

*2026 Boerma Instituut organises the international floral design contest with the theme
"100% organic floral arrangement"*

This competition will be held on Friday, September 4th, 2026 with the theme "100% biodegradable floral arrangement"

This prestigious international floral arrangement competition has the theme "100% Organic" this year! Working 100% organically stimulates creativity and craftsmanship. This means that you may only use materials that come from nature. So no wire, no regular floral foam (with an exception for Oasis terrabrick, which are made from 100% plant-based materials), no plastics, etc. Instead of binding wire, you could consider hemp twine with beeswax, for example.

Working 100% organically meets the growing customer demand for sustainable and environmentally conscious choices. Working 100% organically is the future of floristry: honest, inspiring, and in balance with nature. You demonstrate that you can work consciously and with a future-oriented approach. This deepens your skills as a floral artist, and you can showcase it all during the Theo Boerma Cup in 2026!

General information about the Competition and Schedule

The Theo Boerma Cup is held on Friday September 4th.

There is a limit of 12 participants.

The participants need to be present at the Boerma Instituut in Aalsmeer between 09.15 and 09.30.

At 09.30 the participants will receive the most recent information updates as well as a cup of tea or coffee.

Competition time is from 10.00 to 14.00. Cleaning up organizing of the space is from 14.00 to 15.00.

The award ceremony will be held on Friday evening, September 4th at 19.30.

All competitors will receive a certificate of participation. Everyone can participate in the contest, you do not need to be a (former) student of Boerma Instituut!

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Prizes

1st Prize

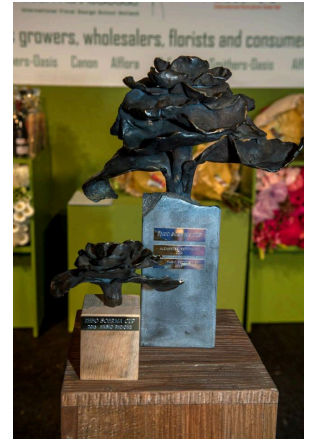
- Handmade sculpture of the Theo Boerma Cup and your name on the big Theo Boerma Cup.
- Dinner for 2 in Aalsmeer: restaurant [Joseph aan de Poel](#)
- Free Master Class of choice (2 or 3 days);
- Well-stocked tool case from Smithers-Oasis®
- 5 boxes of OASIS® Renewal®
- Gift Voucher of € 100,- from + from [Floral Design Supplies](#)
- A [200mm Kenzan ring](#) from Floral Design Supplies

2nd Prize

- 50% discount 2-day Master Class of choice
- Smithers-Oasis toolbox
- 3 boxes of OASIS® Renewal®
- Gift Voucher of € 75,- from Floral Design Supplies
- A [120 mm Kenzan ring](#) from Floral Design Supplies

3rd Prize

- 30% discount 2-day Master Class of choice.
- Smithers-Oasis toolbox;
- 1 box of OASIS® Renewal®
- Gift Voucher of € 50,- from Floral Design Supplies
- A [120 mm Kenzan ring](#) from Floral Design Supplies



Judges

There will be 3 judges for the Theo Boerma Cup: Bill Schaffer, Kristine Kratt and Mike Boerma IMF, representing the Boerma Instituut.

When you have registered, we assume that you join this event; So empty spaces do not occur and we do not need to disappoint others. If for whatever reason you are unable to make it, please let it be known to us. Please see our terms and conditions for cancellations.

Herewith I add the regulations, please read them carefully, One more thing: We wish everyone an enjoyable competition and have fun with the preparations.

If you have any questions, please ask. We will add a Q&A to a separate document if questions arise.

Floral greetings,

Jacqueline Boerma IMF

1 General information and schedule

- Date of the competition is on Friday, September 4th, 2026.
 - Participants need to be present on September 4th at the Boerma Instituut between 9.15 and 9.30. Here you will receive the latest information, a cup of coffee or tea;
 - Competition time from 10.00 - 14.00;
 - Cleaning up and decorating of 'your' space from 14.00 -15.00;
- Address of the competition: Boerma Instituut, Legmeerdijk 227, 1432 KA Aalsmeer.

