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Tina Stoecker AIFD Named President of American Institute of Floral Designers New Officers Named at 2009 National Symposium

BALTIMORE (July 13, 2009) – Tina Stoecker AIFD of Designs of the Times Florist, Inc. in Melbourne, Fla. was installed as president of the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) during the organization's 2009 National Symposium held in Kansas City (July 11-16). She succeeds **Walter Fedyshyn AIFD, PFCI** of Anthony Gowder Designs, Inc. in Chicago, Ill. as the volunteer leader of the floral industry's leading organization in design education.

Installed as president-elect of AIFD was **Sharon McGukin AIFD**, a freelance instructional designer and floral commentator from Carrollton, Ga. **Tom Bowling AIFD** of Fairfield, Ohio was elected and installed as AIFD's new vice president. **Ann Jordan AIFD** of Studio Flora in Naples, Maine will remain the Institute's secretary. **Richard Salvaggio AIFD, AAF** of Teleflora in Los Angeles, Calif. will continue to serve as treasurer of the Institute.

Elected to serve a three year term on the board of directors is **Jim Rauch AIFD, OCF** of Unique Designs Florist Studio in Dayton, Ohio and **BJ Dyer AIFD, AAF, CPF** of Bouquets in Denver, Colo. **Bill McKinley Jr. AIFD** of Kishwaukee College in Malta, Ill. and **Suzie Kostick AIFD, PFCI, MCF** of Cenflo, Inc. / FLORA Magazine in Rio Rancho, N.M. were elected to serve three year terms as directors-at-large.

Vonda LaFever AIFD of Flowers, Etc. in Dixon, Ill. was installed as the membership chair.

Thomas C. Shaner, CAE, continues as AIFD's executive director. AIFD is headquartered in Baltimore, Md.

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About the American Institute of Floral Designers

Established in 1965, the American Institute of Floral Designers is, today, the floral industry's leading non-profit organization dedicated to establishing, maintaining and recognizing the highest standard of professional floral design. AIFD and its worldwide accredited members are in the forefront of the industry in presenting educational design programs and in designing flowers for such renowned events as the Tournament of Roses Parade, Academy Awards and Presidential Inaugurations.