



Stephanotis And The Art of Floral Design

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Introduction..

Stephanotis---one of the most highly respected and beloved flowers for wedding floral art!
At Rittners Floral School, in Boston, MA. we are pleased to use this wonderful flower in many of our floral art classes.....

Stephanotis has many unique characteristics that delight both the floral designer, and end user of floral art.



It is our hope that you enjoy this little e book as much as we enjoyed producing it....

The various aspects of this e book-Floral and graphic design, photography and writing, has been a labor of love for our staff....

We hope that this e book will encourage you to ask for, use and incorporate stephanotis in floral art for important moments in your life.....

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SMR Stephanotis

All of the stephanotis used in this e book has been produced by SMR Stephanotis of San Martin California.

We have been impressed by the incredible quality of stephanotis from this source.

We thank them for providing such wonderful product!



Some Salient Features of Stephanotis.....

Every floral product has special characteristics that makes it unique and appropriate for various kinds of floral art.... As my students often say, “There is no floral product out there that Dr Steve doesn’t like...” What then, are some unique salient features of stephanotis???

- Achromatic--White Neutral--works well with any flower combination.
- Small florets scale/size lend themselves well to flowers to wear and bouquet use.
- Wonderful fragrance.
- Readily available through the floral distribution chain.
- Modifies the appearance of other materials.
- Stephanotis can be modified with faux jewels and pearls.
- Stephanotis can be easily strung together.



Modifies the appearance of other materials!



Before....



After!!!



Bling....

Stephanotis modified with white pearls, faux jewels and blue pearl heads....



Strung Out.....

Stephanotis may be linked together for creative effects....



Stephanotis Design Applications.....

Stephanotis can be used in a variety of floral designs...

Bridal Bouquets

Flowers To Wear

Vase Arrangements

Water Based Designs

Stephanotis is most commonly associated with **bridal bouquets**. Because of its small delicate size and its achromatic white color, stephanotis combines quite easily with just about any other flower....It smells great, and adds a touch of class to anything to which it is mixed.

Stephanotis also may be incorporated into **flowers to wear**. It is really nice when the groom or other members of the bridal party have boutonnieres or other personal flowers that incorporate stephanotis from the batch used in the bride's bouquet....

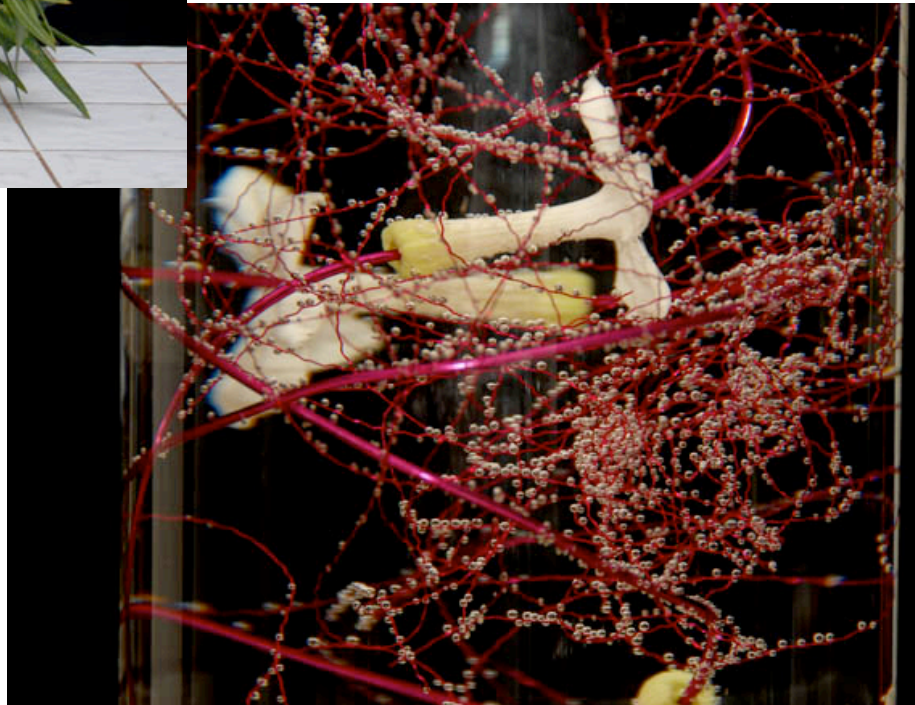




Flowers to wear can include boutonnieres, corsages, flowers for the wrist, hair, and even a gorgeous stephanotis lei.....



Stephanotis also can be incorporated into **vase arrangements**, and even into **water based floral art.....**





Stephanotis comes from the Greek words “stephanos”--crown and “otis” meaning ear. The overall shape of the flower is “crown” shaped, and the ear shape refers to the flower’s stamens....

It is a very elegant little flower.



Care & Handling of Stephanotis.....



The key in buying stephanotis is to get fresh, quality product. Stephanotis that is fresh is very clean white. As it ages it turns ivory and/or shows small black specks.

