

### Florist With A Conscience

Your bridal bouquet is stunning, but what do you know about where and how the flowers were grown?

Christine Saunders, CEO of the Spiraled Stem Floral Design, uses only [VeriFlora](#) cut flowers for bridal bouquets and centerpieces. These are blooms that are certified by an independent third party to have been grown, harvested and handled using practices that improve farm working conditions, protect eco-habitats and conserve water and energy.

Whenever possible, Saunders uses Blumebbox containers, which are made mostly of recycled and recyclable materials.



KENDRA DUJEST

The Anaheim-based florist has been attracting brides who want their flowers responsibly grown, including one who wrote to her last year, saying, "I had the chance to visit a flower farm in Colombia in 2004 and meet with workers there who are struggling to defend their rights to safe and fair working conditions. I met a female worker my age (a majority of flower workers are young women) and I'll never

forget how brave she was in risking her own job security to organize the workers and demand a living wage and safer use of poisonous pesticides."

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**"Green" bouquets for eco-conscious brides**

