



Floral Art New Zealand Inc.



**61st AGM & Conference
Marlborough Convention Centre
30 April - 02 May 2026**

Threads of Floral Legacy

Representing the heritage and impact of floral artistry and symbolism that continues to evolve and be passed down, providing comfort, joy, or a connection to the past.

Emphasising the growth and transformation of flowers, symbolizing the journey from roots to blooming beauty, and how they leave a lasting impression and legacy.



Daily Programme

30 April - 2nd May 2026

All events at Marlborough Events Centre, Blenheim unless otherwise advised.

Thursday 30 April 2026

9.30am - 1.00pm 'Flowers & Fashion' Designers' Pack in

12.00pm - 1.25pm Registration and Lunch

1.30pm - 3.00pm Opening 'Flowers & Fashion' (Open to public)

3.00pm - 3.30pm Afternoon tea

3.45pm - 5.45pm Imposé with a Difference

6.00pm - Day one concludes

6.15pm - Academy of Floral Design AGM

Friday 01 May 2026

9.00am - 3.00pm Workshop 6 - Hunters Winery (Note earlier time)

9.30am - 11.30am Workshop 1 - Main Hall 1

9.30am - 11.30am Workshop 2 - Main Hall 2

9.30am - 11.30am Workshop 3 - Main Hall 3

9.30am - 11.30am Workshop 4 - St Andrews Church Hall

9.30am - 11.30am Workshop 5 - Senior Citizens Hall

Morning Tea Available at all venues

12pm - 1.15pm LUNCH

1.00pm - 4.00pm EXHIBITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday 01 May Continued

1.30pm - 2.15pm Trends & Techniques Demonstration 1

2.30pm - 3.15pm Trends & Techniques Demonstration 2

3.30pm - 4.00pm Afternoon Tea

4.00pm - 4.45pm Trends & Techniques Demonstration 3

5.00pm - Day two concludes

Saturday 02 May 2026

10.00am - 11.30am BRUNCH

11.30am - 12.00pm AGM Registration - Delegates only

**12pm - 2.00pm 61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF FASNZ Inc
Diary Awards and Presentations**

2.15pm - 3.00pm AFTERNOON TEA

3.15pm - 3.45pm Light Entertainment

4.00pm - 4.30pm Pack out Exhibition designs - Foyer

6.15pm - Cocktail Drink - Foyer

6.30pm - 10.00pm Dinner & Dancing

10pm Conference concludes

11.00am - 3.00pm EXHIBITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

COSTS

INCLUSIVE PACKAGE A: COST \$635.00 INCL. GST
Is inclusive of all events, workshops and catering as listed.
SEMI INCLUSIVE PACKAGE B: COST \$525 INCL. GST
Is same as Package A minus the dinner

**TOP OF THE SOUTH MEMBER PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE
ON APPLICATION TO COO@FASNZ.ORG.NZ**

REGISTRATION

Opens **13 January 2026**, closes **20 March 2026**
Online only at: www.fasnz.org.nz/events.

WORKSHOPS will be on a first in basis.

CANCELLATION

If unforeseen circumstances prevent the event from being held, or if a member is unable to attend due to health or other unforeseen reasons, a refund may be granted on approval of the Management Board minus a \$50 administration fee.

There is no refund for change of mind.

EVENT DETAILS



Thursday 30 April 2026 Marlborough Convention Centre, Grand Hall.

1.30pm - 3.00pm - Open to registered members and the public

'Flowers & Fashion'

Designers: Barb Higgins, Dorothy Turner, Glenis Bealing, Rosie Speedy, Lyn McConnell, Francine Thomas

Style meets nature in a spectacular display of creativity and beauty. Discover the harmonious blend of couture and blossoms as we explore trends, inspirations, and innovation at the intersection of fashion and floral design. Let your passion for fashion and nature bloom at 'Flowers & Fashion'!

Thursday 30 April 2026 Marlborough Convention Centre, Grand Hall

3.45pm - 5.45pm Imposé Demonstrations - Open to Registrants only

'Branching Out: Cultivating Floral Legacies'

Demonstrators: Shirley Russ, Annette Waller, Janthia Holt, Lorraine Usher, Vanita Patel, Leigh Greenstreet

Sit back and enjoy watching our captivating Imposé designers bring beauty to life before your eyes. Be amazed at the different designs which will be created from the same components available to each of these skilled and highly-qualified demonstrators.

Friday 01 May 2026 Marlborough Convention Centre, Grand Hall

1.30pm - 4.45pm 'Trends & Techniques' - Open to Registrants Only

Demonstrators: Sharon Macdonald, Kathryn Simmonds, Melissa Peterson

Discover the captivating world of floral artistry with our latest trends and techniques! Immerse yourself in innovative designs, unconventional arrangements, and cutting-edge approaches that will elevate your floral creations to new heights. Join in embracing the beauty of contemporary floral art to unleash our creativity like never before.

Saturday 02 May 2026 Marlborough Convention Centre, Grand Hall

6.15pm - 10.00pm Gala Dinner - Open to Registrants Only

'Threads of Floral Legacy'

Threads that Bind intertwines the lives of our members like a carefully crafted floral arrangement, each thread representing a different bloom that adds depth and beauty to the overall story. Just as flowers come together to create a stunning bouquet, we weave together themes of love, family, and resilience in a captivating tapestry of flowers.

Back by popular demand - DJ Rick!!

