

# LILY OF THE VALLEY FLOWERS AND MORE

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ILONA IS A NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN ORIGINALLY FROM TIMISOARA, ROMANIA. SHE BEGAN HER FLORAL CAREER AS A 7 YEAR OLD SELLING SEASONAL FLOWERS PICKED FROM HER PARENTS GARDEN, SELLING THEM AT A LOCAL FARMERS MARKET. SHE HAD A COMPETITIVE, REBELLIOUS SPIRIT FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE. HER PARENTS ENROLLED HER IN GYMNASTICS TO GIVE HER AN OUTLET FOR THIS ENERGY. SHE EXCELLED AT THE SPORT AND WAS CHOSEN BY BELA AND MARTHA KAROLYI TO TRAIN WITH THE ROMANIAN NATIONAL TEAM FOR THE 1984 OLYMPIC GAMES. ILONA HOLDS 2 UNIVERSITY DEGREES, ONE AS A DIPLOMAT ENGINEER IN HORTICULTURE AND ONE AS A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT. THIS EDUCATION ENABLED HER TO OWN AND RUN A FLOWER SHOP IN TIMISOARA THAT OPERATED 24 HOURS PER DAY, 7 DAYS PER WEEK. BECAUSE OF HER EDUCATION AND BUSINESS ACUMEN, SHE WAS AWARDED A BUSINESS VISA WHICH ENABLED HER TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES, LIVE, WORK AND APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP, WHICH SHE WAS GRANTED IN 2010. WHILE ILONA WAS LIVING IN COLORADO, WHERE SHE OWNED AND OPERATED A SUCCESSFUL FLOWER SHOP IN BOULDER, SHE MET THE MAN SHE WOULD LATER MARRY AND WITH WHOM MOVE TO ARIZONA. TOGETHER IN 2018 THEY ESTABLISHED LILY OF THE VALLEY FLOWERS AND MORE IN GILBERT, AZ. WHERE SHE CONTINUES TO CREATE STUNNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

## SPECIALTIES

EUROPEAN DESIGN; IKEBANA; LARGE SCALE FLORAL UNIQUE FLORAL CREATIONS FOR ALL LIFETIME EVENTS

## SERVICE AREAS

EAST VALLEY CITIES; SCOTTSDALE, TEMPE, MESA, GILBERT, CHANDLER, QUEEN CREEK, SANTAN VALLEY AND GREATER PHOENIX METRO AREA FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT THE SHOW?

DESIGNING A FEATURED FLORIST INSTALLATION TITLED **MOTHER AND DAUGHTER OF PHOENIX**

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BATTLE OF THE BOUQUETS LIVE! CONTESTANT ON FRIDAY AT 1:30PM



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