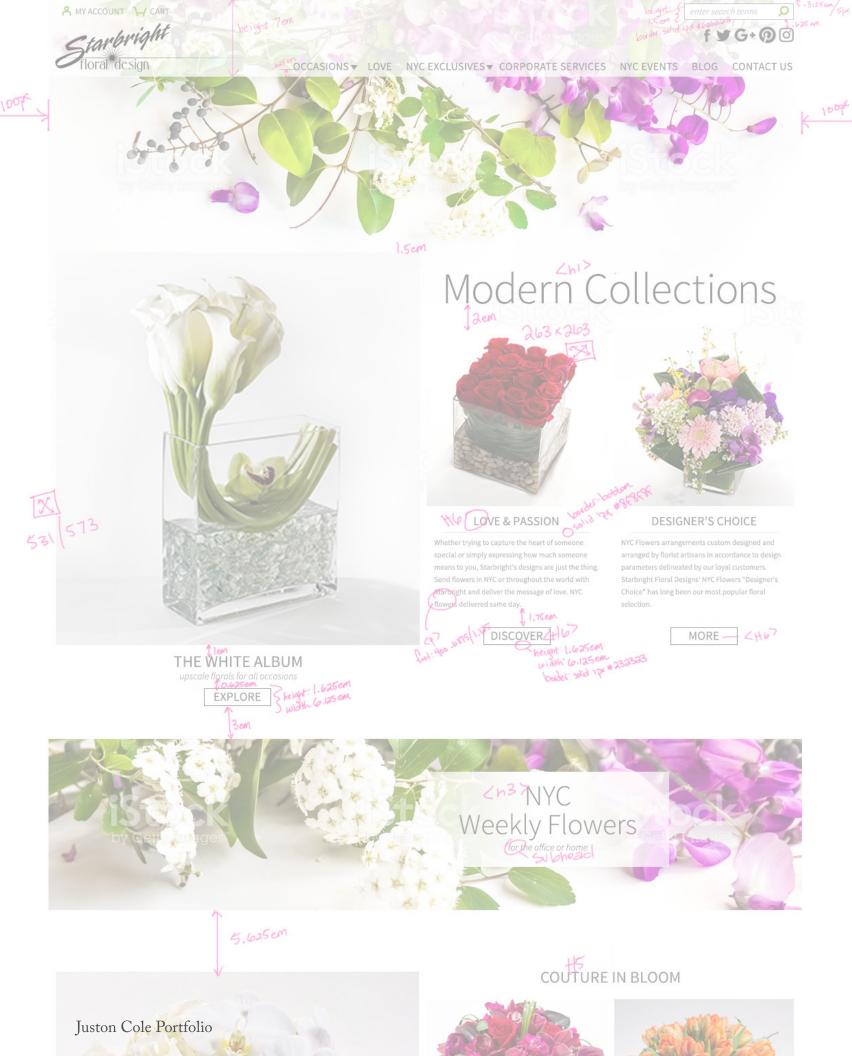


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## Web Design

# Starbright Floral Design

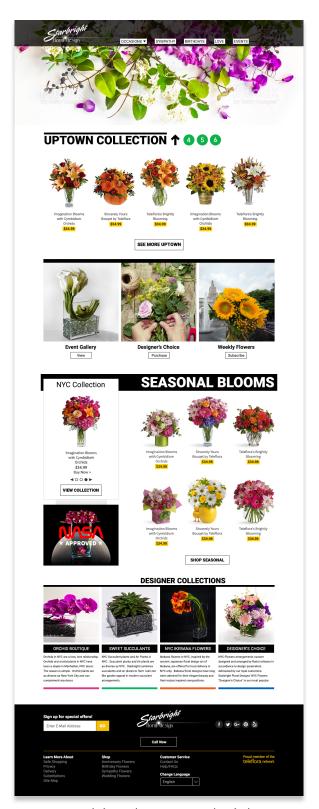
http://www.starbrightnyc.com

#### Synopsis:

Inspired by the works of Paula Scher and Massimo Vignelli, this design sought to incorporate the unapologetically vivacious nature of New York City's visual vernacular into a cohesive commerce site.

Early mock-ups contained bold typography mixed with symbols appropriated from Vignelli's 1972 design for the New York City Subway map; iconography that would be immediately recognizable to Starbright's core market area.

