



## San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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Two ancient pine trees...  
A pair of gnarled and sturdy hands  
With ten green fingers.....Ryoto

Date and Time: **Friday, December 11, 2015 – (one week earlier than usual)**  
Program: **The Holiday Bazaar and Centerpiece Demonstration Program**  
Chairpersons: Bazaar: Sharon Krawetz, [skrawetz@gmail.com](mailto:skrawetz@gmail.com)  
Demonstration: Liz Vernon and Yoshi Hollis  
Location: San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg., 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Lincoln Way  
Admission: **Free admission today. Bring your friends.**  
Parking: Very limited. Please carpool with members near you. Parking in the lot behind the building is restricted to marked spaces. Cars double parked will be towed. Additional parking spaces are provided on Martin Luther King Drive directly across from the main entrance to the San Francisco County Fair Building. The reserved area is marked with signs. Drivers parking there must display a card on the dashboard marked "Ikebana International (707) 293-0614".

### **The Holiday Bazaar**

9:00-10:30 a.m.	Deliver donations to be sold
10:30 – 12 noon	Bazaar open for sales. <b>Bring cash or check – no credit cards</b>
12 noon	Demonstration program. No sales during program.
After the program:	Silent Auction and sales continue briefly

The holiday season has arrived and once again our festive Holiday Bazaar will attract hundreds of members and visitor. Recharge your holiday spirit at the Bazaar and then enjoy the wonderful demonstration program. Donations from members will fill the hall with holiday gifts. Admission is free, so invite your friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues. The Bazaar is the chapter's biggest fundraising event this year and proceeds from sales sustain ikebana programs in the coming months. Here's what you will find at the Bazaar:

- Delicious baked goods and foods already wrapped as gifts
- Distinctive pottery by Thomas Arakawa, Bruno Kark and Gordon Ward
- Ikebana supplies and equipment
- Handmade jewelry
- Craft items made by our members
- Table centerpieces and seasonal greenery
- Japanese foods for lunch
- Containers and objects of value at the Silent Auction
- ReGifting Table with pristine gifts received but never used

**Do your part to support our future programs. Here's what you can do to make the Bazaar a big success:**

- Bake your special holiday goodies and donate some to the Foods table
- Make and donate a table centerpiece to be sold
- Volunteer to help a vendor with sales. Contact Sharon at [skrawetz@gmail.com](mailto:skrawetz@gmail.com)
- Bring plants and seasonal greens to sell
- Sell containers you no longer need at the Silent Auction table

**The Silent Auction** is a great way to recycle containers you no longer use. Bring them to Carole Gray at the Silent Auction table. All you need to do is provide a "suggested sale price" on a slip provided and include your name and a brief description of the container. We will handle the rest for you. After the auction, if your container does not sell, please take it home with you.

When the Auction is over (after the demonstration program), please go to your container to receive payment from the buyer. The Chapter asks you to donate 20% of the sales price to the chapter (cash or check). You may send a check to our Treasurer, Louise Ow Ling; 2764 McAllister Street, #5, San Francisco, CA 94118-4101. Write "Silent Auction" in the memo section of your check.

**The ReGift Table** is the place to bring nice gifts you have received but never used. They may be a treasure for someone else. But remember, this is not a rummage sale! Regifts must be in perfect condition. If you have questions, contact Yayoi Aoki at (650) 591-8202 or [yayoiaki@comcast.net](mailto:yayoiaki@comcast.net).

Bring your donations between 9:00-10:30 a.m. Then visit the various tables and buy items for people on your gift list, and maybe some for yourself. Take a seat at 12 noon and watch the Ikebana program showcasing the work of seven arrangers and enjoy this joyful day.

### **Holiday Table Centerpieces by Seven Schools 12 noon**

Seven members will demonstrate centerpiece arrangements to grace holiday tables. These will be offered for sale after the program. Our chapter's seven schools will be represented by

**Nancy Carlson** from Chiko School is a student of Christina Schuknecht. She has exhibited at I.I. flower shows and programs. An enthusiastic gardener, she also enjoys cooking and travel.

**Dianne Krueger** holds Enshu School's Intermediate Diploma, awarded in 2007. She studied with Ichiei Sakaki from 1996 to 2013 and has participated in I.I. flower shows and programs.

**Yoshiko Gilli** has studied Ohara Ikebana with Suiyo Fujimoto. In 2013 she was awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> term Associate Masters Degree. She worked as an RN for 34 years before moving to Los Gatos where she is on the garden committee at her senior residence.

**Sumi Metz** is President of Aratame Ikebana, USA and is an active teacher, demonstrator, and exhibitor. A member of I.I. since 1980, she currently chairs the Ikebana Supplies table at meetings and is often sought as ikebana arranger for events throughout the Bay Area.

**Nadine Suyehiro** has studied Ikenobo Ikebana since 1978. She is an Ikenobo Professor 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and currently studies with Mrs. LeSage. Her work has been seen at I.I. shows, Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, and the San Mateo Co, Fair.

**Helen Tan** is a student of Wafu Ikebana and has exhibited for I.I. and Wafu flower shows.

**Rhody Vallejo** holds Sogetsu School's teaching certificate, awarded in 2012. She studies with Kika Shibata and is a past president of the Sacramento I.I. chapter. She participates in many community events with ikebana arrangements.

### ***HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Dear Friends,

I hope you are ready for the pleasures awaiting us on December 11 as we shop our Holiday Bazaar and watch artists create holiday centerpieces. There will be so much to choose from as we buy gifts for family and friends. Be sure to bring your donations between 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Let's donate and fill the tables with appealing items for shoppers. And prepare to be inspired by our demonstrators' holiday table centerpieces.

In November we enjoyed a beautiful program by Susan Okada and Louise Ow Ling as they made arrangements which conserve water – something we all must be aware of these days. They skillfully used dried leaves and branches and a minimum of fresh materials. And exhibit arrangers also presented many ideas for using dry materials. My thanks to all.

Our parking dilemma has been eased somewhat with the reserved spaces on Martin Luther King Drive, across from the main entrance to the County Fair Building. Please park close to each other – don't leave space between cars. We need all the parking spaces possible. Be sure to use the parking sign available to members. It includes the I.I. logo in the upper left hand corner. This makes it easier for the park patrol to spot any non-I.I. cars parked in our reserved area. Members may pick up a sign at the Reception table.

I wish you a very joyous Holiday Season with your family and friends. May 2016 bring us peace in our lives and in our troubled world. And always, enjoy Friendship through Flowers.

**Ron Brown**  
President

### ***MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES***

Keep your Membership Directory up to date by referring to the online Directory in the chapter's website (ikebana.org). Changes received since it was printed in September are shown in color.

## ***IKEBANA SUPPLIES***

We appreciate donations to the Supplies table in November from Grace Chang, Diane Coughtry, James Crowther, Irene Jenkins, Sumi Metz, Teodora Ngo, Shioko Seab, and Dena Valenzuela. And thanks to those who helped Sumi Metz with sales: James Crowther, Linda Lee, and Josephine Metz.

## ***REFRESHMENTS***

November's tea table was laden with delicious treats brought by eleven members. Nadine Suyehiro, Hospitality Chair, sends thanks to Lee Bagnell, Jim Crowther, Nancy Fogel, Lynn Groh, Setsuko Iwami, Irene Jenkins, Louise Ow Ling, Yoko Tahara, Mieko Taketa, Leslie Wall, and Holly Wu.