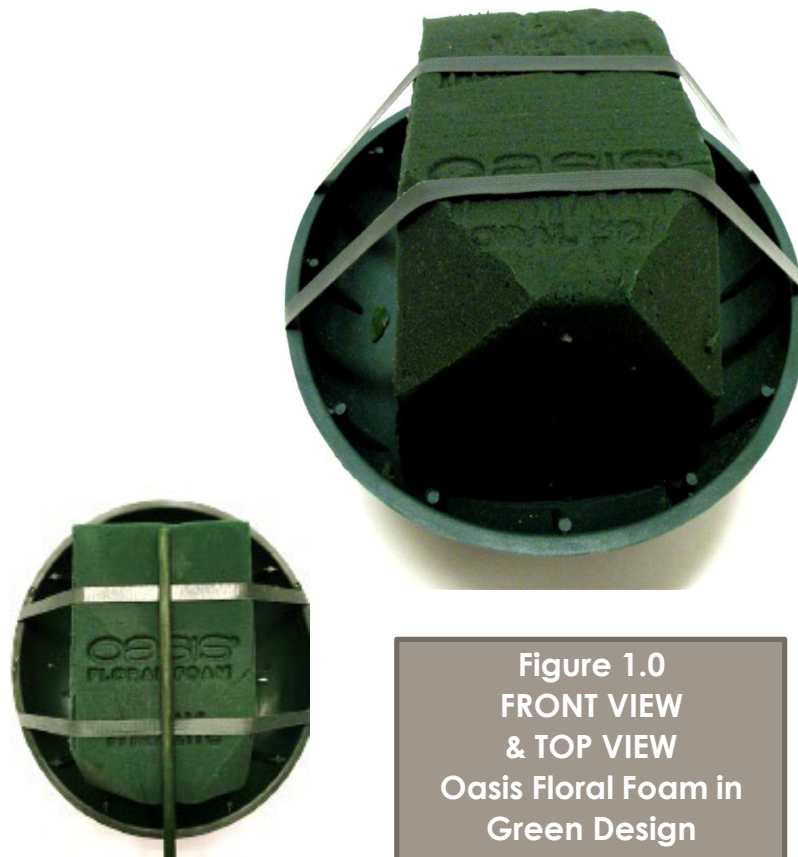


Figure 1.0  
FRONT VIEW  
& TOP VIEW  
Oasis Floral Foam in  
Green Design  
Bowl/Container

# Insert Carnations

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- ❖ Cut all stems at an angle
- ❖ Stems must be secure in floral foam below water line
- ❖ Should be no re-insertions in same hole
- ❖ Must develop asymmetrical triangle
- ❖ Carefully measure before cutting stems
- ❖ Develop skeleton of design in steps 1-9
- ❖ May fluff tight or non round carnations before inserting into floral foam
- ❖ Filler flowers should be inserted between carnations, placing them high and low within arrangement to create depth



# Cutting Stems for Insertion

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- ❖ Stems should be cut with a knife at an approximate 45 degree immediately prior to stem insertion into the floral foam
- ❖ Stems will seal themselves in approximately 30 seconds, once cut
- ❖ Do not cut multiple stems at one time.
- ❖ Must be very careful with carnation insertions into oasis, as will easily snap where foliage and joint meet