The design was eventually toned down, in order to attract a more inclusive national market base. Custom aside pages filled out the design by providing service-specific informational pages and concierge exclusive portals.



Version 1 (above), Version 2 (right)



# Proofs of Concept (1/2)

#### Version 1

This version included a fixed header with large scale imagery at the top of the page. Bold typography provides the page with areas for the eye to rest, while maintaining a clear a hierarchal structure. The color palette is drawn from the various colored subway lines running through Manhattan.

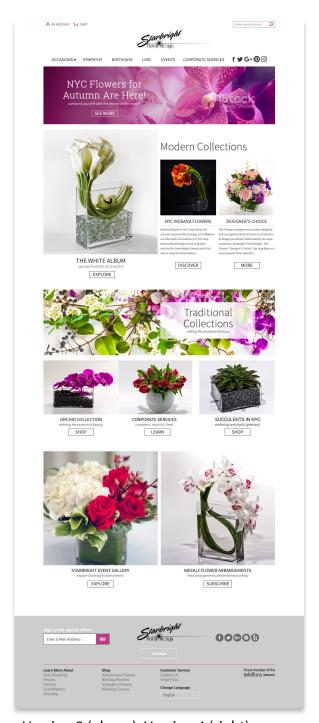
#### Version 2

Large parallax background imagery near the top of the page plunges the viewer straight into a field of bright and vibrant flowers. Headers use background fills to insure contrast with background, while mimicking transit signage (see image below). This visual is echoed in the product calls to action, with black text over eye-catching yellow.

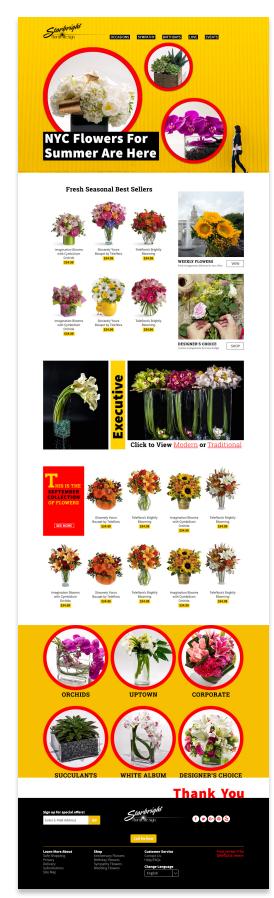


Inspiration: Street Signage - NYC, NY





Version 3 (above), Version 4 (right)



# Proofs of Concept (2/2)

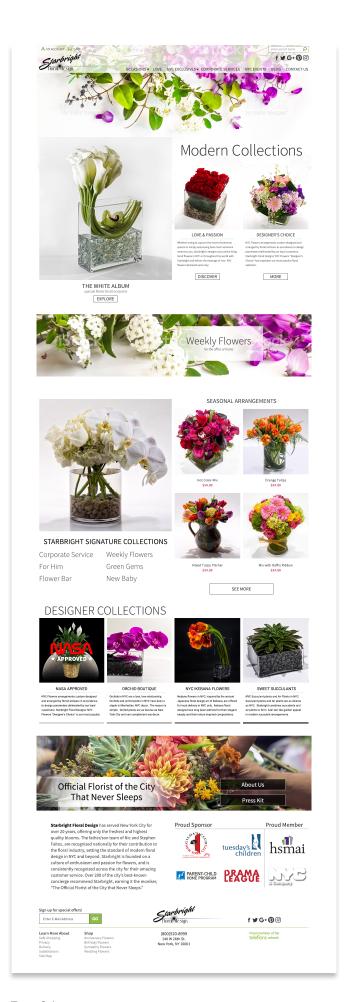
#### Version 3

The most traditional and conservative of the 4 proofs, this layout stems from a rigid underlying grid system. Banners provide large customizable areas for shop promotions. Thin type adds delicate touches to the design, mirroring the organic shape of the flowers.

#### Version 4

Version four was included as an aside. This layout is loud, and bright, and in your face. With bold red product category borders, and type large enough to be seen from space – it contained some interesting ideas. The layout provided an abundance of products on the homepage. It also provided a familiar ecommerce layout to users, creating a familiar and comfortable shopping experience.

