



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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A springtime rain!

Little shells on a small beach,  
Enough to moisten them.....Buson

Date and Time: **Friday, February 20, 2015 at 12:00 noon**  
Program: **Hanakubari: Balancing Flowers**  
Demonstrator: Thanh Nguyen, Wafukai and Sogetsu  
Program Chair: Nancy Locke  
Location: San Francisco Co.Fair Bldg., 9<sup>th</sup> 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 [Jefffine@gmail.com](mailto:Jefffine@gmail.com) for payment information.  
Parking: Very limited. Please carpool with members near you.

### ***ADELICATE ART -- BALANCING FLOWERS***

No kenzan? No problem! Come to the program on February 20 and watch **ThanhKosen Nguyen** create Hanakubari – the challenging art of balancing flowers and branches without using a kenzan.

**Thanh Nguyen** is the chapter's immediate past president and last summer she went to Tokyo for several weeks to study Hanakubari at the renowned Mami Flower Design School. On February 20 she demonstrates this style of arranging, revealing a technique which may be new to many of us. Drawing on her years of training, Thanh holds teaching degrees in two schools -- Wafukai and Sogetsu -- and last year she initiated the chapter's Ikebana for Youth workshop program in local schools.

Born in Vietnam to a family of artists, Thanh was introduced to ikebana at an early age but began her formal studies after arriving in the USA. While raising two daughters, she attended night school and graduated San Jose State University with degrees in Marketing and Engineering. For 25 years she worked in the high tech industry. After retiring she directed her energies to teaching ikebana in Palo Alto and Menlo Park and in a senior program in Palo Alto. In 2014 she led a team which updated the chapter's website and she continues to serve on the chapter's board of directors as Liaison for I.I.'s North American Region. The most recent issue of the Ikebana International Magazine includes a feature article on the Ikebana for Youth workshop program.

Thanh's stunning ikebana has been displayed in many exhibitions, demonstration programs, flower shows, and museums. She has exhibited at Bouquets to Art at the de Young Fine Arts Museum, the Asian Art Museum, and at Filoli Gardens. She also has exhibited internationally in Paris, Vietnam, and in Manila. She enjoys

many other hobbies which include her garden, the symphony and opera, movies, painting, playing the Chinese harp, biking, and her family pets.

## ***A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT***

This month we have a special treat from Thanh Nguyen as she creates ikebana using a challenging ikebana technique - balancing flowers without using a kenzan. Many of us have little or no experience with this technique, so her program will be both inspiring and instructive.

What a wonderful 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary we had in January. Many members volunteered to help Joan Finnie and her team arrange for, distribute the luncheon boxes quickly, and decorate the tables with colorful flowers and treats. Carole Gray and Sally Sutherland chaired the ikebana program featuring our six Teacher Advisors who worked so easily side by side to bring us a superb ikebana program. Also, the exhibit by past presidents was excellent. We send our sincere thanks to everyone who helped last month.

Our 2015 Ikebana Flower Show is imminent – March 21 and 22. Months of planning will come to fruition and this is the time all members should help in some way so we have a superb show. This is our chance to present the beauty of ikebana to a very large audience.

Please be sure that you have completed registration for entering one or more arrangements (Entry Form), and have volunteered to help during the staging process from March 18-20 or during the show. I cannot stress too much how important it is for everyone to help before and during the show. Please check that you have completed and sent in your Volunteer Form stating your preferred time to work a shift. There are assignments for every level of physical ability and all are essential to the success of the show. With the strong participation of our members, we will present a memorable flower show to the visiting public.

Happy Valentine's Day, Happy Chinese New Year, and my best regards to you.

***Ron Brown***  
President

## ***WE NEED HELP!***

Nominations for next year's offices are incomplete and we ask members to come forward to fill the offices of Recording Secretary or Historian. Volunteers for these offices will have the regular support and help of officers currently performing these duties. Members who are elected are expected to serve a two-year term.

Please contact Nominations Committee Chair Mitsuko Maruyama for complete information about duties as well as the rewards of serving on the board of directors. Contact her at [mitsmaruyama@gmail.com](mailto:mitsmaruyama@gmail.com) or call 510-494-8220.