Joint, where foliage has been removed



# Placement of 9 carnation stems to form the Asymmetrical Triangle Skeleton

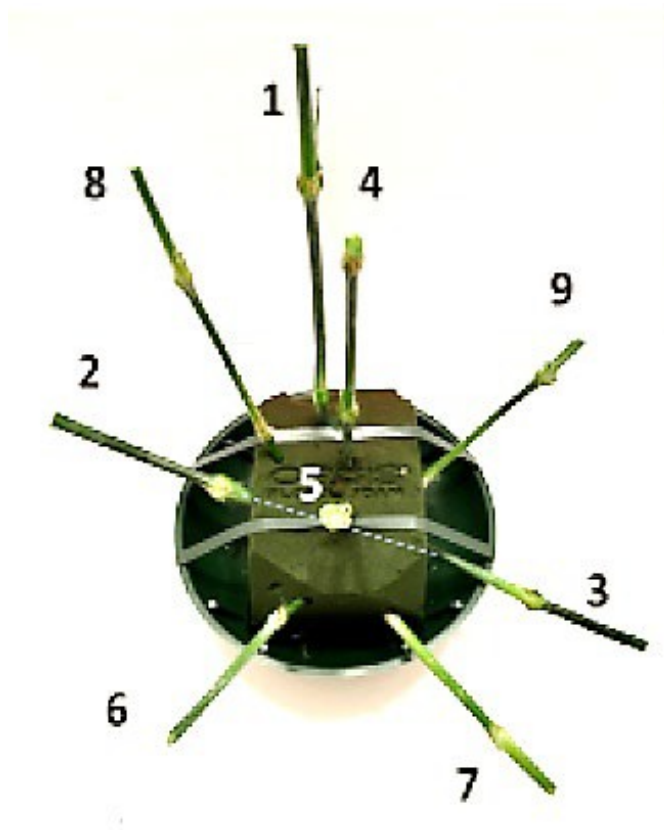


Figure 1.1  
FRONT VIEW  
Floral Foam with Insertions

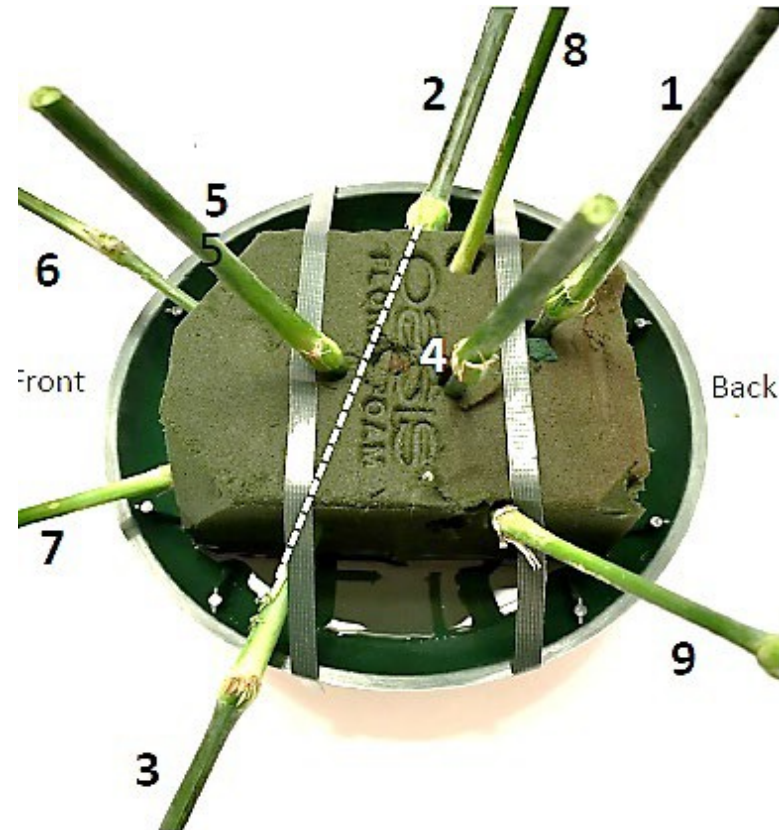
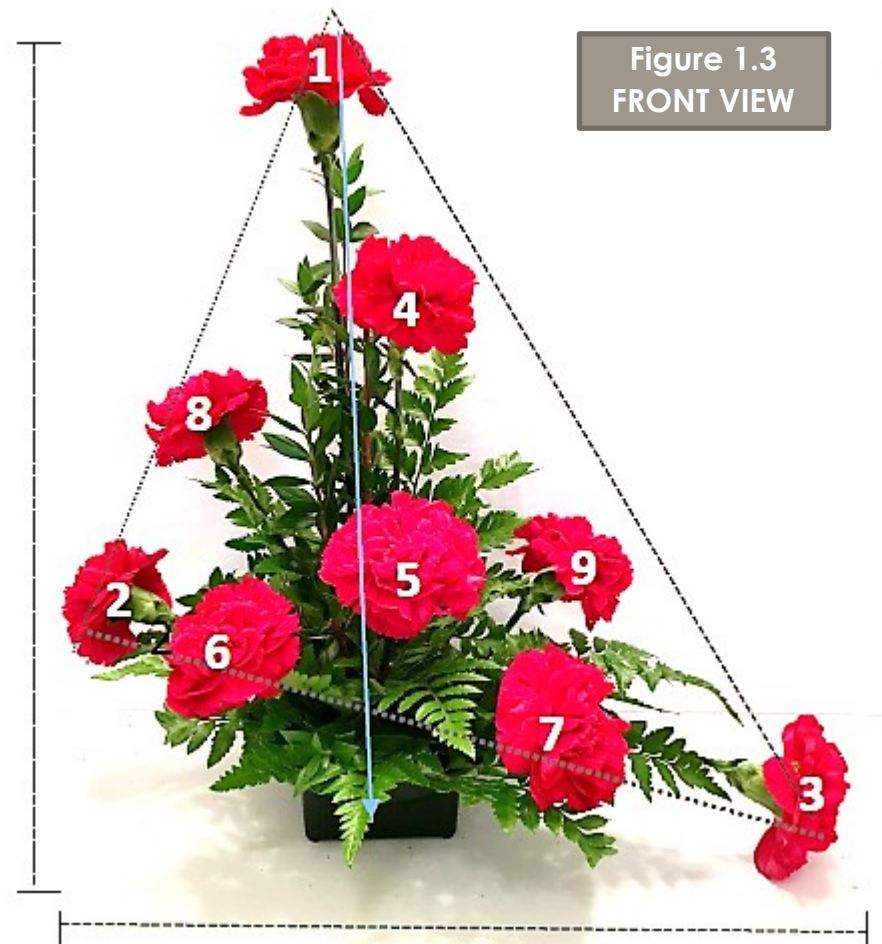


