



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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It is nice to read news
That our spring rain also
Visited your town.....Onitsura

Date and Time: **Friday, April 18, 2014 at 12:00 noon**
Program: **Spring Harmony**
Demonstrator: Yoichi Mizutani, Ikenobo Visiting Professor
Guest Musician: Weishan Liu, Guzheng Master
Program Chair: Louise Ow Ling
Location: San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way
Admission: Members admitted free. Non-members are welcome if \$5.00 admission fee is paid in advance. Call (510) 531-5720 or email heidabruce@sbcglobal.net for payment information.
Parking: Very limited. Please carpool with members near you.

SPRINGTIME PLEASURES WITH IKENOBO IKEBANA AND MUSIC

April's program presents the double pleasure of Ikenobo Ikebana by Professor Yoichi Mizutani and the award-winning music of Ms. Weishan Lui. This program celebrates the season with superb ikebana and enchanting music.

Mr. Mizutani is the current Special Visiting Professor from Ikenobo Headquarters in Kyoto. He is a graduate of the Special Advanced Courses in Shoka at the Ikenobo Central Training Institute. In 2011 he graduated from the Advanced Course and in the same year presented a "Reishiki-ike" ceremony and ikebana demonstration at the Taipei International Flora Exposition in Taiwan. He visited China in 2011 as a member of the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youth Programme. When Ikenobo Ikebana observed its 550 years of recorded history in 2012, Professor Mizutani participated in the Special Demonstration held at the Tokyo Forum.

Professor Mizutani lives in Shimotsuma City, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan. He teaches ikebana in his private classroom. In addition to studying and teaching Ikenobo Ikebana, Professor Mizutani is also a musician and plays the classical guitar.

Weishan Lui is a renowned virtuoso of the Chinese guzheng, one of the most traditional musical instruments in Chinese culture. The guzheng is a plucked, stringed instrument related to the Japanese koto, the Vietnamese dan tranh, and the Korean kayagum. It originated more than 2500 years ago in China.

At the age of 11, Ms. Lui began her studies of guzheng and was soon performing and composing prize-winning compositions. She arrived in the USA in 1982 and has dedicated herself to teaching guzheng. Her students range in age from five to seventy five and many have won 1st place in local Chinese music competitions. Ms. Lui, with Todd Bokde, recorded sound tracks for movies such as “Dim Sum”, “Eat A Bowl Of Tea”, and “Indiana Jones”. She often performs at universities, museums and research institutes. Recently she presented concerts for the Year of the Horse at the University of San Francisco and the Lunar Celebration at Westfield San Francisco Center.

HELLO FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It's time to renew your membership for 2014-2015! Our fiscal year ends soon and to avoid the considerable late payment charge, you must renew before May 31. A Membership Renewal table will be at the April and May programs for your convenience. The Renewal Form is attached to this Newsletter and is also available to download on our website www.ikebana.org.

I am pleased to report that our Outreach program is off to a good start. I have talked with a few school districts which have shown interest in ikebana classes for their students. We may even have the opportunity to do some workshops in Palo Alto before the summer recess. Now we need volunteer teachers and assistants, so please contact me if you would like to participate. Also, if you have used hasami you can spare, please donate them for this program. There will be a box for them at the Membership table in April and May.

In April we will elect and install the new Board of Directors for 2014-2015. We have moved the installation forward one month due to the North American Regional Conference which many of us will attend from May 18-22. The Conference in Asheville, N.C. is imminent and I am looking forward to visiting with old friends and making some new ones. I hope to see many from our Chapter at the Conference.

Last month's fascinating program was so enjoyable. My thanks to all who produced it. And this month we will have a treat for our eyes and ears with Ikenobo's Visiting Professor Yoichi Mizutani and Guzheng Master Weishan Liu. You will not want to miss this wonderful program.

My best wishes for your springtime holidays, and I look forward to seeing you on April 18.

Thanh Nguyen
President

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

In April we will elect and install a new Board of Directors for 2014-2015. The Nominating Committee has prepared this slate of nominees:

President	Ron Brown	Sogetsu
1 st Vice President (Tokyo Liaison)	Kathy Toy	Ohara
2 nd Vice President (Programs)	Sandra Hatcher	Ikenobo
Recording Secretary	Ash Anik	Sogetsu
Treasurer	Louise Ow Ling	Ikenobo
Corresponding Secretary	Heida Bruce	Ikenobo
Historian	Keeth Souza-Courpet	Chiko
Membership	Jeff Fine	Sogetsu
Nominating Chair	Mitsuko Maruyama	Ohara

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

We thank generous donors Irene Jenkins, Sumi Metz, and Shioko Seab for last month's contributions to the sales table. Co-Chair Metz asks members to bring plants to sell in April.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renew your membership for 2014-2015 before May 31 to avoid the late payment charge. Stop at the Renewal Table in April or May to renew, or use the attached Renewal Form to mail your membership fees. The Renewal Form is also available online at www.ikebana.org. Membership fees for next year remain the same as this year.

Please complete the form carefully, completely and legibly so we can communicate with you easily. Please remember to notify the Membership Chair, Jeff Fine, if you make any changes during the year, such as new address, phone number, email address, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Fine at fefffine@gmail.com or (650) 576-9528. The Membership Directory for 2014-2015 will be prepared during the summer months and be available to members in the fall.

THE TEA TABLE

We send our thanks for the abundant tea table refreshments last month to Ash Anik, Yvonne Edelin, Jeff Fine, Reine Flexer, Nancy Fogel, Migsy Hamasaki, Margaret Kurasaki, Luciana Mazzola, Julie Nakatani, Teodora Ngo, Louise Ow, Ling, Jessica Rao, and Joan Suzuki. Thank you!

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

April 12 & 13, 2014: San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival in Japantown. The Ikebana Teachers Federation presents an exhibition and demonstrations in the Japanese Cultural and Community Center, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco (between Buchanan and Webster

Streets. Exhibition open both days from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Demonstrations Saturday, April 12: 3 p.m. Suiyu Toy, Ohara; 4 p.m. Hogetsu Williams, Sogetsu. Sunday, April 13: 1:30 p.m. Mitsuko Omachi, Ikenobo; 3:30 p.m. Seiko Matatyaou, Wafu. For further information, call Julie Nakatani at 408-255-1264.

April 26 & 27, 2014: Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival at Memorial Park across from DeAnza College, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Arrangements by Ikenobo and Wafukai will be exhibited in the Quinlan Center.

May 18-22, 2014: 17th I.I. North American Regional Conference in Asheville, North Carolina. Complete information at www.ikebanaasheville.org.

October 4 & 5, 2014: Ohara School's 50th Anniversary Flower Show presented by the Ohara Ikebana School of Northern California. Jodo Shinshu Center; 2140 Durant Avenue; Berkeley. For more information contact Mitsuko Maruyama or Kathy Toy.