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Flower Power

Paper Bouquets from Paper, Gowns & Glory



The last time you received flowers, they made it a record three hours before wilting (thanks, unrelenting radiator heat).

Ask Aimee Empey, the artist behind Charlestown-based event design company Paper, Gowns & Glory, to create an

evergreen keepsake in the form of intricate, hand-cut paper flowers instead.

Working with acid-free and recycled stocks sourced from Italy, Japan, and our own backyard, Empey can replicate any bloom, from the orchid and peony to whimsical blossom not (yet?) found in nature. The Art Institute grad then customizes a sculpture to specification, playing with size and materials (one happy customer recently requested pearl pistils).

Empey ships the arrangements in real flower boxes with the stems kept long so giftees can play with display ideas. And though such one-of-a-kind artistry doesn't come cheap (orders start at \$150), the bouquets last a lifetime.

Barring any knuckleheaded watering fiascoes.

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