



California Garden Clubs, Inc. 93<sup>rd</sup> Convention  
"Magic in the Garden"  
June 2-5, 2025 VOCO Laguna Hills Hotel



Design Event Monday, June 2, 2025  
3:30 Workshop: Kusudama Origami Magic  
6:30 Dinner and Design Demonstration by Rene van Rems  
\$75 for this Design Event

### Dinner and a Design Demonstration by Rene van Rems

Join Amsterdam born, Southern California resident, floral designer extraordinaire, **Rene van Rems**, AIFD as he takes you on a 'floral' interior design tour. He will showcase French Mille Fleur centerpieces, German Biedermeier hand-tied bouquets, modernist Milan flower pieces and Dutch vegetative floral work. This highly entertaining program will emphasize the importance of plant and flower material selection and will also highlight industry tips and tricks on making design easier and longer lasting. Rene has authored a book on the Dutch Hand-Tied bouquet technique, and he will demonstrate this in his presentation.



#### Rene van Rems biography:

Rene van Rems is a world-renowned designer and lecturer on industry trend topics such as color, texture and design flows. Arriving in the US in 1978 as an exchange student, he has presented and taught all over the world. Rene and his work have been in numerous magazines, HGTV and a few years ago, he was invited to be one of three judges at the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Rene has garnered prestigious awards from the American Horticultural Society, Society of American Florists, AIFD, with his most recent award based on "Design Influence" in the industry. As Creative Director of exhibits at the San Diego Botanic Garden, he worked with this Southern California jewel for 25 years. Rene is known for his fun and wit during his highly visual presentations.

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### Workshop: Kusudama Origami Magic, Cynthia Woo with Brad Welles



In this workshop you will create artful decor and arrangements with some square pieces of paper. Try this meditative, portable craft with just a few tips about folding and assembling this beautiful paper flower.

Cynthia Woo is a collage and assemblage artist from Santa Barbara. She teaches arts and crafts to children and adults. For inspiration, travel takes her to other countries to delve into cuisine, holidays, cultural arts and folk crafts. Cynthia is a member of Las Floralias Santa Barbara, Ikebana International Los Angeles, Sogetsu San Fernando Valley Branch and Organization of Floral Art Designers (OFAD.)



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