



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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New Year dawning clear
Cheerful sparrows chatter
All day like people.....Ransetsu

Date and Time: **Friday, January 16, 2015**
Luncheon 11:00 a.m.
Ikebana program 12 noon

Program: ***Let's Celebrate Our 55th Anniversary
And Greet the New Year!***

Luncheon Chair: Joan Finnie
Bento Lunch: Bento box must be ordered and prepaid by January 7, 2015.

Program Chairs: Carole Gray and Sally Sutherland
Demonstrators: Kayoko Fujimoto, Ohara Nobu Kurashige, Ikenobo
Michiko Hosoda, Chiko Sumi Metz, Aratame
Fusako Hoyrup, Wafu Joan Suzuki, Sogetsu

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 (650) 576-9528) or email
Jefflfine@gmail.com for payment information.

Parking: Very limited. Please carpool with members near you.

New Year 2015 Begins With Luncheon and Ikebana by Six Teacher Advisors

Many wonderful events delight us as 2015 begins, but foremost among them is a gala celebration of the Chapter's 55th anniversary. A delicious Bento luncheon will be held in the auditorium, followed by a program of elegant New Year Ikebana created by our Teacher Advisors. They always set a standard of Ikebana excellence for all of us. Past Presidents will exhibit Ikebana and fascinating scrapbooks showing Chapter history will be on display. After the program we will have our traditional anniversary cake and punch. January 16 will be a joyous celebration of 55 years of Ikebana. Don't miss this special event. Orders for the

Bento lunch must be made and paid in advance. The deadline for orders is Wednesday, January 7, 2015. A Reservation Form is included in this Newsletter.

This chapter of Ikebana International, #31, was founded in 1960 by a small group of Ikebana enthusiasts led by Mrs. Kuwako Takahashi. She became our founding president and was active in countless events throughout her life. In 1960 Ikebana was known and practiced by relatively few people in the Bay Area. In the following decades, our membership grew quickly and Ikebana soon became well known and admired throughout the Bay Area. Our monthly programs were presented with growing professionalism and splendid flower shows were produced for the general public. Over the years new members have brought more schools of Ikebana into the Chapter and we are very fortunate to have such diversity of the art as well as the creative energy they bring to us.

The Bento Luncheon

11:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Joan Finnie, Luncheon Chair, and many helpers will decorate tables for the Bento Luncheon. Members who wish to bring their own lunch are welcome to do so. In December the Newsletter contained the Reservation Form for ordering Bento lunches. The Form is also included at the end of this Newsletter. The deadline for ordering Bento is Wednesday, January 7, 2015 and payment must accompany the Reservation Form. No payment will be accepted at the door.

Ikebana Demonstration Program

12 noon

Teacher Advisors of six schools will entertain us, celebrating the anniversary and the New Year with Ikebana. Those who will appear are:

Kayoko Suiyo Fujimoto, a Grandmaster of Ohara School, has for decades brought brilliance, inspiration, and humor to us with demonstrations and exhibits. Her many achievements include the prestigious Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays, presented to her in 2010. She also was inducted into San Francisco's Bunka Hall of Fame in 2008. Her name is inscribed on a tablet at Ohara headquarters in Kobe, a unique honor. Under her guidance many students study, practice and enjoy Ohara School Ikebana.

Michiko Hosoda has expressed her love of Ikebana since her youth and she now leads a group of students in the study of Chiko Ikebana. Hosoda-sensei has been a teacher for many years, not only for Ikebana, but in public schools and Mountain View's Japanese Language School. In 2006 she studied with the Headmistress of Chiko School in Japan and returned to teach Chiko classes in the art. She has demonstrated and exhibited widely in addition to her support and participation in many Bay Area community events.

Fusako Seiga Hoyrup is the Principal Teacher of Wafu School and President of Wafukai's California Chapter. She is renowned for organizing and producing many acclaimed flower shows in Cupertino and has received many awards and commendations from community leaders. She holds Wafukai's highest degree, Shukan, and continues a busy teaching schedule. Hoyrup-sensei leads a large group of students and has demonstrated and lectured throughout the USA and abroad.