Also, our hardworking Hospitality Chairs, Nadine Suyehiro and Sophia Wu, need help serving the refreshments we all enjoy each month. These two overworked ladies should not have to do it all by themselves. Please contact Nadine at [nsuyehiro@gmail.com](mailto:nsuyehiro@gmail.com) or 650-349-1502 if you can help.

## ***FLOWER SHOW TIME – MARCH 21 & 22 IS NEAR.***

Sharon Krawetz, Chair of the 2015 Ikebana Flower Show, reminds all members that March is near and now is the time to send in your Entry Form(s), and Volunteer Form. We hope that all members will enter one or two arrangements and make this a memorable show. If you need additional forms, they are available on our website [ikebana.org](http://ikebana.org) or stop by the Flower Show Information Table in February.

Also at the February program, pre-show, discounted tickets will still be on sale for \$8.00 – great springtime gifts for your friends. At the door, admission will be \$10.

The success of the Flower Show is entirely dependent on members to stage the show (March 18-20) and to work a shift or two during the show. **Every exhibitor is expected to do volunteer work in addition to exhibiting.** Please check in at the Information Table this month and sign up to do your part. Volunteer opportunities are available selling tickets at the admission desk, helping demonstrators, acting as docents at the education table or giving information to visitors, selling tickets for the drawing and raffle, staging/set up, and assisting in a quick take-down and clean up immediately after the show closes.

The popular Boutique again will be managed by the Ikebana Teachers Federation. The arrangements they make to order for visitors are a major source of revenue at the show. They will need your unused containers. Please bring them with you when you make your arrangement or on the first day of the show. Also, old issues of the I.I. magazine sell well, so please donate them.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Krawetz at [skrawetz@gmail.com](mailto:skrawetz@gmail.com) or call 408-739-7936.

## ***IKEBANA SUPPLIES***

This month the Ikebana Supplies table needs plants to sell, cuttings, containers, flowers and branches from your garden. Please bring your donations on February 20.

## ***REFRESHMENTS FOR TEA***

A big Thank You! to everyone who helped to prepare, serve, and clean up the luncheon last month, and to those who served the anniversary cake and punch. It was a joyous occasion made possible with the help of many members who came forward to help Joan Finnie, 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chair.

## ***DONATIONS RECEIVED***

We are very grateful for the following donations recently received:

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>
Sharon Krawetz	In memory of Bill Toy
Agnes van Boeschoten	In memory of Bill Toy
Hideko Metaxis for Ikenobo Ikebana Society NC	55 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
Pauline Pezzolo	General Fund for programs
Holly Wu	General Fund for programs

Our chapter is able to present excellent programs through the generous gifts of members. Donors may name their gift in honor of family or friends who have passed away, to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, support of our programs, maintenance of the Garden of Fragrance or the Moon Viewing Pavilion in Strybing Arboretum, etc. These gifts are a special way to commemorate personal events. All are acknowledged with a letter. Monetary gifts may be tax deductible if permitted by law.

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.

## ***WHEN YOU TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS***

Everyone likes to take photographs of the beautiful arrangements exhibited at our meetings and you are welcome to do so. But please be aware that we have an official photographer, Christina Schuknecht, who is responsible for photographing demonstrations and exhibits for our website and other uses, such as images we must send to Tokyo HQ. She must be allowed to work without interference, so **PLEASE COOPERATE and move away and wait to take your pictures when Christina is trying to take photographs.** Your understanding and cooperation will be much appreciated. Thank you.

## ***MEMBERSHIPNEWS***

The chapter’s current membership is 202. Please update your Membership Directory with the following information:

### Change:

**Hatcher, Sandra** Change e-mail address to [slhatcher@ucdavis.edu](mailto:slhatcher@ucdavis.edu).  
**Snegg, Marc** Change address to 1 Sansome Street, Suite 1500; San Francisco 94104

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If your information in the Directory is incorrect please report it to Jeff Fine at the reception table or at [Jefflfine@gmail.com](mailto:Jefflfine@gmail.com).

## ***IKEBANA EVENTS COMING UP***

**March 21 & 22, 2015:** The 2015 Ikebana Flower Show presented by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Ikebana International at the San Francisco County Fair Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park. Hours

**April 13-19, 2015:** Bouquets to Art, the floral extravaganza at the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park. The Chapter Ikebana exhibit will be installed by Yoshiko Gilli, Ohara School. For more information, call 415-750-3504.

