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## THE ART OF FLOWERS

In March, the Legion of Honor in San Francisco will be filled with dazzling floral presentations for the 20th annual Bouquets to Art—a fundraiser put on by the San Francisco Auxiliary of the Fine Arts Museum. As well as a visual feast, there is a series of lectures by internationally respected designers. Here CH&D learns more about the event and its role in highlighting flora as a significant design element.

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**B**ouquets to Art is a brilliant harbinger of spring. For one week the beautiful Beaux-arts Legion of Honor museum, situated on a bluff overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge, hosts one of the country's premier floral design events. Visitors walking through the elegant galleries, restored in 1995, will see floral interpretations of paintings by Picasso and Monet as well as such artifacts as Mayan Stela and European porcelain. From miniature gardens to elaborately constructed pieces, the variety seems infinite, and includes some very cutting-edge design ideas.

This event was inspired by Art in Bloom, a fundraiser for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. There, flowers and botanical

*Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973), Still Life with Skull, Leeks, and Pitcher, 1945, oil on canvas. Floral designer: Sue Morjford, AIFD, Bloomster's Inc., San Jose.*

*Unknown artist, Maya culture, Stela, 750 AD, Limestone. Floral designer: Leigha Smyser, AIFD and Dana De Lara, Branch Out, San Francisco.*

*Unknown Italian artists, Maiolica objects, 16th century, Earthenware. Floral designer: Judy Cochran Ward, Marin County.*

