

# Stouffville florist blossoms preparing Games bouquet

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Somewhere in Vancouver's Athlete's Village, an Olympic medalist is showing off his or her bling and a bouquet made by Stouffville's Kim Everson.

Last week, while visiting a friend and taking in a few Olympic events, Ms Everson, who owns Main Street's Stouffville Florist, took the opportunity to meet with the Olympic florist to say congratulations and see how the medalists' bouquets are made.

Within minutes of meeting the creator, Margitta Schulz, she was making a bouquet.

"They were strict on their bouquets," Ms Everson said. "I felt like I was right back at school. The pressure was insane. ... I wanted it to be perfect. That was my goal — to make sure it was presented."

In less than an hour and with only one critique — "one of the flowers wasn't showing as well as it could be, so I moved it" — Ms Everson had made an official Olympic bouquet, which was awarded to a medalist on Feb. 18.

"Of my florist career, it was the great honour," she said.

Each bouquet given to a medalist consists of five stems of green fugi/spider

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mums, nine stems of green hypericum berries, three stems of aspidistra leaves, three stems of leather leaf and monkey grass.

Once the bouquet is assembled by one of the four designers, it goes to quality control where a person ensures its perfection. Then it goes to the cutting area where the stems are trimmed to exactly 12 inches.

Next is the wrapping table where brown paper-like ribbon is tied around the stems and held in place with five black pins. Vancouver 2010 ribbon is then wrapped around the stems.

"There's no artistic flair," Ms Everson said. "I asked if I could put a red flower in it to tell which one it was and apparently

that didn't even meet with their sense of humour code."

How does a florist come up with a bouquet worthy of an Olympic medalist? Ms Schulz and June Strandberg, owner of Vancouver's Just Beginnings Flowers, met through the bidding process and decided to team up.

The pair met with VANOC officials a few times, each resulting in the women going back to the drawing board.

The pair was stumped as to what the committee wanted, when according to Ms Everson, just minutes before a meeting with VANOC and without anything to show them, Ms Schulz was inspired by a bunch of greenery.

She scooped the various greens out of the bucket, tossed some ribbon around them and presented it to VANOC as their newest submission. The committee loved it.

"(VANOC is) really pushing green, eco-friendly and I think that just fit the image they were after," Ms Everson said.

In 2015 the Pan Am Games will be in Toronto and medalists at this event may very well receive a bouquet designed and made by Ms Everson.

"If the opportunity ever came up for me to bid on a contract, I would, even just to help out," she said.



Kim Everson of Stouffville Florist jumped at the chance to do Olympic flower arranging at the Games.



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