

## PHILOSOPHY ...

For over 20 years, I have been creating floral works of art informed by the colors, textures, and soul of New England. I strive to articulate my clients' dreams in compelling arrangements, landscapes, and events that transcend trends and elevate design into an emotional experience. I am deeply committed to sustainability, local sourcing, and good stewardship of our environment and community.

## **EXPERIENCE...**

**Designer**: Winston Flowers – Boston, Massachusetts (2012 – present)

Winston Flowers is one of the nation's most highly regarded florists with seven shops throughout greater Boston and New York city, a two-acre garden center and a 60,000 square foot, state-of-the-art design center. As the lead designer for the Chestnut Hill location, I create custom floral designs and perform on-site visits and client consultations for commercial and residential properties. I also perform daily set-up and break down of the store, and contribute to product merchandising.

Independent Floral Designer: Natural Gatherings - Seacoast New Hampshire & Maine (1998-2012)

Natural Gatherings was a one-woman horticultural design studio offering custom landscape ideation and installation, as well as experiential floral design for weddings, private events, corporate functions, festivals, holidays, and memorials.

Estate Gardener and Floral Designer: Shankassic Farm – Durham, New Hampshire (1998-2007)

Shankassic Farm is a private, residential 52-acre property with 3 cultivated acres of gardens, including: perennial, rose, annual, vegetable, shade, cutting, herb, rock, and water. In 1999, a five-alarm fire devastated the property, claiming the main home and surrounding gardens. I managed a "soup-to-nuts" recovery and renovation that included greenhouse management and the planning, planting, care, and maintenance of the gardens. Services comprised: redesign, planting, irrigation and fertilization, deadheading, pruning of trees, shrubs, and vines, weeding, labeling, bed amendment, transplanting and propagation of plant material, monitoring and treatment of plant health problems and composting. I also provided floral design for all holidays, events, and functions.

Master Gardener: Brae Burn County Club – West Newton, Massachusetts (1992-1994)

Founded in 1897, Brae Burn provides Boston-area golf enthusiasts and families with a quality experience steeped in tradition, natural beauty and personalized service. As their Master Gardener, I was responsible for all horticultural and administrative operations including the maintenance, renovation, and enhancement of complex grounds and gardens. I also provided a broad range of design services and managed a team of three.

Master Gardener: Portland Country Club – Falmouth, Maine (1990-1992)

Founded as a private club in 1895, the Portland Country Club today celebrates a deep tradition of member service and commitment to the game of golf. Similar to my work at Brae Burn, as Portland's Master Gardener, I specialized in the maintenance, renovation, and enhancement of complex grounds and gardens, including large collections of native plants.

## **CAPABILITIES...**

Landscape Ideation & Installation | Fundamental Floral Handling | Team Management | Client Relationship Management | Product Merchandising Sourcing | Rentals Vendor Management | Budget Management | Corporate & Residential Designs | Scheduling | Event Planning | Advanced horticultural knowledge of Zone 5 and colder | Extensive knowledge of entomology

## **EDUCATION...**

Certificate of Turf Management University of Massachusetts – Amherst 1994 Certificate of Master Gardener University of Southern Maine 1990

University of Maine - Orono General Studies 1983-1985