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# **Final Version**

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## Identity Creation/Branding

# Sedona Mountain High

**Goal:** Mountain High Flowers desired a logo, expressive of their integration with the energy and connectedness of the Sedona mountains and local landscape.

Solution: A sharp and geometric silhouette of iconic Bell Rock is coupled with the organic curves of the succulent, in this visually engaging arrangement. These two shapes are representative of Sedona's powerful landscape and energy, while communicating Sedona Mountain High's graceful mark on the local florist community. This mark is flexible enough to serve in a variety of applications, while maintaining strong fundamental design characteristics that will represent the company well into the future.

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#### Wordmark:

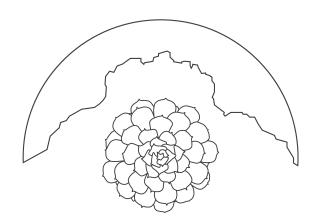
A distinctive combination of Roboto Slab and one of my personal favorites — Tobias Frere Jones' geometric sans-serif Gotham. The combination provides a healthy wordmark, capable of standing on its own; while also working well in a supportive role with the logo.

# Mountain High Flowers

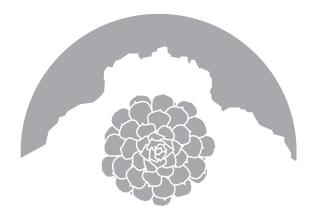
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#### Icon Variations:

To function properly in a variety of roles, variations of the logo were included in the final deliverables. This included versioning for both light/dark backgrounds and lineart for watermarking purposes.



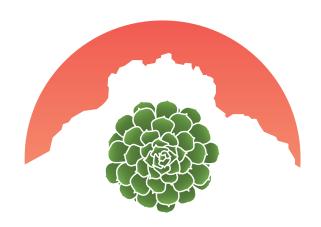
Line Art – This version works subtly to reinforce additional branding elements. This will work well in wedding consultation services and as a watermark.



Fill Version – When additional visual weight is necessary, the added flexibility of this version is helpful.



Mountain High Flowers were kind enough to send me a picture of them enjoying their new branding on a freshly printed banner.



Color Version – The color variation works well independently of the wordmark and provides a great digital and full color print solution.





## Goal

To establish the *Participation for All* campaign, comprised of existing services; *Talking Service*, *Reading Between the Lines*, and William Prescott Elementary case study conducted 2007-2010.



## Audience

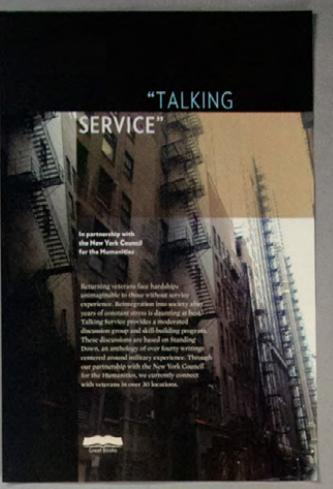
The intended audience for this campaign were potential donors and volunteers.
Collateral needed to be created that could showcase and celebrate programs to current and new supporters.



# Message

With a proven record (68 years of service), the GBF brings experience and a committed partnership to their programs. As a donor, you help continue a worthy organization and help strengthen communities.









# Print Design

# Great Books Foundation Participation for All

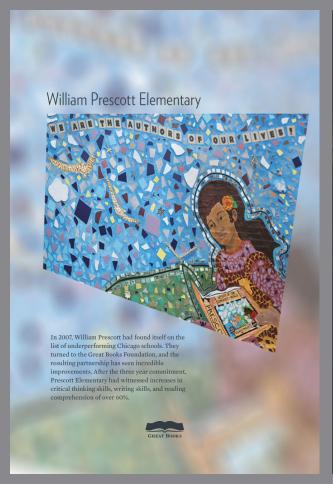
#### **Project Analysis**

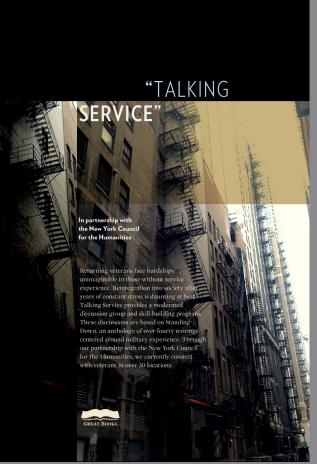
The design of the Great Books Foundation's *Participation for All* campaign was inspired by the work of German designer Jan Tschichold, who toyed with the idea that perfect rectangles within a layout would augment the awkward 1:4 ratio of international paper sizes. This concept incorporates square keystones that give rectangles more aesthetically pleasing proportions. This concept was later investigated by legendary designer Josef Müller-Brockmann and eventually incorporated into his design of the 1960 poster for Der Film.

