



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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Over the ruins of a shrine
A chestnut tree
Still lifts its candles.....Basho

The Holiday Bazaar

Date: **Friday, December 12, 2014 (1 week earlier than usual)**
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Deliver items for Bazaar
11:00 a.m. Sales begin
12 noon Demonstration program
(No sales during program)

Bazaar Chair: Mitsuko Maruyama

Ikebana Program: **Festive Holiday Flowers**
Demonstrators: Sharon Krawetz and Tova Matatyaou, Wafu School
Program Chair: Thanh Nguyen
Location: San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way
Admission: Free – bring your friends
Parking: Very limited. Please carpool with members near you.

DECEMBER SPARKLES WITH THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND FESTIVE IKEBANA FROM WAFUKAI

We greet the holiday season on December 12 with the annual Holiday Bazaar and an Ikebana demonstration from Wafukai. Many unique and delicious things will be on sale at the Bazaar to brighten the season and offer gifting surprises. Admission is free this month, so bring your friends. The Bazaar is very important to the Chapter since it provides funds for our programs for months to come. **Bring cash or checks** for your purchases (no credit card sales). The Bazaar's motto is **Bake, Bring and Buy!**

We hope all members will get into the holiday spirit, donate items to sell, and then enjoy a stroll around the hall to shop the tables and buy generously. Bazaar Chair Mitsuko Maruyama has assembled many sales tables laden with delicious, nicely packaged baked goods and specialty foods, tasty foods for your lunch, holiday greens, manzanita

(that wonderful ikebana material), handmade jewelry, distinctive and unique pottery from potters Thomas Arakawa, Shuji Ikeda, and Gordon Ward, a silent auction of valuable items, ikebana equipment and supplies, craft items, and again we will offer the popular Regift Table where members can donate nice things they received but never used. These may be someone else's treasure, so donate them to the Regift Table.

Every year some of the most popular items on sale are homemade baked goods. Fortunately, we have many excellent bakers among us. The baked goods always sell out quickly. So please make some extras when you do your holiday baking and donate to the Foods Table.

The **Silent Auction** is a great way to recycle some of your containers that you are either tired of or just no longer use. Bring them on December 12 by 10:00 a.m. and put them on sale. All you need to do is provide a "suggested sales price" on the slip provided stating your name and a brief description of the container. We will handle all the rest for you. After the demonstration program ends, please go to your container and collect payment from the buyer. The chapter requests that you donate 20% of the sales price to the chapter, either by check or cash. Or you may send the donation to Louise Ow Ling, Treasurer; 2764 McAllister Street #5; San Francisco, CA 94118-4101. Make your check payable to "Ikebana International" and note on the check that it is your donation from the Silent Auction.

The Holiday Bazaar never fails to put us all in a jolly holiday mood, so plan to come, bring friends and things to donate for the sales tables, and enjoy the shopping and demonstration program.

December's Ikebana Demonstration: Festive Holiday Flowers

Sharon Krawetz and Tova Matatyaou from Wafukai come onstage to demonstrate ikebana which will ignite our holiday spirit. Both are teachers and have many years of ikebana accomplishments.

Sharon Krawetz holds Wafukai's *Gakukan* degree and is a Vice President of the California Wafukai Chapter. She studies with Fusako Seiga Hoyrup. Sharon also is a Past President of Ikebana International and currently is Chair of the Chapter's upcoming 2015 Flower Show.

She started arranging flowers as a teenager but when her flowers fell out of the vase, she started watching others and eventually sought lessons. Even after nearly 40 years of flower arranging, Sharon still finds inspiration in ikebana. She feels it is never repetitive since there are always new ways of combining materials and containers. She enjoys the concentration required while arranging and the joy of working with fresh flowers. She often has demonstrated and exhibited for the chapter and at various community events. Sharon is also a member of the Ikebana Teachers Federation.

Tova Matatyaou came to the USA in 1977 with her husband and son. She began ikebana classes in 1982 and continues to study with Fusako Seiga Hoyrup. Tova holds the high teaching rank of *Shukan* and began teaching in 1988. She has a devoted group of students and they treasure Tova's gentle and lucid ikebana instruction. She leads them to explore the natural beauty of flowers and plants and the importance of harmony linking flowers, vase, and the environment in ikebana.

She has been a member of this I.I. Chapter for many years and also is a board member of the Ikebana Teachers Federation. Through the years she has exhibited and demonstrated in many ikebana shows and community events. In addition to ikebana, Tova enjoys gardening, beading and knitting.

A HOLIDAY NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Friends,

I look forward to watching two accomplished Wafukai members, Sharon Krawetz and Tova Matatyaou, as they present their ikebana demonstration for us this month. They will bring us the magic of the holiday season with festive works.

In addition we will have our annual Holiday Bazaar with many things to entice shoppers. Sales begin at 11:00 a.m. (but bring your donations before that). Among the many items on sale will be ikebana materials to use in your holiday arrangements. The Bazaar is described in detail above. If you have questions about it or can volunteer to help a vendor with sales, please contact Bazaar Chair Mitsuko Maruyama at mitsmaruyama@gmail.com.

