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The California State Floral Association (CSFA) held its annual event - CaliFlora 2016 themed *California Flowers, Naturally*, November 5th & 6th at The Original Los Angeles Flower Market.

The 2016 Top Ten Winner is Ben Lee from Edelweiss Flower Boutique. Ben also received the People's Choice Award! Sam Prom-Chiem, Sammy Chiem Events, took second place. The third place winner is Nooria Kandahari, Relles Florist

The following designers were among the Top Ten finalists: Sidney Heffner EMC, Jasmine Creek Florist & Mission Hills Florist, Kat Castagnoli CCF, CFD, Kat's Creations Floral Design, Tracey Umathum, Rosemar Flowers & Balloons Sponsored by Teleflora - Los Angeles Coastal Counties Unit; Patria Ballard, Flower Perfect, Sponsored by Teleflora - Los Angeles Coastal Counties Unit; Cheryll Goto, Unique Floral Shop, Sponsored by Teleflora - Los Angeles Coastal Counties Unit; Michelle Murillo, Mission College and Saren Rem, Sarenity Floral & Event Designs.

The Top Ten Competition was sponsored by Floral Supply Syndicate. The Top Ten Commentator was Catherine Frost-Hickman AIFD, AAF, Mellano & Co. Ben will represent CSFA in the Society of American Florists Sylvia Cup Competition in 2017. Congratulations to Ben and all those who competed in this year's competition!

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The twelfth annual CSFA student design competition was held on Sunday morning with Debbie Alvarez AIFD, CCF, Camarillo ROP & Floral Phenomenon as Commentator. The student competition was sponsored by CalFlowers (California Association of Flower Growers & Shippers).

The winner of the 2016 student design competition is Tracey Duncan, Golden West College. Tracey also received the People's Choice Award! This year's 2nd place winner is Weronika Lovett, Mission College; third place winner was a tie between Kelsey Russell, Cal Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and Jose Rosales, Long Beach City College.

The following students were among the top ten finalists: Karla Avalos, Modesto Jr. College Floral Design; Ines Alvizar, Mission College; and Isabel Sarellano, Mission College tied for sixth place, Allana Childs, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo; Lucia Fuentes, Hamilton High School and Connie Amezcua Olivo, Mission College.

Twenty-one students representing Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, Golden West College, Hamilton High School, Long Beach City College, Mission College and Modesto Jr. College Floral Design competed in this year's student design competition! Congratulations to Tracey and all the student contestants!

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