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“Anne Ryan's book is a juicy treat for any flower lover. Her sense of color and design not only provide good ideas to imitate in your own arrangements, but will also make you smile.” - Ellen Heltzel, writer, book critic and Book Babe columnist

**DESIGN ON A LIME - Flowers with a Twist
by Anne Ryan
with photography by Kristie Coia**

Leaf through the pages of **Design on Lime – Flowers with a Twist** and discover floral designer **Anne Ryan's** world where whimsical blossoms hover over crisp limes; artichokes crest in nosegays of gerbera daisies; turnips hold glittering votive candles and, abracadabra, tiers of roses and watermelons transform into towering party hats.

In her first book, **Design on a Lime – Flowers with a Twist**, (Feld Press; publication date: July 26, 2006), Anne Ryan offers readers a photo journal filled with ravishing photographs of her vibrant, witty floral designs which she introduces with a delightful account of balancing her home-based business with family life

Author **Gerry Frank**, renowned for his best selling *Where to Find It, Buy It, Eat It in New York* (one million copies sold) says of **Anne Ryan**:

“You can spot real talent a mile away; some people just ‘have’ it. Through inspired vision and plain hard work, Anne Ryan is one of those people. Each of her creative floral designs radiates an eye-popping ‘wow’ factor. Whatever the theme, Anne has the innate flair to help you tell a story through the magic of her designs.” - Gerry Frank, author, journalist and entrepreneur.

Delicious eye candy, **Design on a Lime – Flowers with a Twist** tempts readers with more than 90 of photographer Kristie Coia's exquisite photographs of Anne's beguiling art. In this book, sublime floral arrangements have a back-story on terra firma as Anne shares her insights about working from home while raising a family – sure to elicit nods of recognition from any parent who has ever tried it.

Anne tells readers how, "Sometime between my single days of sipping chi-chi cocktails with names like "Skip and Go Naked" and my motherhood days of washing toxic sippy cups filled with fermented milk, my flower business emerged I had no idea what was in store," which includes the challenge of sharing a home studio with her exuberant 4 and 6 year old sons.

"No one told me that one of their greatest joys would be swiping pricey stems of orchids from Mom's buckets to use as swords." Anne says.

When asked about her distinctive style, Anne says, "I describe my designs as 'simple elegance with a twist.'" She notes, "The twist can come in the form of unusual materials, interesting flower selection or the actual architecture of the arrangement...I believe all true art requires a risk. I take a risk every time I create," she says.

The striking and imaginative floral arrangements that emerge from Anne's risk-taking will undoubtedly inspire readers to take a few risks of their own. Anne's perspective on achieving that delicate but perfect balance between professional and personal life resonates, too, as Anne concludes, "Artistic floral design is a labor of love; it won't make you rich, it might make you crazy and it is always exciting. Funny, the same could be said about raising kids."

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About the author: **Anne Ryan** lives near Portland, Oregon with her husband, her two boisterous pre-school age "assistants" and their new baby brother. She caters to a diverse clientele, ranging from local brides to international customers, including Vancouver, British Columbia's famed Butchart Gardens.

About the photographer: **Kristie Coia's** enthusiasm in photography ranges from weddings to portraits to still life and experimental processing. While Portland, Oregon, will always be home, she enjoys traversing the globe with her camera in tow seeking to

capture that perfect shot. She lives with her husband and their yellow lab. Kristie can be reached via her web site at www.kristiecoiaphotography.com.

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