November's program was a delight to behold. The wondrous fall colors were perfectly expressed by Yoshiko Gilli and Setsuko Iwami from Ohara. The accompanying exhibit also showcased exquisite ikebana. We thank all who produced the program.

Be sure to mark Friday, January 16, 2015 in your new calendar. That's when we will celebrate our Chapter's 55th anniversary with a Bento Lunch in the auditorium from 11:00-12:00 a.m. If you do not wish to order a Bento lunch, bring your lunch and sit with all the others to dine. After lunch is cleared away, six of our Teacher Advisors from different schools will amaze us with a special anniversary demonstration program. It will be quite wonderful; you won't want to miss it. And after the program, we will gather at the tea table for anniversary cake and punch, our tradition of many years. See and use the Reservation Form at the end of this Newsletter to order your Bento Lunch.

Looking ahead a bit to our Flower Show next March 21 and 22, I hope you have received and read your Flower Show Package. It contains complete information about the Show, how to enter your arrangement(s), and tickets for you to buy and resell or give to friends – a nice holiday gift for friends. It is very important that we all buy or sell the admission tickets since proceeds provide funding for Chapter programming for two full years. And I hope you will volunteer in some capacity to help produce the show. Use the Volunteer Form in the package. We need many volunteers! You can help to stage the show during set-up or work a shift during the Show.

I wish you a very joyous holiday season. May we have peace in the coming year.

Ron Brown
President

P.S. Shuji Ikeda still needs an assistant to help him with our sound system. If you can help please contact Shuji at shujikeda@comcast.net or call him at (510) 845-1634. He will teach a volunteer how to use the sound system which is so important for our programs.

IMPORTANT: RESERVE NOW FOR LUNCHEON IN JANUARY

At the end of this Newsletter is information about the special luncheon planned for January 16, 2015 on the occasion of the Chapter's 55th anniversary. The deadline to order a Bento lunch is January 7, so please use the Reservation Form attached to order your lunch now.

FLOWER SHOW UPDATE

Did you receive your Flower Show Packet? And have you read it???? I hope so. At the December program look for Louise Ow Ling at the Flower Show table. She can answer your questions and will also have extra tickets for sale. They make great holiday gifts for your family and friends.

Please plan to participate in the show with an arrangement or two. We want to make this show our biggest and best, and with everyone's help, it will be.

Sharon Krawetz
Chair, 2015 Flower Show

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

Sumi Metz sends a big Thank You to these donors to Ikebana Supplies last month: Diane Coughty, Irene Jenkins, Linda Lee, Shioko Seab, and Keeth Souza-Courpet. And thanks go to Jim Crowther and Linda Lee for helping with sales.

TEA TABLE REFRESHMENTS

In November we enjoyed the refreshments brought by these donors: Yayoi Aoki, Jeff Fine, Nancy Fogel, Carole Gray, Lynn Groh, J.R. Nuerge, Susan Okada, Louise Ow Ling, Gary Soto, Nadine Suyehiro, and Robyn Torres. Our thanks to them.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Chapter now has 188 members. Thank You to Pauline Pezzolo for volunteering to help Membership Chair Jeff Fine at the Reception table each month. Here are some additions and one change for your Membership Directory.

Add:

Blalock, Barbara, 649 Turnbridge Road; Danville 94526
925-820-1827 barbara_blalock@att.net

Lam, Joseph, 1060 Greenwich St., San Francisco 94133
415-609-8998 hklam88@comcast.net

Pak, Youngme
510-841-9275 ypak@me.com

Change:

Crowther, James Change email to mjemjwc@att.net

IKEBANA EVENTS COMING UP

December 5 and 6, 2014: Sogetsu celebrates the 50th anniversary of Kika Shibata's teaching career at the Sheraton San Jose Hilton Hotel in Milpitas. December 5: Banquet and demonstration program. December 6: Two workshops. All events are open to everyone; Sogetsu membership is not required. For information call 408-348-3562 or kika.ikebana-studio@comcast.net.

December 12, 2014: Annual Holiday Bazaar and demonstration program by Ikebana International, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter. Free admission. Bazaar sales begin at 11:00 a.m. Ikebana demonstration at 12 noon, San Francisco County Fair Bldg., 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way.

January 16, 2015: I.I. San Francisco Bay Area Chapter observes its 55th Anniversary with demonstrations by Teacher Advisors, exhibit by Past Presidents and a luncheon. Contact Joan Finnie, Anniversary Chair, for more information at Finniejoanr@gmail.com.

April 13-19, 2015: Bouquets to Art, floral extravaganza at the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park. I.I. Chapter will be represented with an arrangement by Kathy Toy, Ohara School. For more information contact Gloria Lee, Exhibition Chair, at ginying138@yahoo.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 Ikebana demonstration program. You are welcome to invite your friends to this gala event.

Please print the Bento Lunch Order 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 to Luncheon Chair Joan Finnie. **Bento Lunch orders with payment must be received by January 7, 2015.** No payments will be accepted at the door.

Members who would rather bring their own lunch are welcome to do so and to sit with others having pre-ordered Bento lunches.

ORDER FOR BENTO LUNCH ON JANUARY 16, 2015

This order 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 94703-1401.