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The scissors hesitate
Before the white chrysanthemum
A moment.....Basho

Date : **Friday, December 9, 2011 (One week earlier than usual)**
Program: **Sogetsu Holiday Magic and the Annual Holiday Bazaar**
Time: **Bazaar:** Bring donations between 9:30-10 a.m. Sales begin at 11 a.m.
Demonstration: 12 noon
Demonstrator: Kika Shibata, Sogetsu School Chair: Leslie Kodama
Bazaar Chair: Thanh Nguyen
Location: San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park
Admission: Free admission for everyone in December. Bring your friends!

NOW IS THE SEASON FOR HOLIDAY FESTIVITY

Sogetsu Holiday Magic Is Unveiled on Stage And Bazaar Tables Offer the Season's Bounty

Kimi Kika Shibata, one of our most accomplished and admired Sogetsu teachers, brings us a joyful program on December to celebrate the holidays. She is known for her great creativity and exuberant Ikebana. Kika teaches many Ikebana classes throughout the greater Bay Area and has a large and devoted group of students. In 1996 she accepted a leadership role as Regional Director of Sogetsu North America and in 2003 she became the Director of the Sogetsu San Jose – South Bay Branch. Needless to say, she is a woman with unbounded energy and skill, and this is reflected in her Ikebana.

She began learning Ikebana at age four from her mother, Shoka Narimatsu, a master of Sogetsu Ikebana. After moving to the USA as a teenager she continued her studies with her mother and also in Japan with Kasumi Teshigahara, a future Sogetsu Iemoto.

Kika received her teaching certificate and flower name in 1967. By March 1989 she earned the title *Riji*, the highest degree offered by Sogetsu. She presents the work of her students in flower shows each year and is a frequent demonstrator and exhibitor for Ikebana International and for many other organizations. In May 2008 she was a featured demonstrator at I.I.'s North American Regional Conference in Monterey, CA. She conducts workshops and gives demonstrations throughout the country and in Japan. On the occasion of Sogetsu's 80th anniversary Kika was awarded the Sogetsu International Award. She continues to be actively involved in teaching Ikebana to both children and adults in her community.

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR – COME AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!

★ Please deliver your donations between 9:30 – 10 a.m. This allows set-up time.

- ★**Price and package your donations at home. Bring items table-ready for display.**
- ★**Sales will begin at 11 a.m., continue until 12 noon, stop during the demonstration, and resume after the demonstration program until 2:30 p.m.**

The auditorium will be filled with sales tables laden with donations brought by members and manned by volunteer salespeople. For your shopping pleasure we will offer holiday greens and dry materials, flowers and orchids, delicious homemade delicacies, a variety of Japanese luncheon foods to enjoy on the spot, a silent auction of used containers, jewelry, pottery, baked goods, home grown fruit, and holiday trinkets.

Bring small bills and change; no credit card sales. Invite your friends since there is no admission fee on December 9. The Bazaar is our major fundraiser and proceeds help us continue our monthly programs.

The Silent Auction. Here's a great way to recycle some of containers which you no longer need or use, make some money, and give a donation to I.I.

- ★Bring your containers before 10 a.m. They must be clean and in good condition.
- ★Make out a sales slip at the silent auction table with your name, any information about the container, and a suggested sales price. We'll handle the rest for you.

When the sale closes, all donors and buyers should go to the auction tables where buyers should pay the donor for the container. If the container was not sold, the donor should remove it. We ask each donor to give 20% of the sales price to I.I. This can be done immediately at the auction table or by mailing a check payable to "Ikebana International" to Fiona Li, Treasurer; 530 Cherry Avenue; San Bruno, CA 94066. In the memo space on the check, write "Silent Auction donation".

GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Ikebana Friends,

On December 9 we end the year with a wonderful demonstration program and a superb Holiday Bazaar. I hope all our members will come with friends, bring something for the sales, and buy items to enjoy during the holidays. There will be PLENTY to whet your appetite and delight you. Under the skillful management of Thanh Nguyen it promises to be one of the very best Bazaars ever and will be a jubilant day for all of us.

I wish to thank Professor Nobu Kirashige for her fascinating lecture and dynamic demonstration last month. With grace and elegance, she led us through the long history of Ikenobo Ikebana and then filled the stage with ikebana. She was most ably assisted on stage and backstage, and Shuji Ikeda did a masterful job moving Professor Kurashige's arrangements for display.

Here is something for you to think about and let me know your opinion. Many I.I.chapters throughout the world are recommending that the Sakura Chapter News be sent to members online on the internet instead of by postal mail. This would certainly decrease postage expenses at headquarters and save on printing costs. I would like to know how our members feel about this. Our board of directors held a lengthy discussion of this proposal last month and some of us, including me, voiced reluctance to agree to this since not all of our chapter members use the internet. Also, some of us have difficulty opening certain documents received online. What do you think? Please let me know. Phone or e-mail your opinion to me at (510) 841-7521 or finniejoanr@gmail.com.

Our San Francisco chapter of I.I. has many blessings with so many extraordinarily talented and generous members. Recently I read this poem by e.e. cummings (who avoided capital letters) and felt it was symbolic for this time of year. I hope you will enjoy it too.

i thank You God for most this amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

My best wishes to you for a wonderful holiday season filled with friendship through flowers, and I hope to see you on December 9.

Joan Finnie
President

LOST!

At the November 18 program a laptop computer and projector disappeared. During the program it was standing near the lobby entry door. If you saw it or know anything about this loss, please contact Sandra Hatcher at (916) 485-9056. Any information which may help in recovering this valuable equipment will be most appreciated.

Members: be very careful with your belongings when you are in the County Fair Building. We have no security guards and the doors are open to all during our programs.

NOVEMBER TREATS

We are indebted to many members who brought the delicious tea table treats last month. Thank you to Yayoi Aoki, Joan Finnie, Nancy Fogel, Joan Heblack, Michiko Hosoda, Shuji Ikeda, Betty Jetter, Kazuko Kajisa, Gloria Lee, Susie Lim-Skain, Joan Suzuki, and Mieko Taketa,

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. Thank you.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Our chapter now has 203 members. During the last year several new members joined us and we welcomed them at the November program. We hope each will come forward in the coming months and become actively involved in the chapter's programs and events.

Here are some updates for your 2011-2012 Membership Directory:

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IT'S THE SEASON TO GIVE

As you make your list for holiday gifts, please consider a gift donation to Ikebana International. 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. Donations may be made payable to "Ikebana International" and mailed to our treasurer Fiona Li, 535 Cherry Avenue; San Bruno, CA 94066. All donations are acknowledged.

COMING EVENTS

December 3 & 4, 2011: Sogetsu Advanced Students' Flower Show by students of Kika Shibata at the Milpitas Library, 160 Main Street, Milpitas. Saturday exhibit open from 12:30-6:00 p.m.; demonstrations from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Sunday exhibit 12 noon – 5:00 p.m.; demonstrations from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

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 Fujimoto, Ohara School; Fusako Hoyrup, Wafu kai; and Jane Naito, Sogetsu School. In addition, many other members of the chapter install arrangements.