



IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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Hello Ikebana Friends,

As I finish my first year as President of our Chapter, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all members and our board of directors for the support given me this past year. Only with everyone's involvement can our Chapter continue to grow and prosper.

Our Program Planning Committee has met and planned another series of exciting programs for the 2015-2016 season. I think that you will find these programs of great interest. We have more than a few surprises in store which you will find entertaining as well as enriching to your knowledge of Ikebana. Our first program of the new season will be September 18, 2015. Please save the date.

We must say goodbye to Heida Bruce, our Corresponding Secretary. She and her husband are moving to Portland to be with family. Her work on the Board the past year is greatly appreciated. She plans to join the Portland Chapter of I.I. Christie Hastings has agreed to fill the position of Corresponding Secretary. Thank you, Christie.

As I mentioned earlier, we need everyone's involvement in our Chapter's activities to insure the success of the Chapter. At present we need three members to volunteer to help. Membership Chair Pauline Pezzolo needs someone to help her greet our members and guests at the Membership table and to maintain and distribute the membership badges. Also, Nadine Suyehiro, Hospitality Chair, needs two volunteers to help her make tea, set up the refreshments, and put things away afterward. Everyone enjoys the festive tea table, but Nadine cannot do it alone. We need some helping hands here. If you can volunteer to help either Pauline at Membership or Nadine at Hospitality, please contact me at kodobrown@gmail.com or phone me at 707-894-2952. Please come forward and volunteer to help.

Several members have not yet renewed their membership for the 2015-2016 program year. If you have not done so, please renew your membership now. If you need a Membership Renewal Form, you may download/print one at our website, www.ikebana.org, or contact Pauline Pezzolo at ppezzolo@att.net or phone (415) 861-7208 to request one. The strength of our Chapter lies with you - our members. Let's keep our Chapter strong and vibrant.

Please join me and your Ikebana friends on September 18 for the first program of the new season. Meanwhile, I hope that you will have a restful, refreshing summer with family and friends. Wherever you may travel, may you rediscover the beauty that nature provides for us.

Ron Brown
President