

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2026



Thursday, July 23, 2026 • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



"Design-A-Centerpiece" Contest at the Business Excellence Awards!

New this year! The Design-A-Centerpiece Contest invites businesses to showcase their brand with a themed centerpiece and 10 guest gifts — a more focused, sustainable alternative to past full-table decorations. This change helps reduce waste while offering a creative, high-visibility opportunity to connect with attendees at the Business Excellence Awards. It's a fun, easy way to highlight your business, celebrate community success, and leave a lasting impression.



RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ☐ **Create one branded or themed centerpiece for a table of guests to promote your business or organization.** Be creative to leave a lasting impression for those who will be seated at your table as well as all attendees as they review the room.
- ☐ Dinnerware, silverware, glassware, and table linens will be provided. Please **DO NOT** bring additional items outside of what is necessary for your centerpiece (e.g. chargers, chair covers, furniture rentals, etc.)
- ☐ Three awards will be given for the best Design-A-Centerpieces: People's Choice Award, Board of Directors Award, and the Special Events Committee Award.
- ☐ **Provide 10 individual "gifts" for your table.** This is important as this will be how each guest will remember your business. Ask yourself, *"How is this gift relevant to my business?"* Based on past Business Excellence Awards, gifts are one of the most highly anticipated features of this event.
- ☐ No open alcoholic beverages or balloons may be used as favors or decorations.
- ☐ Table centerpiece may not block view of other tables (you will be asked to remove centerpiece if it does).
- ☐ Designate a set-up team to install your centerpiece and gifts starting at 9:30 AM. **Every centerpiece must be set by 2 PM.**



DESIGN-A-CENTERPIECE CONTEST

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(Space is Limited)

\$75

PLEASE NOTE: ANY TABLE THAT VIOLATES THE RULES OF THE DESIGN-A-CENTERPIECE CONTEST WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING. Keep in mind that all decorations used, including the centerpieces, will be given away to guests at the table. The committee reserves the right to determine the method of distribution. **DO NOT** use anything you want returned. No exceptions.

Members can and are encouraged to partner with other MPCC Members for the Design-A-Centerpiece Contest. Pair up with your business besties for this fun and creative event!

If you have any questions, please email admin@montereychamber.com. We look forward to working with you!

BILLING & PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED

Payable to Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

☐ BILL CREDIT CARD

Company Name _____ ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AE \$ Amount _____

Contact Person _____ Card Number _____

Address _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Signature _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Billing Address _____

If different than mailing address

Thank you for your support of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the 39th Annual Business Excellence Awards!

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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