Figure 1.2  
SIDE VIEW  
Floral Foam with Insertions

# Overview

## Placement of Skeletal Carnation Stems, Miniature Carnations and Foliage for an Asymmetrical Triangle Design.

Note: Arrangement size should be approximately 16" Wide and 16" Tall.



# Beginning Insertion

- ❖ The first stem (#1) will be approximately **16" tall** and will be inserted toward the back of the foam, using the lengthwise direction of the of the foam.
- ❖ Insert the stem approximately 2" into the foam at a **92-95 degree angle**.

Note: 90 degree angle to use as a guide

*\*The stem should lay no further back than shown in example.*

*\* First Insertion is to left of center line (See Figure 1.4)*



Figure 1.4  
TOP VIEW

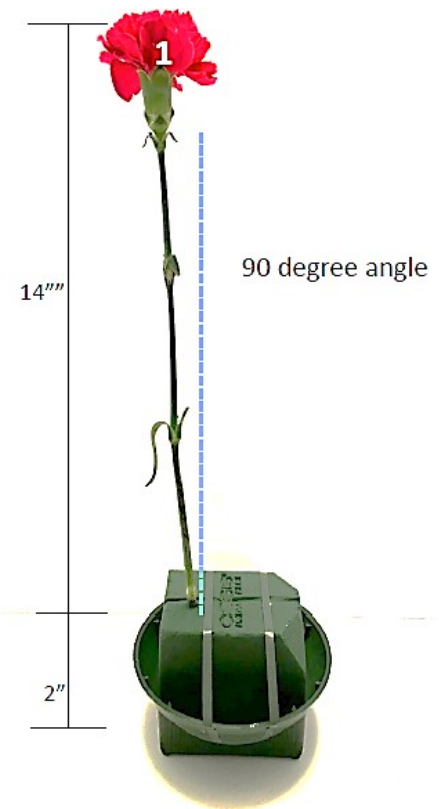


Figure 1.5  
SIDE VIEW

# #2 and #3 Stem Insertion

- ❖ Insert #2 and #3 stems to create a visual diagonal line across the oasis.
- ❖ This will begin to define depth and space within the design