It is stored by florists in the small plastic boxes in which it comes. Lightly mist the boxes, close and refrigerate.

Because stephanotis has small, rather frail stems, it is usually wired and taped in floral art. This means it is ultimately used out of water...

Designs incorporating stephanotis are therefore usually amongst the last created, often just before the event itself.

Most of the public are not aware of the extra efforts that are required to use this wonderful flower....Most floral designers agree that the effort is well worth it!

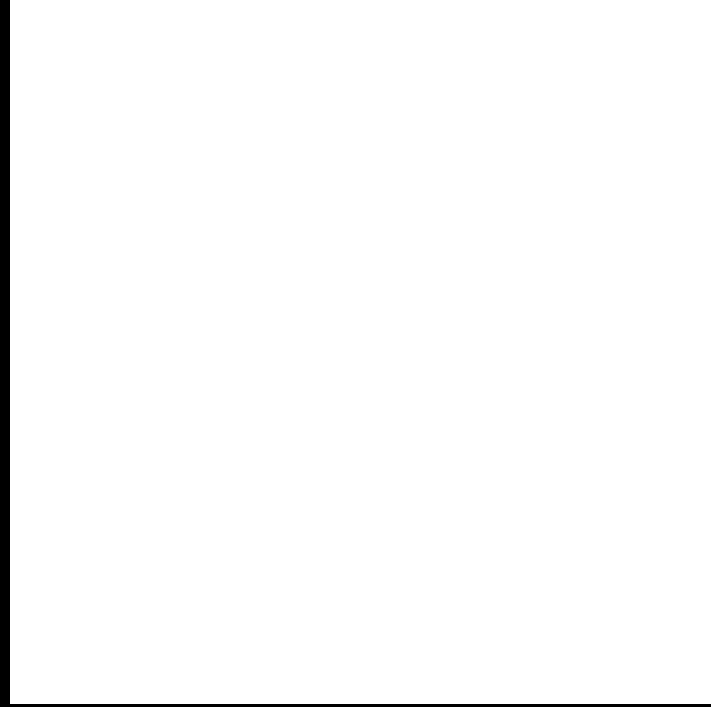
Inspirational Gallery.....

Bouquets...



Classical formal beauty...







**Cascade at left, Biedermeier
above.....**







Cool colors, and warm colors....





For petite girls... Junior bridesmaids, and more mature flower girls....





With other favorite florals such as gardenia and hypericum, (top left), gardenia, delphinium and heather (top right) and Lilies (bottom center)



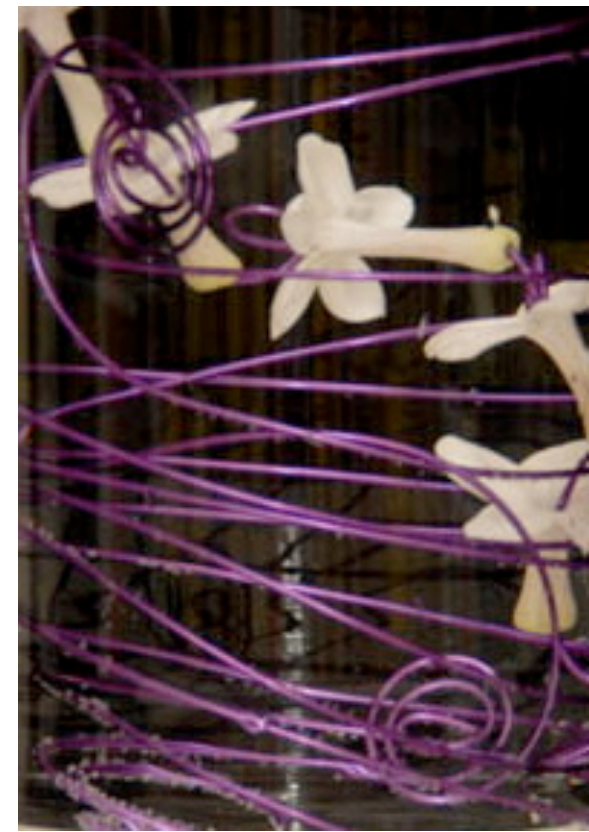








Floral Art under the water level.....









**Vase
Arrangements**





Visit Our Galleries of Stephanotis Designs

We hope you enjoyed this e-book. Many wonderful designs stylized with stephanotis may be found in our Online Galleries....

<http://floralschool.com/SMRSteph.htm>

<http://www.floralschool.com/SMRNEW.htm>

<http://www.floralschool.com/SMRGallery3.htm>



About Rittners Floral School



Rittners Floral School is one of the longest running and finest private floral design schools in North America.

Located in the prestigious Back Bay neighborhood of Boston, Rittners Floral School attracts students from all over North America and abroad by the excellence of its courses.

Rittners makes use of the latest educational theory, teaching and floral technologies, to bring its students outstanding diploma programs in floral designing....

Rittners Floral School's only business is floral education.

Whether your goals are rest and relaxation, stress reduction, or vocational, you will really enjoy the various hands-on workshop floral art courses offered at Rittners.

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