I had my first taping for this semester on Thursday, September 29th, and it was with Casey Schwartz, co-owner of FlowerDuet in Redondo Beach, CA. Casey was here exactly 1 year ago, and we tease her about being our “guinea pig” in terms of her being the first live guest for the new student crew to work with. But, I was so pleased with the entire morning. The students did a great job, and Casey was the consummate pro! She taped 5 segments in less than 4 hours and designed 10 arrangements. You should see our station - there are 3 arrangements in the reception area, and then 7 others went home with students, co-workers and a few other folks. Not only does our building look beautiful with these floral arrangements, it smells good, too! Thanks Casey!

Since I've only had one taping in September, I'll share lots of what Casey showed. She's such an amazing teacher because she makes you see that anyone can create these arrangements by incorporating a few of her tips. The five segments were: Bud Vase Tips, Long and Low Centerpieces, Tropical Combo (my favorite), Chop & Drop, and Tall Vase Tricks.

Here's a picture of the arrangement she created for the Bud Vase Tips segment:

This one shows her working on the long and low centerpiece (which I got to keep):

This one is the Tropical Combo -- and everyone loved this one:

Which one is your favorite so far? Keep reading and watching!

(All of these photos were taken by one of my co-workers who helps me with our tapings, Candra Reynolds!)
This one shows her technique called “Chop & Drop” and believe it or not, that’s all she did to create this beautiful arrangement in a black vase:

This was the last one - it shows what to do with tall vases.

Next year, Casey and her sister and business partner, Kit are both coming out so that will be double fun!

“HAIR” MAIL

In case you’d like a good laugh, I’d like you to go to my blog - it’s all about “Hair” Mail.

The website is: http://sherylborden.wordpress.com

Let me know which one you like best. As I replied to the viewer who wrote originally, now I’m wearing my hair very short and spikey! It sure is easy.

HENRY FORD

You are probably asking why I would write something about Henry Ford! I work with some very talented and amazing people, two of whom I wanted to tell you about. **Don Criss** is the retired Director of Production, and he has worked for KENW since it first started 37 years ago. Besides the work Don has always done at the station, he also personifies historical characters, including Johnny Appleseed and George Washington, and he researches the people and prepares a narration which he delivers to school children all over the country and to civic clubs when asked. Well, he has now added a new character to his repertoire - Henry Ford. This came about because another co-worker, **Orlando Ortega**, who is the Director of Operations and has been with the station for over 20 years, bought a 1924 Model T touring car and has refurbished it and enjoys driving it and sharing its history at car shows and with others.

So, Don and Orlando teamed up to present Henry Ford in one of his original Model T Ford cars to the students at Portales Junior High School recently. I have a feeling that when word gets out, they are going to be asked to do this presentation lots of other places. Don is the dapper fellow in the hat and Orlando is on the far right, and the students are thoroughly enjoying listening and learning about Mr. Ford.

Next month, I will have nine guests to share with you. Thanks for reading and happy Halloween!

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