2 Floral design competition

1. The theme of the competition is "100% biodegradable floral arrangement".
2. The maximum size of the design is 80 cm x 80 cm and 1.80 meter high.
3. The arrangements need to have a 2 days shelf life; replacement of the materials is not possible!
4. You need to bring all your flowers, side materials, decorations and accessories, suitable wires, tools, etc. yourself.
5. You are free to create your own composition and to choose the appropriate materials.
6. You can use your own equipment, using the safety instructions.
7. You can use your own decorative materials, also using the safety instructions.
8. You will have time for decorating and cleaning up. It is exhibited, so cleaning up is a must. All add materials need to be removed.

3 General Competition Information

1. Entry fee for the competition is € 60,-.
2. The competition is an open international event, not just for (former) students of the Boerma Instituut.
3. The maximum number of participants is 12 people.
4. During the competition, coffee / tea, and sandwiches are provided by the Boerma Instituut®.
5. The wall behind your design is + / - 1.20 wide and 2.40 meters high.
6. Names (and websites) of the participants will be shown at the Boerma Instituut, on the website of the Boerma Instituut and on our Social Media.
7. You must bring a system to ensure the display of your arrangement.
8. Only on the top (wooden ledge) of the rear walls nails can be used. On Friday evening you need to remove any nails and other materials. Damage to walls can lead to a fine of € 75,-, to be checked by one of the employees of the Boerma Instituut®.
9. Electrical connection for a glue gun, etc. is present in several places. If you want to use a glue gun, please specify this on the registration form.
10. Mobile phones must be switched off during the competition. In case of an emergency, consult the competition controller. Mobile phones will be held in a box during the competition.
11. Our videographer will be filming and documenting the competition. Videos will be published as reels and a Youtube vlog-style video

4 Before the competition the following preparations may be done at home

Mandatory

A short description or explanation regarding the design needs be placed with the design. However, the participant's name may NOT appear in any way, to avoid recognition by the judges.

The maximum format for this is a vertical A4 format (14.8 x 21 cm) the description may contain a maximum of 100 words.

The Boerma Instituut provides a plexiglass holder for this purpose. This holder is and remains the property of the Boerma Instituut. The participant must return the holder after the exhibition.

Allowed

- Making the frame/construction of branches, roots or other materials prior to the competition;
- Attaching dry plant materials such as bark, seeds or moss etc. to or on the frame;
- Removing leaves from botanicals;
- Pre-cutting botanicals to size;
- Weaving and plaiting grasses, stems or tendrils;
- Stringing beads, berries or fruits;
- Spraying leaves with leaf shine;
- Using beeswax;

NOT allowed

- Putting fresh botanicals, leaf materials and flowers that will be used in the design.
- Prewiring botanicals;
- The use of live animals in the arrangement;
- The use of electricity or lit candles in the arrangement;
- The use of spray cans (glue spray, leaf gloss, paint, etc.) during the competition.

5 Construction and demolition

1. It is possible to bring your materials on Thursday, September 5th at the Boerma Instituut between 14.00 and 16.00.
2. You are cordially invited to bring a person to help you to bring the materials in and out. He/she may assist you before and after the competition but only help spiritually during the competition.
3. The prize ceremony will take place on Friday evening 4th at 20.00 in the Boerma Instituut. We hope that all competitors can join us.
4. If you want to take your arrangement home, then you can do so on Friday evening 4th after 21.30.

6 Safety rules

1. If candles, oil lamps, etc. are used, they can only serve as a decorative element. They should not be lit.
2. Please work neatly and carefully. Prevent damage to your or others' property.
3. The competition organisation provides a first aid box.

7 Competition organisation, judging and prizes

- The competition organisation is managed by Boerma Instituut.
- The competition controller is Jacqueline Boerma IMF.
- The competition controller checks the materials before and during the competition. She has the right to judge whether certain materials and/or objects are according the regulations.
- The organisation is not responsible for theft, vandalism, fire and other damage to the participants and / or materials.
- The organisation reserves the right to make changes to the organization of this competition and its rules.
- If necessary, these regulations shall be adjusted and refined as the circumstances in which the competition should take place, require it.
- The assessment of the arrangements by the jury is on Friday, September 6th.

Marks will be given for the following points:

- Proportion (Internal / External)
- Flower Placement / Rythm
- Technique / Construction
- Choice of Colours
- Choice of materials
- Concept / Cohesion.