Nobu Kurashige is Head Professor and Managing Director of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America. She came to San Francisco to assume this post in 2010. At the request of the Foreign Ministry of Japan, Kurashige-sensei has lectured and demonstrated Ikenobo Ikebana in more than 50 countries. She has a Master's degree in International Culture from Yamaguchi Prefectural University and has studied at Ikenobo Kensyugakuin training school, receiving the highest honors in all classes. She has taught at Ikenobo Junior College and lectured at Doshisha University.

Sumi Metz has taught ikebana for more than 30 years and is President of Aratame School of Ikebana, USA. She has been a member of this chapter since 1980. She volunteers for many roles in addition to frequent demonstrations and exhibitions. Aratame is a relatively young school, established in 1993. Sumi-sensei was invited by Aratame Headmaster Seigyo Aratame to join the school and soon appointed her to lead the school in this country. She often demonstrates for other chapters in this country and was selected as Overseas Member Demonstrator for Ikebana International's 9th World Convention in Tokyo.

Joan Yusui Suzuki began studying Sogetsu Ikebana in Tokyo and received her first teaching certificate at the age of 16. Returning to San Francisco Suzuki-sensei assisted her mother, Shunei Uchida, in teaching classes. Mme. Uchida first introduced Sogetsu to the San Francisco Bay Area. With nearly six decades of teaching, Suzuki-sensei's awards are many and include honors from three Sogetsu Headmasters: Sofu Teshigahara, Hiroshi Teshigahara, and Akane Teshigahara. In 2013 she received the Bunka Hall of Fame Award from the Japan America Association. She is a charter member of this chapter and the Ikebana Teachers Federation and Director Emeritus of Sogetsu San Francisco Bay Area Branch.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This month we celebrate the 55th anniversary of our chapter. Over the years we have broadened awareness and knowledge of ikebana throughout the greater Bay Area. We are one of the most active chapters of Ikebana International, and we have much to be proud of – excellent ikebana demonstration programs and exhibits, support of many community projects, funding of the Moon Viewing Pavilion and Garden of Fragrance in Strybing Arboretum, praised flower shows, and a growing membership of men and women devoted to the art of ikebana.

55th Anniversary Chair Joan Finnie and her helpers have planned a gala event for January 16. After lunch in the auditorium we will be treated to a demonstration program by our treasured Teacher Advisors whose guidance, experience, and inspiration are vital to the strength and quality of the chapter.

I applaud our members who came out to enjoy and support the Holiday Bazaar last month, despite wind, rain and parking issues. On behalf of all members I thank Mitsuko Maruyama and Thanh Nguyen who worked hard to produce the Bazaar. And thanks also to Wafukai's Sharon Krawetz and Tova Matatyaou for their stunning demonstration program.

March 21 and 22, 2015! Be sure those dates on your calendar. Our 2015 Flower Show will be a handsome show for the visiting public and provide our members with an excellent venue to exhibit ikebana.

Earnings from ticket sales for the biennial flower shows provide funds for two years of ikebana programs. To insure the success of the show we need everyone's help, so please remember to either buy or sell the admission tickets that were in your show packet.

And I urge you to sign up to work a shift for the show, either during staging (March 18-20) or during the show. Use the Volunteer Form in your packet to get involved.

Until we gather to celebrate our 55th anniversary, I wish you a very prosperous and peaceful New Year. May we continue to share the beauty of ikebana together and with those around us in Friendship through Flowers.

Ron Brown

President

FLOWER SHOW NEWS FROM SHARON

Please help us spread the word about our Flower Show next March. In December, pick up a few of the handsome Flower Show posters and postcards at the Reception Table, put them out in your neighborhood shops and give or mail them to friends.

We are beginning to receive Entry Forms and money from ticket sales and we hope to hear from all members in the coming weeks. It is essential that everyone buy or sell the admission tickets included in the Flower Show packet. These funds will be essential for future programming. So please buy or sell your tickets and help us to distribute the posters and cards. Buy your tickets before March 13 and take advantage of the discounted, pre-show ticket price of \$8.00. Tickets bought at the door will cost \$10.00.

