



Flower Recipe
by BARN DOOR BLOOMS

<i>anemone</i>	3 STEMS
<i>Stock</i>	3 STEMS
<i>french tulip</i>	5 STEMS
<i>hyacinth</i>	3 STEMS
<i>huppleurum</i>	2 STEMS
<i>eucalyptus</i>	2 STEMS
<i>grey willow</i>	3 BRANCHES

Barn Door Blooms

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mitten with the floral arrangements at her clients' weddings, former Cape Cod event planner Jenni Haffner traded the Cape for Connecticut, and her brides for bouquets. For the last four years, she's been designing floral arrangements for weddings or any occasion at her business, [Barn Door Blooms](#) located in her South Glastonbury barn.

The circa 1888 barn houses the business's creative space and 15 laying hens. The downstairs features Jenni's greens and blooms storage, and an arrangement and wreath-making space, where the occasional chicken might wander through. Upstairs is her design workshop, cozily outfitted with hay bales, wool blankets, and twinkle string lighting.

Barn Door Blooms offers group workshops that are a casual, enjoyable way to spend time with family, friends, and other flower enthusiasts while getting creative with beautiful, seasonal blooms. There's an inclusive, no-pressure vibe. "This is not a high-end design workshop," Jenni explains. In this hands-on experience, participants each create a themed arrangement, with all the "ingredients" provided. A ticket to the workshop scores you the necessary flowers, tools, vessels, an apron, and the "recipe card" for the arrangement, plus recommendations on the area's best cafes, breweries, and shops of interest.

This spring, Jenni will partner with Seed Bagel Shop in Glastonbury, Hops on the Hill Brewery in South Glastonbury, and Heirloom Market at Comstock Ferre in



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Wethersfield who will host her workshop events. She hopes her clients will be delighted with discovering these local businesses, too, and support them as well.

Jenni and Barn Door Blooms are a part the [Connecticut Flower Collective](#), started in 2018 by Hailey Billipp from Eddy Farm in Newington, as a way to connect floral designers with flower farmers. Nationally, American-grown flowers have fairly come into favor, and the same is true in the Connecticut market. Prior to the creation of the Collective, floral designers and flower farmers were essentially on their own, having to independently create their own networks and methods of distribution. With the Collective, Jenni and other designers can shop wholesale with multiple farms at once through the app, and place an order. The Collective will pull together the selections from what the farmers deliver to the market, located in Wallingford. Each Wednesday, Jenni picks up her order and can shop the market floor for additional blooms, too. Having this infrastructure in place has been important in creating a community of area farmers and the designers looking for Connecticut-grown flowers. “The growers are experts in seasonal and local specialty cut flowers and know what varieties do well with where we live,” says Jenni, who in turn can supply her clients with these local blooms.

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Workshops

EASTER TABLE CENTERPIECE

Heirloom Market, Wethersfield
Saturday, April 3, 3-5pm

ROSE' AND ROSES -- *Mother's Day event*

Heirloom Market, Wethersfield
Thursday, May 6, 5:30-7:30pm

BLOOMS N BREWS -- *Mother's Day event*

Hops on the Hill, Glastonbury (under the tent)
Saturday, May 8
First session 1-3pm
Second session 3:30-5:30pm

JUNE FARM BLOOMS

Flower Arranging Workshop
Seed Bagel Shop, Glastonbury (on the patio)
Thursday, June 3, 5:30-7:30pm



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