



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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Among the grasses
A flower blooms white,
Its name unknown.Shiki

Date and Time: **Friday, September 18, 2015 at 12:00 noon**
Program: **Ikebana From The Heart**
Demonstrator: Masayo Takenouchi, Ikenobo Visiting Professor
Program Chair: Louise Ow Ling
Interpreter: Yuko Hanson
Location: San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way
Admission: Members admitted free. Non-members: \$5.00 admission.
Parking: Very limited. Please carpool with members near you.

WELCOME BACK!

NEW SEASON BEGINS WITH IKENOBO IKEBANA

We welcome the arrival of autumn with September's program presenting the impressive talent of Ms. Masayo Takenouchi, the current Ikenobo Headquarters Special Visiting Professor. She will present a program spanning the breadth of Ikenobo styles. Her comments will be interpreted for us by Yuko Hanson.

A resident of Tokyo, Professor Takenouchi began studying Ikenobo Ikebana in 1974. In 2002 she graduated from the Advanced Course at the Ikenobo Central Training Institute in Kyoto. Following this she completed special advanced courses in Classical Rikka, Shoka, and Free Style.

No stranger to San Francisco, Professor Takenouchi has visited the Bay Area before. She also has participated in and represented Ikenobo Ikebana at events in Canada, Australia, Boston, and New York. She taught at the Ikenobo Ochanomizu Institute in Tokyo and currently teaches students in her studio. In addition to her continuing study of Ikenobo Ikebana, Professor Takenouchi enjoys visiting museums, theatre, Kabuki and ballet performances. She also is a sports fan.

GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Ikebana Friends,

Summer seems to have passed very quickly for me. I trust your summer was enjoyable and relaxing and that you are eager to see terrific ikebana programs every month. During my summer travels through Montana, Wyoming and Utah I experienced something I had not seen in a long time: RAIN! How I wish I could have brought those storms back with me to California.

Sandra Hatcher, 2nd Vice President, and her committee have planned an exceptional year of programs for 2015-2016. Among others they will include our season opener with Ikenobo Ikebana's visiting professor; a timely program about conserving water and arranging dry materials; guest appearances from Monterey chapter members, two floral focus programs featuring all the schools represented in our chapter, and several other intriguing programs we can anticipate. See the attached list of all programs scheduled for the coming season.

I'm very pleased to announce that Mrs. Noriko Watanabe, wife of the Deputy Consul General of Japan, has graciously agreed to be our Honorary President. Mr. Hiroya Morikawa will continue as our Patron Advisor. We are grateful for the continuing support the Consulate provides our chapter.

For her program on September 18 Professor Masayo Takenouchi has chosen the theme "Ikebana from the Heart". Her creations will demonstrate her feeling that ikebana is a gift from one's heart – that ikebana is a gift from the arranger to the viewer.

I regret to see that some members have not renewed their membership for the 2015-2016 season and risk losing the benefits of belonging to Ikebana International. For those whose membership has lapsed, this will be the last Newsletter sent to them. We encourage anyone who has not yet renewed to do so. Our Membership Chair, Pauline Pezzolo, will be happy to assist you in renewing. Either see her at the reception desk on September 18, contact her at (415) 861-7208 or email her at ppezzolo@att.net.

I will be traveling out of town on September 18 so our capable 1st Vice President, Kathy Toy, will greet you and introduce our guests and performers. Please come and enjoy the program and the social hour afterward.

I and your board of directors appreciate the trust that members have given us to guide this wonderful organization. I value and need to know your thoughts, suggestions and concerns. Please contact me at kodobrown@gmail.com or (707) 894-2952. Have a good reunion with your ikebana friends in September and I'll see you in October. I wish you Friendship through Flowers,

Ron Brown
President

P.S. **Board Members:** please remember to bring refreshments for the tea table in September.

OUR HISTORY OF GIVING

The excellent ikebana programs we present are made possible by monetary gifts from you -- our members. After dues required by I.I. headquarters are paid, only a small part of our dues remains here for our use. Donations from members, friends, and various fundraising activities provide funds needed for programs.

Our membership has an outstanding history of donor generosity with financial donations, large and small. 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.

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 Louise Ow Ling, Treasurer; 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.

THE TEA TABLE

In September please sign up to bring refreshments during the coming season. A Sign-Up Sheet will be passed around and we hope everyone will help to make our tea table as attractive and tempting as in the past. Nadine Suyehiro, Hospitality Chair, still needs someone to volunteer to be her helper. Please contact her at the September program, at nsuyehiro@gmail.com or (650) 349-1502 if you can help. Everyone enjoys our refreshment table, but Nadine cannot do this by herself. Lend a hand!

We send belated thanks for refreshments supplied last May by Ron Brown, Lynn Groh, Dianne Krueger, Jane Naito, Julie Nakatani, Joan Suzuki, Liz Vernon, and Kathy Zhu. Many thanks to them!

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

Bring your contributions for the supply table this month. Sumi Metz, Ikebana Supplies Chair, will also have many items available for you to buy.

It's never too late to thank members who help at our monthly programs. Last May Ikebana Supplies received donations from Diane Coughtry, James Crowther, Barbara Gordon, Elan Rosenquist, and Yaeko Yasuhiro. Also, helping with sales were James Crowther and Linda Lee. We thank them for their generosity.

DANGER IN THE GARDEN

Irene Jenkins sent an article from "Master Gardener" about a hazardous plant you may encounter in your garden. It's commonly called "Pokeweed" and it is highly toxic to

humans, pets, and livestock. It can grow from 3 – 8 feet high with green leaves and purple berries on red stems. Because of the high danger of toxicity, the plant should be removed. Read more information about this dangerous plant online.

IKEBANA EVENTS COMING UP

October 24 & 25, 2015: Wafu Ikebana Society of Northern California celebrates its 45th anniversary with a large flower show of more than 100 arrangements and visits from ikebana artists from Wafu School Headquarters in Tokyo. Hours are 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Demonstrations will be presented throughout both days. Located in the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino. (408) 777-3120. Limited parking around Quinlan Center is free. Additional parking available at De Anza College one block north of Stevens Creek Blvd, \$3.00 per day. For more information and a map see www.wafu-ikebana.org.

November 12-15, 2015: 13th Ikebana International Asian Regional Conference in Taipei, Taiwan at the Grand Hotel. Sogetsu Iemoto Akane Teshigahara will be guest demonstrator. For information, email lansing.chen@gmail.com.