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LEARN FROM TOP-NOTCH EXPERTS WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR SHOP

The FTD Webinar Series is an exclusive educational tool that's **FREE** for all FTD Florists! The online presentations are designed to give you tips and ideas to increase sales and profits while reducing costs.

The live webinars are also recorded, so if you miss one - don't worry! The 2012 webinar schedule is posted online at **FTDUniversity.com**.

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

NEW INNOVATIONS IN FLORAL CARE & HANDLING Steve Daum of Floralife®



Proper care and handling plays a vital role in safeguarding flower quality, and new innovations are always being developed. In this webinar, Steve will share some new innovations, as well as review key elements and factors that affect the shelf and vase life of cut flowers in their "Chain of Life." From the importance of proper temperature storage to the real effects of Ethylene, this overview will provide a good understanding of what florists can do to make sure customers enjoy the fullest development and vase life of their floral purchases.

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

YOU AREN'T GOING TO FIND GREAT EMPLOYEES; YOU HAVE TO BUILD THEM ONE AT A TIME Tom Shay of Profits+Plus



Even though the current unemployment rate works to your advantage, you will spend too much time interviewing and hiring before you find great employees. If you want a staff that works together and allows you to be a leader instead of having to stand over them all the time, you can learn how with a step-by-step format that Tom Shay will share with you during this webinar.



The FTD® Mixed Pink Rose Bouquet (12-M7)



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Lisa Greene AIFD of **Eric's Flower Emporium**, located in North Reading, MA, designed this unique floral hat for the design competition at the Northeast Floral Expo in March.

CELEBRATING FTD FLORISTS AT NEFE IN MASSACHUSETTS



FTD was proud to sponsor the Northeast Floral Expo in March. FTD Technology Sales Representative Roberta Belanger talked about the newest Mercury POS features with David and Judy Danielson from **Danielson Flowers**, located in Shrewsbury, MA.



FTD Technology Sales Representative Roberta Belanger, FTD Field Business Consultant Dave Galvin, and FTD Regional Vice President Jim Weedon represented FTD at the popular floral association show.

GET FIT AT FTD BOOT CAMP

FTD University is ready to get you fit and ready for any challenge that you may face. Designed for flower shop owners and managers, FTD Boot Camp is a three-day workshop focused on refining and refreshing floral design, sales training, and marketing skills. The program is exclusively for FTD Florists and led by FTD Educator Ann Jordan AIFD.

Dates: June 4-6, 2012 October 1-3, 2012

Location: FTD Headquarters, Downers Grove, IL

Cost: \$599/person and includes all education sessions, flowers and materials; 3 nights of hotel room and tax; breakfast, lunch and breaks on all session days; and networking dinner on Monday.

Register: FTDi.com/FTDUniversity



FTD Education Team Member Ann Jordan AIFD, AAF, MMFD

MARKETING TIPS SEMINAR TO BOOST YOUR SALES





Upcoming FTD Business BonanzaApril 17, 2012June 12, 2012July 31, 2012Baltimore, MDToronto, ONCincinnati, OH

REGISTER TODAY! FTDi.com/FTDUniversity

Bob Negen, WhizBang! Training Cost is ONLY \$59 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.



Flowers say it better. FTD says it best.™

EDUCATION & EVENTS CALENDAR

FTD is proud to support more than 50 industry shows each year to strengthen our commitment to our florists.

NEW

PROGRAM

JUNE 2-3, 2012 LOUISIANA STATE FLORISTS' **ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**

Lafayette, LA **Bob Peden** 318-255-2671

JUNE 8-10, 2012 FLORIDA STATE FLORISTS' ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Stuart, FL Stan Brock 850-864-2915 Featured FTD Design Program: "Tropical Fusion" presented by FTD Design Instructor Kristine Kratt AIFD

JUNE 19-20, 2012 SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FLORISTS **RETAIL GROWTH SOLUTIONS**

Cherry Hill, NJ Society of American Florists 800-336-4743

JUNE 23-24, 2012 **UTAH PROFESSIONAL FLORIST ASSOCIATION CONVENTION** Salt Lake City, UT Louise Salazar

801-746-9252

Miami, FL

JULY 12-16, 2012



MAJOR

EVERYDAY

PROGRAM

American Institute of Floral Designers 410-752-3318

Featured FTD Design Program: "Les Saisons des fleur de Mariage" presented by FTD Design Instructor Ian Prosser AIFD

JULY 20-22, 2012 **TEXAS STATE FLORISTS'** ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Fredericksburg, TX Texas State Florists' Association 512-834-0361

Featured FTD Design Program: "Put Some Pizzazz in your Everyday Work" presented by FTD Design Instructor Deborah De La Flor AIFD

JULY 27-29, 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA FLORISTS **ASSOCIATION CONVENTION** Columbia, SC

Mike McFarland 803-360-5976

JULY 28-29, 2012 **OKLAHOMA STATE FLORISTS' ASSOCIATION CONVENTION** Tulsa. OK

MARKETING PROGRAM

Oklahoma State Florists' Association 405-602-5511

Featured FTD Design Program: "Flowers for a New Generation" presented by FTD Design Instructor Kristine Kratt AIFD

JULY 29, 2012 **ARIZONA STATE FLORIST ASSOCIATION EXPO 2012**

Phoenix, AZ **Brian Vetter** 623-547-5437