



Ikebana International
San Francisco
Bay Area Chapter #31

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A camellia falls
and the rain of yesterday
spilling out.....Buson

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Date and Time: **Friday, April 20, 2012 at 12:00 noon**
Program: Songs of the Earth: Honoring Earth Day
Demonstrator: Thanh Nguyen, Wafukai
Program Chair: Carole Gray
Location: San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park
Admission: Members admitted free. Guests are welcome if \$5.00 admission fee is paid in advance. No payments accepted at the door. For payment information e-mail Sandra.Hatcher@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu or phone (916) 485-9056.

URGENT REMINDER!

If you have not already done so, please complete and deliver your **PROXY VOTE FORM** regarding important changes at Tokyo HQ which affect our chapter. Deadline for submitting these votes to Tokyo is fast approaching. The Proxy Vote Form and information were mailed to all I.I. members earlier this year. Please deliver your Proxy Vote to the Reception table on April 20. If you do not have a vote form, they will be available at the Reception table. To print a Proxy Vote Form online, go to either ikebana@ikebanahq.org or I.I.presidenthq@gmail.com. If you cannot attend the program on April 20 please mail your vote to President Joan Finnie, 2901 Avalon Avenue; Berkeley, CA 94705-1401.

Thank You very much for your prompt attention to this important matter.

AN IKEBANA CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY

This month **Thanh Nguyen** brings us a joyous springtime program honoring Earth Day. Thanh has studied Wafu School Ikebana for more than 22 years and holds Wafukai's Somu degree. She has earned a third degree teaching certificate from Sogetsu School. Born into a large family in Vietnam, Thanh came to this country in 1975. While raising two daughters, she went to school at night and graduated from San Jose State University with degrees in Marketing and Engineering and completed many graduate engineering courses there. She worked for 25 years as an International Product Marketing Manager for several large electronic companies in the Bay Area.

Thanh's vibrant arrangements have been seen at Bouquets to Art at the De Young Museum and the Filoli Flower Show. She has demonstrated and exhibited her work at numerous Ikebana

shows in California, Paris, Viet Nam, and Manila. In 2008 she staged a one-woman flower show in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Currently Thanh serves on the board of directors of Ikebana International, the Ikebana Teachers Federation, Wafu Ikebana Society, and is a member of the Sogetsu Teachers Association. She is a member of the Flower Board of the San Francisco Fine Arts Museums and the Asian Art Museum. She teaches ikebana in Palo Alto and works part time as the director of a senior program for the City of Palo Alto. Besides her devotion to Ikebana, she enjoys movies, the symphony, opera, gardening, and biking. She lives in Menlo Park with her husband, a whippet named Demi, two kitties, several koi fish, and a large population of birds who make her garden their sanctuary.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Ikebana Friends,

April's program brings us the lovely and versatile Thanh Nguyen with a program filled with the bounty of springtime and a salute to Earth Day. Thanh has amazing skills both as an artist and administrator. We are so lucky to have her with us. Last month's stormy weather did not keep members away from the amazing demonstration by Sumi Metz. It was extraordinary and very much enjoyed. Thank you, Sumi.

Ikebana International's 10th World Convention from May 4 – 8 is nearly here. I am pleased that at least 13 of our chapter members will attend. These Conventions are wonderful opportunities to visit Japan and to enjoy a magnificent flower show with demonstrations by leading headmasters. Members come from all over the world and many delightful friendships are either made or renewed. At a banquet six years ago I sat next to a man from Jordan and a woman from India. Global Friendship Through Flowers? Yes indeed! I feel very fortunate to represent our chapter as a delegate along with Fusako Hoyrup, Nancy Locke and Thanh Nguyen. We will have much to report when we return.

May I once again urge you to submit your Proxy Vote if you haven't already done this. The final vote can mean the continuation of Ikebana International as we know it and want it to continue to flourish. One aspect of the vote requires all chapters to advance the date for collecting dues to May 31. **So please renew your membership before May 31.** Complete the enclosed Membership Renewal Form and a check for your 2012-2013 dues. Mail both to Fiona Li, Treasurer; 535 Cherry Avenue, San Bruno, CA 94066.

In May, our final program for this season, an exciting performance by The Theatre of Yugen will entertain us. Also, we will elect and install officers for 2012-2013. The Nominating Committee includes Kathy Toy, Christie Hastings, Keith Suiza-Courpet, Margaret Kurasaki, and Jane Naito. Alternates are Sally Sutherland and Yvonne Edelin. They have prepared the following slate of nominees for the election:

President	Thanh Nguyen	Wafukai
1 st Vice President (Tokyo Liaison)	Mitsuko Maruyama	Ohara
2 nd Vice President (Programs)	Ron Brown	Sogetsu
Recording Secretary	Louise Ow-Ling	Ikenobo
Treasurer	Fiona Li	Wafukai

Historian
Membership Chair

Gloria Lee
Sandra Hatcher

Sogetsu
Ikenobo

If there is someone you wish to nominate in addition, get that person's permission first. Then make your nomination by contacting Kathy Toy, Chair of the Nominating Committee, before April 20.