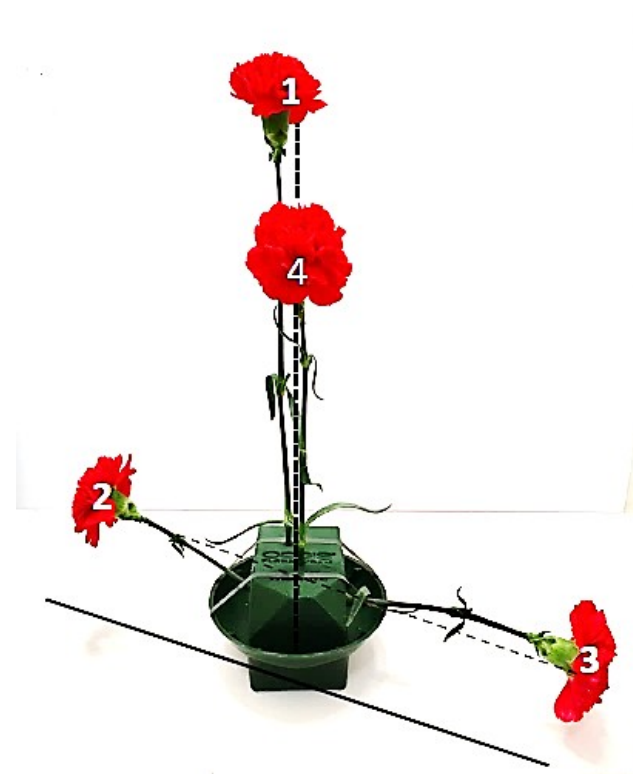


Figure 1.6  
FRONT VIEW  
Total width is approximately 16"

# #4 Stem Insertion

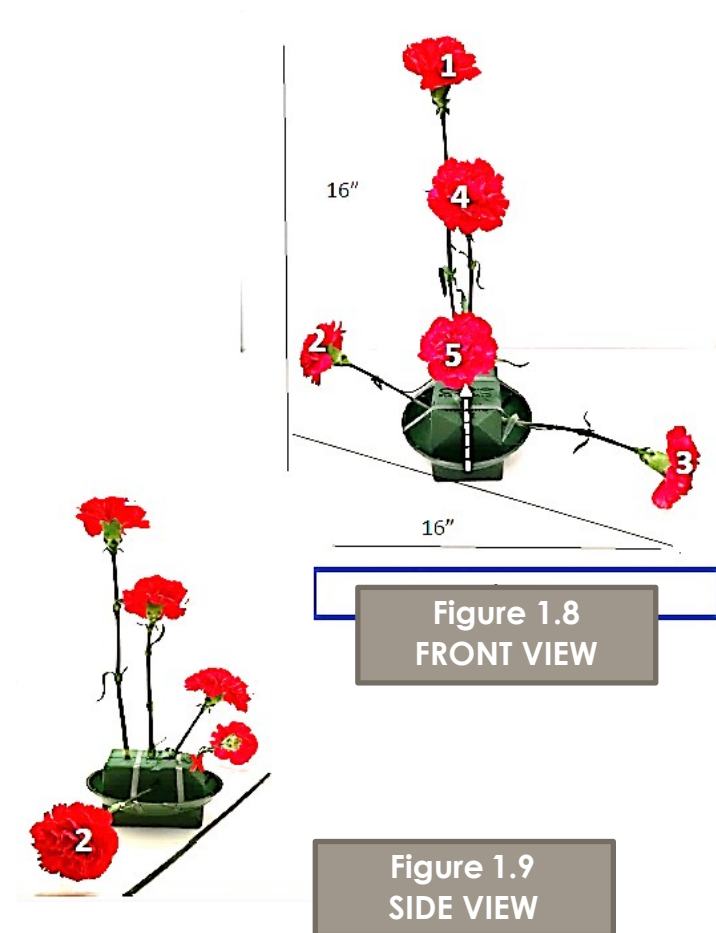
- ❖ Insert #4 stem in the center line of the oasis, slightly to the right and slightly in front of the # 1 flower/stem



Figure 1.7  
FRONT VIEW

# #5 Stem Insertion

- ❖ Insert #5 stem “radially” in front of the #4 stem to create the focal point of the design
- ❖ Noting the side view, the stem is inserted just past the first container tape line into the oasis to direct the face of the carnation somewhat forward



# #6 and #7 Stem Insertions

- ❖ Insert #6 and #7 stems into the front corners of the Oasis “radially” to direct the carnations slightly face forward creating the bottom diagonal line between #2 and #3 carnations.



Figure 2.0  
FRONT VIEW  
Width and Height approximately 16"



# #8 and #9 Stem Insertions

- ❖ Insert #8 stem “radially” into the left side of the oasis (2/3 the way back), marked by “X” (near container tape support).
- ❖ Insert the #9 stem “radially” on the high right side of the oasis, marked by “X”, slightly behind the container tape.
- ❖ You now have your basic asymmetrical shape.

