

Wreath workshops 2022

I've already done a workshop- what are the changes from last year so I don't have to read this whole paper?

Nearly everything will be the exact same as last year: the set up, the location, the product are all the same. The three major changes are:

- 1) There is now a deposit required to reserve your date as well as minimum participant requirements for certain time slots. The deposit will hold your spot and then at the workshop everyone else in your group will pay then instead of everyone signing up online.
- 2) To book a workshop, please email milfordworkshops@gmail.com. All workshop communication will be through that email address. If you have any questions, please do not call any of our stores. Please email if you can. I will call you back if you call the stores, but email is strongly preferred.
- 3) We are no longer including floral picks. You are welcome to bring your own.

How do I book a workshop?

There is a master list of workshop time slots posted on the website. As soon as a deposit is paid for a time slot, I will block it off. All times are first come first serve. If you want a time slot, please email [**milfordworkshops@gmail.com**](mailto:milfordworkshops@gmail.com). Leah will generally respond within a day. If you have any questions at all, please direct them to this email. Please do not call the stores- Leah is the only one who organizes the workshops and is rarely available via phone. She can call you back, but email is strongly preferred.

Wait- so do I have to bring my own group of friends or can I just sign up for a workshop?

We have a couple of nights that are for anyone to join! The private workshops are for people who have their own group of friends. The entire workshop will be just that group. Nobody else can join these groups. However, on the open nights anyone can sign up! These nights are listed on our website and you and sign up by purchasing the workshop night you want to attend.

What is a wreath workshop?

We block off a section of our Milford Garden Center every winter season just for wreath making. We make our own wreaths to sell at the garden center. For a workshop, we invite our customers into the greenhouse to make their own wreath. You construct the entire wreath from scratch using our fresh greenery. As the name implies, it does require some work.

Where does the workshop take place?

All of the wreath workshops take place at Milford Garden Center located in the Milford Shopping Center at 1025 Lila Ave. Milford OH. It is super important to let everyone in your group know this because every year we have multiple people drive to the farm location on accident, which is 20 minutes away.

How many people can participate?

Our workshop space is a permanent area of the greenhouse and we can host a workshop at any time of the day. Please see our master list of private workshop time slots to see what the minimum participant requirement is and the maximum allowed. These numbers are determined by the store hours. While the store is open, we can only host up to 12 people comfortably. When the store is closed, we are able to take over the whole store so we can have more people.

Can I “share” a spot with a friend? Can we make the same wreath? Can my child and I make one wreath together?

No. Non-paying participants are not permitted. The reason that we have a limit on the number of people who may attend is due to space constraints. Therefore, we can not host members to “share” a wreath. Everyone who attends must pay for their own space in the workshop. The only exception is if a member of your group is physically unable to make their own wreath and requires a helper.

What is the age limit?

For the open workshops, the age is geared towards 18+. For private workshops there is not a limit. You know your child better than I do, but from experience I would say 13 years old is probably the youngest age that would be appropriate for this event. Overall, the wreath making workshops are geared towards adults. I have heard multiple parents in the workshop indicate their child would enjoy the wreath making. If you have a group of younger ones who would enjoy a workshop, schedule a private workshop for them.

Do I need to bring anything?

You will be working with live greens. If you do not want sap on your hands, bring gloves. Otherwise we have everything you need.

Is the wine included? Can I bring my own wine?

Yes, all wine is free. We also have pop and water. Also, yes you can bring anything you like. Some groups bring a snack, but keep in mind your hands will be sappy while working on your wreath. Think of this as your own little party in the back of our greenhouse.

Can I bring my own greens?

Yes of course! We had multiple people last year ask if in the future they could bring some greens to include in their wreath. We are more than happy to help you cut them and show you how to include them in your wreath. The most popular green that people want is Magnolia- and we do not anticipate having any this year. If you have a magnolia tree in your yard and you want to bring some please feel free. We do not expect to have any for sale or for the workshops in 2022.

How long does the workshop take?

Generally the workshops take around two hours. Usually groups who have already made wreaths in prior years are closer to 90 minutes. When I make a wreath by myself it will take me no more than 15 minutes. Most people are doing the workshops to enjoy their time together and take their time making a wreath they will love all season, so a lot of groups use the full two hours.

How much is the workshop?

\$45 per person. We do have standard bows to choose from that are included in the workshop price and we also have bows that are an additional \$5.

What exactly is included in the workshop price?

We have three different fresh cut greens for you to use. You receive a clamp ring, all the greens you need, pruners to use during the workshop, and a standard bow. All drinks are free. Please note that in 2022, to keep the price at \$45, we have eliminated the embellishments. If you want to add the floral pics/embellishments, feel free to bring your own and we can help you attach them.

What are the physical requirements?

You will be on your feet moving around and bending over for the duration of the workshop. We are able to fit 1-2 chairs in the workshop area for those that require them. If you do need a chair to sit, you may want to bring someone to assist you so they can help gather the materials you need as you need them to make your wreath (this person would not need to pay for their own wreath if they do not want to make one). We are more than happy to accommodate.

I need to cancel my private workshop. What do I do, and can I get my deposit back?

That's a bummer! To cancel, please email milfordworkshops@gmail.com and let us know as soon as you know you are unable to attend. We unfortunately are unable to refund any deposits made. However, you are welcome to come to the store to pick up two pre-made wreaths.

Do you travel and do workshops in people's homes?

Generally no. We would charge \$50 per person, 20 person minimum. There would be a \$500 travel fee. We do expect all of our nights to sell out at the greenhouse, but if you meet the requirements for an at-home workshop please let us know what night you would want to book.

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