

# Nansen Florals creates whimsical arrangements

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**SEAVIEW** — In the early 90s a peculiar garden craze took root and raced across the U.S. It was a popular trend that graced covers of prominent lifestyle publications while appearing in Hollywood movie scenes and countless homes across the world.

## Nansen Florals

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What started with Nansen Malin, a small pig statue and some metal wire at her kitchen table, would eventually blossom into a wholesale business that employed more than a dozen people distributing a variety of topiaries around the world.

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“I used to wholesale topiaries. I started at my kitchen table and ended up in a warehouse with 14 employees. We would crank out everything from succulent wreaths for Martha Stewart to Edward Scissorhands,” Malin said while touring her home-built Seaview greenhouse in April.



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