

PROFESSION: Owner/Designer,
Le Petit Gardenia Inc.

LA AREA I CALL HOME:
Hancock Park

**I GOT INTO THIS LINE OF
WORK BECAUSE:** I was 16 when I
made my first bouquet and decided
I was destined for this industry. Le
Petit Gardenia was conceived as a
vision combining several ingredi-
ents: flowers, art and interior design.

**MY AVERAGE DAY CONSISTS
OF:** Each day varies, whether it is
finding myself on a six-foot ladder
designing large displays, meeting
brides to talk about their weddings,
using my creations to decorate
my clients' homes or condos,
or checking out industry events
for inspiration and new trends.
However, my 6 AM flower-market
run is the best part of my week.

**MY MOST SIGNIFICANT
CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENT
SO FAR IS:** Re-creating the Great
Hall at Hogwarts for a Warner Bros.
party for the movie *Harry Potter
and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1*. My
inspiration for the arrangements
was old Flemish paintings. The
medieval designs consisted of warm
hues of oxblood red, burnt orange
and mustard, and I played off the
different shapes as well as the colors
and textures to achieve an authentic
and original look.

**THE THING I'VE DONE IN MY
CAREER I'M MOST PROUD
OF IS:** Gaining trust, respect and
admiration from my clientele.

**THE REASON I'M SO PASSION-
ATE ABOUT WHAT I DO IS:** You
win the lottery in life when you do
what you love.

**UPCOMING PROJECT I'M
EXCITED ABOUT:** The Human
Vase Art Show at Thomas Paul Fine
Art on January 29. It will be a night
of awe-inspiring human sculptures
using flowers and body paint as a
medium.



PROFESSION: Owner, DANC
Surfboards

LA AREA I CALL HOME:
Torrance

**I GOT INTO THIS LINE OF
WORK BECAUSE:** It's fun and
forever challenging to make surf-
boards. Every board I make, I try
to make the best possible.

**MY AVERAGE DAY CONSISTS
OF:** Surfing, bike riding (I race
bicycles as well), shaping surf-
boards, eating large amounts of
food and napping often.

**MY MOST SIGNIFICANT
CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENT
SO FAR IS:** Getting better than
the day before at whatever it is I
am doing.

**THE THING I'VE DONE IN MY
CAREER I'M MOST PROUD OF
IS:** Figuring out how to live my life
my way.

**THE REASON I'M SO PASSION-
ATE ABOUT WHAT I DO IS:**
Surfing is the best thing ever! There
is something magical about riding
waves, and making the tools to ride
waves with is rad.

**UPCOMING PROJECT I'M
EXCITED ABOUT:** Shaping the
next board **LAC**