WORKSHOPS



Workshop 1 'Artful Gatherings'

Venue: Grand Hall, Marlborough Convention Centre

Tutor: Virginia Long

You will be creating a whimsical piece of artwork embracing transparency and airiness using gleanings from the garden. Plant material is minimal and will be easy to dismantle and take home. Enjoy the process of creating something beautiful from nature's bounty!

Workshop 2 'Vase Worx'

Venue: Grand Hall, Marlborough Convention Centre

Tutor: Kerry Gelmi

Learn to make 12 eco-sustainable vases. Think - sculpture, Think - integrating vases into your design, Think - bespoke. Patterns and kits provided. A fee of \$15.00 applies for supplied materials. Bring your phone, pen and scissors.

Workshop 3 - 'Mystical Mountains'

Venue: Grand Hall, Marlborough Convention Centre

Tutor: Noeline Shaw

Exploring a travel friendly flat pack concept. Dried or fresh plant material, that is your choice.

Workshop 4 - 'Tensile Tension: When your structure becomes sculpture, flowers find their stage'

Venue: Senior Citizens' Hall, 172 High Street, Blenheim Central, Blenheim

Tutor: Lynne Causer

Something bold. Something different. In this workshop you'll be given the components to manipulate, shape, and transform into a striking base for your floral design. Inspired by innovative European trends, this is your chance to experiment, play, and let imagination lead the way. A small fee of \$5.00 applies for supplied materials. Bring along an easel to showcase your creation.

Workshop 5 - 'Floral Silhouettes'

Venue: St Andrew's Church Hall, 5 Henry Street Central, Blenheim

Tutor: Sharon Benton

Elevate your wire art skills with a touch of botanical elegance! In this workshop, we'll explore the enchanting world of floral silhouettes crafted onto rings using wire. These delicate designs capture the essence of nature—think blooming petals, curling vines, and whimsical leaves. Whether you're a beginner or experienced floral artist, this workshop offers a fresh twist on floral creativity.

Workshop 6 'A Legacy in Loops: Grapevine Christmas Trees Reimagined'

Venue: Hunters Winery, 603 Rapaura Road, Rapaura

Tutor: Shirley Roughan

Guided by the spirit of floral legacy each creation becomes a thread in our shared story of floral artistry. You will be surrounded by barrels of maturing wine and carefully crafting a unique Christmas tree using grapevines with artistry and tradition in this hands-on workshop where nature's elegance meets festive imagination.

Accommodation in Close Proximity to the venues

- Carnmore Chateau Marlborough Hotel, 95 High St, Blenheim - www.carnmore.co.nz - (03) 578-0064
- Scenic Hotel Marlborough, 65 Alfred St, Blenheim - www.scenichotelgroup.co.nz - (03) 520-6187
- 171 High, 171 High St, Blenheim - www.171onhighmotel.co.nz - 0800-587-856
- Lugano Motor Lodge, 91 High St, Blenheim - www.lugano.co.nz - 0800-584-266
- Aorangi Manor Motel, 193 High St, Blenheim - www.193aorangianor.co.nz - (03) 578-2022
- Marlborough Riverside Hotel, 20 Nelson St, Blenheim - www.marlboroughhotel.co.nz - (03) 577-7333
- Waterfront Motel, 9 Grove Road, Blenheim - www.waterfrontmotel.co.nz - 0800-081-568 *** this Motel is very close to the venue



General Information

Blenheim is located in Marlborough, New Zealand, and is famous for being at the heart of the country's wine-producing region. Here are some interesting things about Blenheim other than hospitals, churches, and supermarkets:

1. Wine Industry: Blenheim is known for its world-class vineyards and wineries, producing some of New Zealand's finest wines, particularly Sauvignon Blanc. You can take wine tours and tastings in the region to explore the different vineyards and varieties.
2. Marlborough Sounds: Blenheim is close to the beautiful Marlborough Sounds, a network of stunning sea-drowned valleys perfect for boating, kayaking, hiking, and wildlife spotting. The Queen Charlotte Track is a popular hiking route in this area.
3. Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre: This museum near Blenheim showcases a remarkable collection of vintage aircraft and aviation artifacts. It is well-known for its meticulously curated World War I and II aircraft displays.
4. Pollard Park: A lovely public park in Blenheim with beautiful gardens, walking trails, children's playgrounds, and picnic areas. It's a great spot for a leisurely stroll or a family outing.
5. Omaka Classic Cars: For automobile enthusiasts, Omaka Classic Cars is a must-visit museum that houses a remarkable collection of classic and vintage cars. It's a treat for car lovers and those interested in automotive history.
6. Wairau River: The Wairau River is a prominent feature of the landscape around Blenheim and offers scenic walks, fishing spots, and opportunities for water activities. The riverbank is also a popular spot for picnics and relaxation.

These are just a few highlights of what Blenheim has to offer beyond its essential amenities. It's a charming town with a lot to explore and experience. Here is some general information about Blenheim, New Zealand:

Hospitals:

1. Wairau Hospital - Located at Hospital Road, Blenheim

Churches:

1. St. Mary's Catholic Church - Located at 61 Maxwell Road, Blenheim
2. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Located at 5 Henry Street, Blenheim
3. St. Christopher's Anglican Church - Located at 39 Weld Street, Blenheim

Supermarkets:

1. New World Blenheim - Located at Main Street, Blenheim
2. Woolworths Blenheim - Located at Arthur Street, Blenheim
3. Pak'nSave Blenheim - Located at Westwood Avenue, Springlands

These are just a few examples of hospitals, churches, and supermarkets in Blenheim.