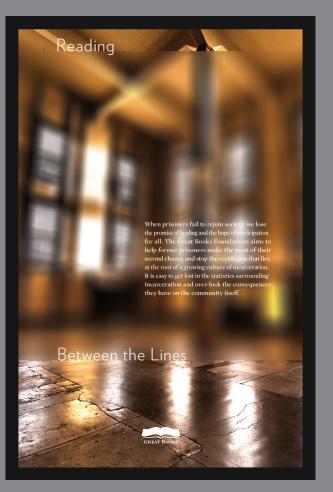
Based upon Tschichold's concept, the *Participation for All* collateral was constructed with a strong sense of narrative through use of imagery meant to subtly encourage dialogue. The Great Books Foundation is widely recognized for the effectiveness of their discussion groups, and I wanted to illustrate this through design.



Photo of Der Film poster and composition





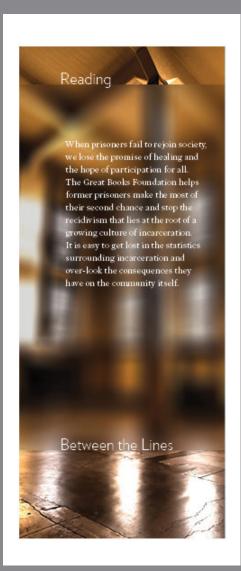


Poster Series (12"x18") above Postcards (4"x6") right









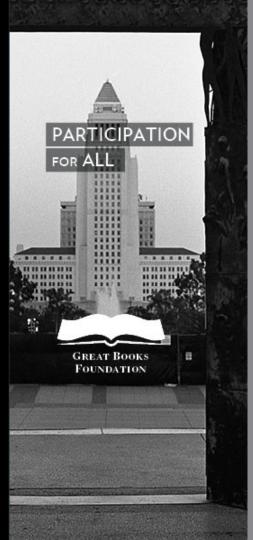


The Great Books Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education and enrichment of lives through literature.

Your contributions allow our programs; to nourish the education of children, comfort returning veterans, and help equip men and women leaving incarceration with the skills necessary to move forward with their lives.

Our national programs benefit thousands of people around the country. For nearly seventy years, we have promoted strong civil engagement. Together we can strengthen our communities and secure the future of the Great Books Foundation for generations to come. Each of our programs is made possible by the generous contributions of people like yourself, and for that we extend a heartfelt

- Thank you!





#### William Prescott Elementary

In danger of being closed, William Prescott Elementary found itself on the Chicago Public Schools' list of failing schools. It turned to the Great Books Foundation and committed to a three-year reading and language arts intervention. Funded by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Trust, the intervention was focused on reading comprehension, critical thinking, and writing in Grades 3-5. This partnership promised to improve teacher effectiveness and student proficiency through the use of the Junior Great Books program.

# 2007

Teachers receive initial instruction in program.

Classrooms receive Junior Great Books materials for teachers and

Classes spend 45 minutes per day, 3 days per week, on the Junior Great Books program.

60.3% Improvement in reading comprehension.

60% Improvement in critical thinking skills per teacher assessment.

66% student improvement



make a difference.

Standing Down This new anthology includes 44 selections, from Homer's lliad to personal accounts of members of the service having served abroad. The volume includes fiction, nonfiction, poetry, essays, and memoirs that speak to past experiences, and the future aspirations of those whom have served.

"Talking Service" Returning veterans face trials unimaginable to those without service experience. Reintegration into society after years of constant stress is daunting at best. Talking Service is a moderated discussion group and skill-building program. These discussions are based on Standing Down, an anthology of over forty writings centered around military experience. Through our partnership with the New York Council for the Humanities, we currently connect with veterans in over 30 locations. In partnership with the New York Council

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Brochure Design: *exterior* 

Brochure Design: *Interior* 



Thank You,

for your time and consideration.