

J SCHWANKE *The Flower Expert*

A True Flower Celebrity, Author, Award Winning Speaker and one of the Most Trusted Voices in the Flower Industry.

J Schwanke's love of flowers began at birth during a snowstorm at a state flower convention in Nebraska. In 1976 J formally joined his family's flower business, Green's Greenhouses Inc., where his career grew and blossomed as he directed the Flower Shop and Garden Center operations starting in 1981. J is a Certified Flower Designer (CFD), a member of the American Academy of Floriculture (AAF), the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD), the Professional Floral Communicators International (PFCI).

In 1994 J began his independent career as a flower design consultant, flower industry spokesperson becoming the foremost expert on flower design in the American flower industry. J is the CEO of uBloom.com, the first online community for flower lovers, both professional and enthusiast. As the host and producer of the first ever web broadcast flower design show, JTV, and his current show Fun with Flowers and J, J is regarded as the most trusted voice in the flower industry. His website, uBloom, offers flower lovers everywhere the opportunity to learn and experience the fun of Flowers and Flower Arranging, 24/7! J's Passion for Flowers is far reaching and infectious.

J is the creator and publisher of the *uBloom Trend Synthesis*, an annual publication that explores current trend concepts and how they relate to floral and decorative accessory retailers. J has given Flower demonstrations in all 50 states, Canada, and throughout Europe and continues to educate and entertain his flower fans around the globe. Highlights include the Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival, Art in Bloom, Bouquets to Art, San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, Flowers at Kensington Palace, and 100's of state, association, wholesale and consumer shows.

2014 saw the publication of J's new book, *Fun with Flowers — Your Guide to Selecting, Arranging and Enjoying Beautiful Flowers*. J was awarded the Iron Designer of the year by the International Floral Expo (2013). J was honored with the Society of American Florists' Tommy Bright Lifetime Achievement Award of Excellence in Communication, Instruction and Marketing for the Flower Industry (2010). J was also honored with the Crystal Rose Award, Denoting J as a Living Legend in the Flower Industry (2011). Critics, sponsors and flower-loving attendees agree, J is one of the most sought after speakers in the flower world.

