



Ikebana International  
San Francisco  
Bay Area Chapter #31

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What bloom on what tree  
yields this imperceptible  
essence of incense?.....Basho

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**Date and Time:** **Friday, May 18, 2012 at 12:00 noon**  
**Program:** The Theatre of Yugen Performs  
**Program Chair:** Ron Brown  
**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 [Sandra.Hatcher@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](mailto:Sandra.Hatcher@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu) or phone (916) 485-9056.

### ***A THRILLING SEASON FINALE*** ***THE THEATRE OF YUGEN PERFORMS ON STAGE***

The renowned Theatre of Yugen comes to our stage on May 18. This is a “Must See” program! In keeping with our goal of presenting one program each season which enlarges our appreciation and enjoyment of Japanese arts and culture, The Theatre of Yugen will present two legendary Japanese folk tales: “*Kagyū*” (Snail) performed in English. In addition we will see excerpts from “*Hagoromo*” (Feathered Robe), performed in the traditional way with a dancer, chorus and two musicians. Performers also will give a brief talk and demonstration about *Noh* and *Kyogen* drama – the costumes, staging, stories, music, etc. This will be a wonderful end to the season, so please come and bring your friends. (For nonmembers, pay admission in advance. See above.)

For more than six centuries *Nohgaku* has been the oldest, continuously presented theatrical tradition worldwide. The Theatre of Yugen has been based in San Francisco for more than 30 years. It is an award winning company known and acclaimed nationally and internationally. It is the only troupe in the USA dedicated to the performance and training of *Nohgaku* actors assembled from many countries. Whether an individual show is classical or contemporary, the company strives to project the aesthetic quality of yugen – a mysterious elegance – to give the work a distinctive style and provide a unique experience for the audience.

Traditional stories of comical, romantic and frightening situations come to colorful life in these plays which are rich with dancing, elaborate costumes, drums and flutes, singing, and masks expressing every aspect of human emotion.

This program ends our 2011-2012 season. During the summer, outgoing and incoming board members will meet to plan the next season which begins on Friday, September 21, 2012. The newly installed President will send a message to all members this summer. Also, watch the chapter’s website at [Ikebana.org](http://Ikebana.org) for news about programs in 2012-2013.

## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Dear Ikebana Friends,

Isn't it glorious to be outdoors on these beautiful California days? I am convinced Ikebana gives us new eyes to perceive beauty in nature and ability to express that beauty in our work. For two wonderful years I have had the privilege of being your president. It has been time filled with many opportunities, countless joys, and much fulfillment for me. My board members are treasures, each and every one. They are always willing to help and are so knowledgeable, talented and supportive, in addition to being such gifted Ikebana artists. Plus, they are wonderful human beings. We are so fortunate to be members of Ikebana International. It is a unique organization which brings us so many pleasures.

Planning for our Ikebana Flower Show 2013 next March is well under way, led most ably by Chair Mitsuko Maruyama. I hope every member will participate in some way – it is so much fun and it is incredibly rewarding artistically. You will hear much more about the show later.

**Remember to renew your membership for 2012-2013!** I urge you to renew now if you haven't done so already. You may renew at the reception desk on May 18. And if possible, please upgrade your level of membership. We welcome new members, so please encourage any interested friends to join us. The new deadline for paying dues is May 31.

Although I will pass the gavel to my successor after the election this month, I will continue to be an active presence in the chapter. I could never leave a group of such incredibly talented and gracious people who are precious to me. So you will see me many times afterward. My best wishes to you for a glorious summer and may we always share our Friendship Through Flowers.

***Joan Finnie***

President

P.S. Memo to the board: Please bring your annual report to the board meeting May 18.

### ***VOTE!***

On May 18 we will conduct our annual election and install new officers for 2012-2013. Every member is encouraged to attend and vote. Here are nominees suggested by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board of Directors:

President	Thanh Nguyen	Wafukai
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President (Tokyo Liaison)	Mitsuko Maruyama	Ohara
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Programs)	Ron Brown	Sogetsu
Recording Secretary	Louise Ow-Ling	Ikenobo
Treasurer	Fiona Li	Wafukai
Historian	Gloria Lee	Sogetsu
Membership Chair	Sandra Hatcher	Ikenobo

### ***THANKS TO OUR SPECIAL DONORS***

We are very grateful to **Jane Naito** for her thoughtful contribution to the chapter. Another important gift was made by **Norman Cima** who recently donated a new microphone to the chapter. And belatedly

we also wish to thank **Barbara Gordon** who for many years has brought plants from her garden for sale at the Ikebana Supplies table. Many other members also have brought plants and flowers for the sales table. Often these are anonymous donors, but we thank them too. We deeply appreciate these very helpful donations. Thank you!

If you have not made a gift recently, please consider doing so. Membership dues fall far short of meeting chapter expenses, so we rely on generous donations from members and fundraising events. Donations are deposited in the General Fund which pays for our programs. Contributions are especially suitable for memorials, weddings, anniversaries, and graduations. Write checks payable to “Ikebana International” and mail to Fiona Li, Treasurer; 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.

## ***COOKIES AND TEA***

A bountiful tea table delighted us in April and we are grateful for these generous donors and helpers: Mei-Yu Flanagan, Nancy Fogel, Kazuko Kajisa, Dianne Krueger, Christina Schuknecht, Michiko Shimoda, Joan Suzuki, and Kathy Toy. 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.

## ***MEMBERSHIP NEWS***

Don’t miss the May 31 deadline for paying membership dues for 2012-2013. A Membership Renewal Form is attached for your use if you have not already renewed. Dues received after May 31 are subject to an additional fee of \$15 for late payment.

Here are two changes for your current Membership Directory:

**Jennings, Norma** E-mail: [NormaDJennings@gmail.com](mailto:NormaDJennings@gmail.com).  
**Wagoner, Sheri** E-mail: [Sheri.wagoner@gmail.com](mailto:Sheri.wagoner@gmail.com)

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](mailto: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.

## ***COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR***

**May 5, 2012:** 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale by the San Francisco Botanical Garden Society, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park. Thousands of native, rare and unusual plants suitable for Bay Area gardens are on sale.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mitsmaruyama@gmail.com) or Kathy Toy at [KToy@aol.com](mailto:KToy@aol.com).

**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.

**October 6 & 7, 2012:** 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **2013**

**March 16 & 17, 2013:** 29<sup>th</sup> 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:** 9<sup>th</sup> North American Sogetsu Seminar at JW Marriott, Los Angeles, hosted by Sogetsu Los Angeles Branch. Headmaster Akane Teshigahra will demonstrate and teach workshops. Many tours and events included. For more information, contact [Sogetsu.lab@gmail.com](mailto:Sogetsu.lab@gmail.com) attention Norma McDonough (for English) or Miyako Arao (for Japanese).