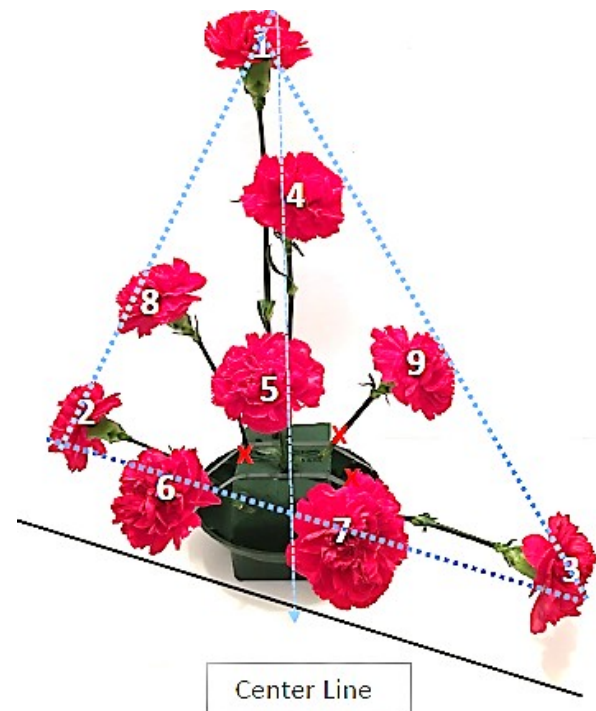


Figure 2.1  
FRONT VIEW SKELETAL  
Asymmetrical Triangle Arrangement

# Inserting Foliage



Figure 2.2  
Enter from right side toward focal point

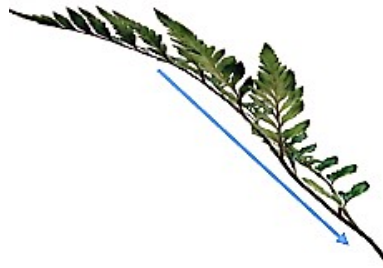


Figure 2.3  
Enter from left side toward focal point



Figure 2.4  
Enter from front center toward focal point

- ❖ Begin adding Leather Leaf in “radially”, the same manner you inserted your flowers
- ❖ Foliage should cover the stems and floral foam; should not be much taller, if any, than the flowers
- ❖ When you trim the length of a foliage stem, save the excess to be used to fill in, where needed
- ❖ A stem must be inserted at least 1” -2” deep into the oasis, in order to take up water
- ❖ Myrtle should be used to support the Number 1 insertion, adding stability

# Insert Leather Leaf Fern and Other Foliage

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**Follow same insertion pattern as carnations**

- 1) **Insert Myrtle** (or if unavailable, will substitute other line foliage)
- 2) **Leather Leaf should support carnation stems**
- 3) **Insert leather closely behind carnations**  
**\*Keep greenery wings for filler pieces, i.e. front spaces, to fill gaps and cover foam.**
- 4) **No anchor tape should be visible**  
**\*No floral foam should be showing**
- 5) **Do not cut foliage into tiny pieces** (less than 2 inches to insert into floral foam)

# Insert the Foliage

After you have the skeletal carnation design shape created, fill in with the foliage, inserted “radially”, (see slide 19).

*Stems should be inserted within the asymmetrical shape to cover oasis and mechanics.*

(Note: Foliage & Filler should be no taller or wider than the carnation design.)



Figure 2.5  
Back and Side views completed with foliage.



# Insert Miniature Carnation Filler

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Depth will be created by the miniature carnations

- ❖ You may need to separate some of the stems with multiple blooms, using the short stems for depth and taller pieces to add some interest within design
- ❖ Stems should be “radially” placed to create movement within the design (in and out)
- ❖ Insert filler securely into floral foam
- ❖ Do not over fill design with the miniature carnations Depending on the number of blossoms per stem, you may not need all miniature carnations

# Completed Asymmetrical Triangle Arrangement

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Centerpiece Bowl, 1/3 Block Oasis, 9  
Carnations, 1/3 Bunch Mini Carnations and  
10 Stems Leather Leaf

Foliage and 2 Stems Myrtle or other Line  
Foliage



# Design Conclusions

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- ❖ Design will be judged on stem placement, NOT product quality
- ❖ Place smaller blooms on outside edges of design and larger blooms to inside/interior of arrangement for depth and focal emphasis
- ❖ DO NOT make design short and dense. Arrangement should be approximately 16" tall and approximately 16" wide (Length of Florist Wire Sample)
- ❖ Mass flowers (carnations) MUST NOT touch each other.
- ❖ Graders will not count off for broken carnation stems that have been rewired together and taped correctly.
- ❖ Repair broken stems/carnations as needed.