Send in your Entry Form. All members are encouraged to exhibit one or two arrangements. The Show provides a handsome, professionally designed setting for every member of the Chapter to exhibit, regardless of the level of ikebana achievement. And please choose a time and activity to work one shift as a Volunteer, either during staging or during the show. We all need to help. Mark and send in your **Volunteer Form** soon.

Flower Show Committee Chairs: remember our All Committee meeting at 10 a.m. on January 9 in the Union Bank Conference Room. If you have any questions please contact me at skrawetz@gmail.com or call 408-739-7936.

Sharon Krawetz

Chair, 2015 Flower Show

RECENT DONATIONS

Two chapter members have made generous donations recently and we wish to thank them for their thoughtful gifts. Luciana Mazzola has given a large donation to the general fund in support of future programming. And Rayko Kurosaki made a generous donation in honor of the retirement of Mrs. Sakae Sakaki who led the Enshu School here for many years and was the chapter's Teacher Advisor from Enshu School. We are grateful to Luciana and Rayko for their very helpful gifts.

We are happy to receive donations to support our monthly programs, the Flower Show, or for maintenance work in the Garden of Fragrance and Moon Viewing Pavilion in Strybing Arboretum, both of which were initially funded by the Chapter.

If you would like to make a gift, make your check payable to "Ikebana International", write the purpose in the memo section of the check, and mail it to our Treasurer Louise Ow Ling, 2764 McAllister Street, #5; San Francisco, CA 94118-4101. Your gift will be acknowledged in the Newsletter and by the chapter's Corresponding Secretary. Monetary gifts may be tax deductible if permitted by law.

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

In January there will be no Ikebana Supplies table, due to our anniversary luncheon and program. But please continue to collect plants, flowers, dry materials, containers, etc. and bring them in February.

Sumi Metz, Ikebana Supplies Chair and Co-Chair Katsuko Thielke send their thanks for donations in December to Jeff Fine, Rayko Kurosaki, and Beverly Walker.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our membership now includes 195 members. Please add the following names to your Membership Directory:

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IKEBANA EVENTS COMING UP

March 21 & 22m 2015: Ikebana International Bay Area Chapter's 2015 Flower Show at San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. More than 100 Ikebana arrangements on view plus information about classes, sales of Ikebana vases, equipment and materials. Information at skrawetz@gmail.com.

November 12-15, 2015: 13th Ikebana International Asian Regional Conference; Grand Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan. Principal Guest Master is Iemoto Akane Teshigahara, Sogetsu School. For information E-mail lansing.chen@gmail.com.

55th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

To celebrate the chapter's 55th Anniversary on January 16, 2015, all members are invited to make a reservation for a special bento lunch in the auditorium at 11:00 a.m. before the demonstration program. You are welcome to invite friends to this gala event. Members who would rather bring their own lunch are welcome to do so.

Please print the Reservation Form below. Cut it off and complete it. If you cannot print the form, write a note with all the information below and enclose it with your check. Make your check payable to "Ikebana International" and mail it to the Luncheon Chair, Joan Finnie. Your **reservation with payment must be received by January 7**. No payments will be accepted at the door.

RESERVATION FORM FOR 55TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

This Reservation Form and payment must be received by January 7, 2015

Name (please print) _____

Name(s) of Guests _____

Your Telephone number: () _____

E-mail: _____

Write in the number of lunches you are ordering:

_____ Regular Bento @ \$13.00 each.....\$
(shrimp, chicken, salmon, sushi, rice, salad, fruit)

_____ Vegetarian Bento @ \$13.00 each.....\$
(veggie skewers, edamame gyoza, salads, rice, fruit)

Total payment enclosed = \$ _____

Make your check payable to "Ikebana International". Send it with this form to arrive no later than January 7, 2015. Mail to Joan Finnie; 2901 Avalon Avenue; Berkeley, CA 94705-1401.

