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Bay Area Chapter #31

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So cold are the waves  
The rocking gull can scarcely  
Fold itself to sleep.....Basho

Date and Time: **Friday, February 17, 2012 at 12:00 noon**  
Program: **A Winter's Day**  
Demonstrator: Kathy Toy, Ohara School  
Program Chair: Minako Miyazaki  
Location: San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg., 9<sup>th</sup> 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 [SandraHatcher@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](mailto:SandraHatcher@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu) or call (916) 485-9056.

## ***WARMING UP A WINTER'S DAY***

This month we are treated to the artistry of one of our most accomplished members – **Kathy Suiyu Toy** from Ohara School. Kathy has combined her artistic talent and scholarship in many endeavors and we gratefully benefit from her commitment to ikebana and our chapter. She is an Associate First Degree Master of Ohara School of Ikebana. Kathy is one of our valued members who never refuses a request, accepting with grace and enthusiasm anything we send her way. She currently is I.I.'s Publicity Chair and produces internet web announcements each month, as well as materials for many chapter events.

In 1988 she lived in Japan and began daily lessons at the Ohara School. She became enamored by the art, combining it with her lifelong interest in design and plants. When she returned to the USA she continued to study and occasionally traveled to Tokyo for classes. She became a founding board member of the North American Ohara Teachers Association for four years and a member of the board of the Ohara School of Ikebana Northern California Chapter. She also belongs to Ikebana International and the Ikebana Teachers Federation. She studies regularly with Grand Master Kayoko *Suiyo* Fujimoto.

Kathy often demonstrates and exhibits ikebana. Some venues which have shown her work are the De Young Museum, Hakone Gardens, Filoli, San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival, and ikebana events elsewhere in California, New York, and Florida.

Born in Kentucky and was raised there and in Colorado, Kathy also lived two years in the Philippines. She lived in Rochester, NY for 24 years and during that time spent a year in Tokyo with her husband. Since 2000 she has been a resident of San Jose. She was educated at Michigan State University in Interior Design and did graduate work at the University of Central

Florida. She also studied Mechanical Engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology. For 39 years she was employed as an interior designer specializing in commercial work. Kathy currently edits English translations for Ohara's magazines *Kikyo* and *Soka*.

Such a profound talent is not to be missed, so bring your friends and enjoy the program this special program on February 17.

## ***GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Dear Ikebana Friends,

What a diverse and beautiful program we enjoyed in January! We are indeed fortunate to have such talented representatives from each of our seven schools of ikebana in our chapter. It was wonderful to see the different approaches each school presented with the same basic material, each one beautiful. My thanks to each of you.

By now you have received a packet from I.I. Headquarters describing the changes in the international By-laws made necessary by recent changes the government of Japan imposed for organizations like I.I. E-mails have been flying fast between many chapters here in the USA, discussing the implications for American chapters. There are concerns here that these changes might affect our tax-exempt status. We will be addressing these issues at the Tokyo Convention in April and May.

Our chapter has named Nancy Locke and me as voting delegates, with Fusako Hoyrup and Thanh Nguyen as alternates. After reading the information from Headquarters, please feel free to contact any of us to discuss and voice your opinion of these changes. Included in the packet mailed to you is a **Proxy Vote** form which every member should complete. Please bring your Proxy Vote to the February or March meeting and we will mail them all together. Otherwise, you may mail it to Tokyo separately, but postage will be \$1.05. ***PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD AND GIVE US YOUR PROXY VOTE! EVERY VOTE COUNTS ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. If you do not know your Membership Number as required on the Proxy Form, please contact Membership Chair Sandra Hatcher at 916-485-9056 or e-mail [Sandra.Hatcher@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](mailto:Sandra.Hatcher@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu).***

I am looking forward eagerly to Kathy Toy's Ohara demonstration this month. She is so multi-talented – producing magnificent graphics for us each month as well as wonderful ikebana.

At my house we often said this couplet from Alexander Pope: “Oh, be thou blessed with all that heaven can send, long health, long youth, long pleasures, and a friend.” Let me add “an ikebana friend” as the very best with friendship through flowers.

***Joan Finnie***  
President

***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 [SandraHatcher@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](mailto:SandraHatcher@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu) or call (916) 485-9056. This will insure that you continue to receive e-mail notices and the chapter's newsletter each month.

## ***DONATIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED***

The General Fund was recently bolstered by donations from Sandra Hatcher, Irene Jenkins, Sumi Metz, and Luciana Mazzola. We are most grateful for your support. Thank you!

Membership dues provide only a small 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. A donation to the General Fund is used for that purpose. 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 of the gift, please include a note or write it in the check's memo space. All donations are acknowledged. Please consider making a gift donation to your chapter. Donations are especially suitable as memorials, wedding, anniversary, and graduation gifts, and donations made in support of monthly programs

## ***REFRESHING REFRESHMENTS***

In January our anniversary tea table was laden with a delicious cake baked and decorated by Carole Gray, Joan Finnie and Leslie Kodama – a true "labor of love" for the chapter. Many thanks to them for continuing this tradition for us. And Hospitality Chair Kazuko Kajisa thanks these members who brought many other delicacies for our enjoyment: Yayoi Aoki, Nancy Fogel, Christie Hastings, Kazuko Kajisa, Margaret Kurasaki, Gloria Lee, Fiona Li, Louise Ow Ling, Nancy Locke, Grace Murata, Sakae Sakaki, Joan Suzuki, and Kathy Toy. Thank you!

**Attention tea table donors!** Please bring your refreshments table-ready on a tray or dish. Mark your tray with your name and phone number and be sure to pick it up afterward. This will be a great help to the Hospitality volunteers each month.

## ***TAKE A LOOK! WE ARE ONLINE***

When you are online with the internet, take a look occasionally at the chapter's website: [ikebana.org](http://ikebana.org). Each month photographer Christina Schuknecht takes excellent photographs of the demonstration and exhibit and makes them available for the website. Working together, programmer Yoko Tahara and editor Sally Sutherland add these to the website and the archives. "Coming Events" show programs scheduled for the future.

## ***MEMBERSHIP NEWS***

Chapter membership was 209 in January. Add these names to your Membership Directory.

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***COMING EVENTS***

**March 13-17, 2012:** Bouquets to Art, the floral extravaganza held by the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park. I.I. will be represented by Kayoko *Suiyo* Fujimoto, Ohara School; Fusako *Seiga* Hoyrup, Wafu kai; and Jane Naito, Sogetsu School. The Opening Night Preview is March 12. In addition to the chapter's representatives, many other members of I.I. install arrangements at Bouquets to Art.

**March 30 – April 1, 2012:** Sogetsu San Jose-South Bay Branch and Sogetsu North America co-host visit of Master Shinobu Okazaki from Tokyo for workshops and demonstration program at Doubletree by Hilton, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, Ca. For information contact Kika Shibata at 408-279-8342 .

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

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

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