In Friendship through Flowers, I wish you all the beauty and fresh vitality of spring with its bounty of flowers everywhere.

Joan Finnie
President

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHAPTER

Many thanks to Sumi Metz for her donation to the General Fund last month. Years ago the founding members of our chapter established a tradition of making regular financial donations, large and small, to the chapter. These gifts contributed to the fiscal strength and stability of the chapter for many years. Now most of these wonderfully generous members are gone, but we still benefit from contributions from our members. Our membership dues provide only a tiny part of our expenses since most income from dues must be sent on to Tokyo headquarters. Consequently we must raise funds throughout the year to sustain our programs.

If you have not made a gift recently, please consider doing so. These donations are deposited in the General Fund which pays for our programs. Donations are especially suitable for memorials, weddings, anniversaries, and graduations. Checks should be payable to "Ikebana International" and mailed to treasurer Fiona Li, 535 Cherry Avenue; San Bruno, CA 94066. If there is a specific purpose for your gift, please include a note or write it in the check's memo space. All donations are acknowledged and may be tax deductible.

DELICIOUS DELICACIES

The Hospitality Committee sends a grateful Thank You to donors and servers for the March tea table. They were Joan Finnie, Sandra Hatcher, Michiko Hosoda, Irene Jenkins, Kazuko Kajisa, Margaret Kurasaki, Luciana Mazzola, Louise Ow-Ling, Ruth Sootaru, Keeth Souza-Courpet, Joan Suzuki, and Mieko Taketa. It was an especially bountiful table. Refreshments from members are always welcome. If you bring refreshments, please bring them table-ready on a tray or dish. Mark your dish or tray with your name and phone number and be sure to pick it up afterward.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?

If you change your address, phone or e-mail address, please be sure to notify our Membership Chair, Sandra Hatcher at Sandra.Hatcher@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu or call her at (916) 485-9056. This will insure that you continue to receive e-mail notices and the chapter's newsletter each month.

Here is a new address for your Membership Directory:
Anderson, Teruko 192 McKinney Ave.; Pacifica, CA 94044-2323
Tel: (650) 359-8981

SEE US ONLINE

Our chapter has an award-winning website at www.ikebana.org. If you have not viewed it recently, please take a look. Created in 1997 it contains photographs and information about the chapter, its people and programs – both upcoming and past. It is updated every month by members of the Media Committee. The Gallery shows arrangements from all schools in the chapter and the Archive file documents our past flower shows and other information.

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

April 28 & 29, 2012: Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival in Quinlan Community Center, Memorial Park, Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wafukai and Ikenobo arrangements will be shown.

April 30-May 4, 2012: 10th I.I. World Convention at Grand Pacific Le Daiba, Tokyo.

May 18, 2012: I.I. San Francisco Chapter presents the celebrated Theatre of Yugen at its closing program of the current season. For more information, contact Program Chair Ron Brown at kodobrown@gmail.com.

May 19 & 20, 2012: Ohara Ikebana School of Northern California Chapter presents a flower show at the Jodo Shinshu Center; 2140 Durant Avenue; Berkeley, CA. Hours are 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. For information contact Mitsuko Maruyama at mitsmaruyama@gmail.com or Kathy Toy at KToy@aol.com.

September 29 & 30, 2012: “ArtScape 2012” Sogetsu San Francisco flower show initiates the Branch’s 40th Anniversary Year celebrations. San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park.

October 6 & 7, 2012: 50th Anniversary Celebration of Ikenobo Ikebana Society, Northern California Chapter, at Kabuki Hotel, 1625 Post Street, San Francisco. Saturday, October 6: Exhibit 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Sakura Room); Demonstration by Headmaster Sen’ei Ikenobo at 1 p.m. (Imperial Room). Sunday, October 7: Exhibit 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Sakura Room); Flower Honoring Ceremony at 2 p.m. (Imperial Room). For information call Yayoi Aoki at (650) 591-8202 or Sandra Hatcher at (910) 485-9056.

March 16 & 17, 2013: 29th Ikebana Flower Show by I.I. San Francisco Bay Area Chapter at the San Francisco County Fair Building. Chair is Mitsuko Maruyama.

April 26 – April 30, 2013: 9th North American Sogetsu Seminar at JW Marriott, Los Angeles, hosted by Sogetsu Los Angeles Branch. Headmaster Akane Teshigahra will demonstrate.

DON'T FORGET TO

**Deliver your Proxy Vote on April 20
and
Renew your membership for 2012-2013**