



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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The mountains darken,
Taking the crimson
From the autumn leaves...Buson

Date and Time: **Friday, November 20, 2015 at 12:00 noon**
Program: **Conserving Water – Arranging with Dry Materials**
Demonstrators: Susan Okada, Wafu School and Louise Ow Ling, Ikenobo Ikebana
Program Chairs: Margaret Kurasaki and Joan Heblock
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 (415) 861-7208 or email ppezolo@att.net for payment information.

Parking: Please carpool with members near you. Parking in the lot behind building is restricted to marked spaces. Cars double parked will be towed. Additional parking spaces are now provided on Martin Luther King Dr. directly across from the main entrance to the SF Co. Fair Building. This area is marked with signs. Drivers parking there must place a card on the dashboard reading "Ikebana International. (707) 293-0614".

ARRANGING WITH DRY MATERIALS TIMELY TECHNIQUES TO SAVE WATER

In this time of drought, Susan Okada and Louise Ow Ling step up to show us ways to save precious water while creating exciting ikebana with dry materials. Although dry material has long been incorporated into arrangements, new and ingenious methods have proven an old adage: Necessity is the mother of invention! Come to watch ikebana magic with materials you may not have used before, see them in a new light, and be inspired to make wonderful arrangements that save water.

Susan Nansei Okada grew up in Hawaii where she was surrounded by the beauty of Hawaii's natural flora. She attended the University of Hawaii and received both B.S. and M.S. degrees in Physics. She moved to California in 1979 and in 1995 she began studying Wafu Ikebana with Fusako *Seiga* Hoyrup. She earned her teaching degree in 2001 and in 2009 received Wafukai's Sanyo degree.

Susan is an active member of the California Chapter of Wafu School of Ikebana, Ikebana International, and the Ikebana Teachers Federation. She participates in flower shows for all

three organizations and the Cherry Blossom Festivals in San Francisco and Cupertino. She has served as logistics chair for Wafu flower shows. In addition to ikebana, Susan enjoys swimming, quilting, and bird watching with her husband.

Louise Ow Ling is Professor of Ikenobo Ikebana, 1st grade. She began her studies with Mr. and Mrs. Sakai. Upon Mrs. Sakai's retirement, Louise now continues her studies with their daughter, Julie *Misui* Nakatani.

Louise has studied in Japan, both with groups and privately. She has exhibited in Japan, Taiwan and the Bay Area including San Francisco's Cherry Blossom Festival, Ikenobo's Tanabata Shows, and at the Asian Art Museum. She is an active member of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society, the Ikebana Teachers Federation, and currently serves in the demanding position of Treasurer for Ikebana International. Her hobbies include playing the Chinese Gu Zheng, golf, ballet, and occasional trips to the casinos.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Here's some good news! Relief from our parking problem has been secured for the November and December programs and I am working to insure that we continue to have this reserved parking through our 2016 season. On meeting days, signs reserving parking spaces for Ikebana International will be located on the east side of Martin Luther King Drive, across from the main entrances to the County Fair Building and the Arboretum. MLK Dr. is an extension of 9th Avenue as you enter the park crossing Lincoln Way.

Any member using this reserved parking space must place a card on the dashboard reading "Ikebana International. (707) 293-0614".

This month I look forward to learning some ways to save our limited water while creating ikebana. Our two demonstrators, Susan Okada and Louise Ow Ling, will impart much useful information. Also, our Holiday Bazaar is coming up on December 11. Sharon Krawetz, Bazaar Chair, reminds us to begin thinking about what you can contribute to this important fundraising event for our chapter.

My thanks to Kika Shibata and her students who gave us a wonderful program last month. They clearly demonstrated the personal expression that develops with the continued study of ikebana – our unique response to the materials, environment and time in which we live.

Again I ask for a volunteer to help our Hospitality Chairs with the tea table. Please contact Nadine at nsuyehiro@gmail.com or (650) 349-1502 if you can lend a much needed hand.

The festive holiday season approaches and I wish you much joy in sharing ikebana with your families and friends. Happy Thanksgiving! In Friendship through Flowers,

Ron Brown

President

BAZAAR, BAZAAR ON DECEMBER 11

Just one more month until our annual Holiday Bazaar! It's always festive and full of unusual items for holiday gifting. Plus a table with delicious food for lunch. There is free admission that day, so bring your friends and enjoy shopping and the Ikebana program.

Now is the time to reserve your table if you wish to sell craft items and to bake and cook holiday treats to sell, and to volunteer to help with sales to make the Bazaar a big success. Please pick up gift bags for your food donations at the November program.

The Bazaar is our most important event of the year to raise funds we need for our programs. So please participate in any and every way you can. Bazaar Chair Sharon Krawetz hopes to hear from you soon at skrawetz@gmail.com or phone (408) 739-7936.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

We are most grateful for the following donations received recently:

In memory of Elsie Ogata

From the Estate of Elsie Ogata for the General Fund

From Kayoko Suiyo Fujimoto for the General Fund

From Pauline Pezzolo for the Moon Viewing Pavillion

And we also appreciate a check received from Holly Wu for tea table supplies.

These contributions continue our members' tradition of giving to sustain our programs and projects supported by the chapter. Donors may designate their gift in honor of family or friends who have passed away, to celebrate special occasions, to support the General Fund for programs, or for maintenance in the Garden of Fragrance or the Moon Viewing Pavilion in Strybing Arboretum.

If you would like to make a gift, make your check payable to "Ikebana International", write the purpose in the check's memo section, 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 with a note from the Corresponding Secretary. Monetary gifts may be tax deductible if permitted by law.

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

We thank everyone who provided sales items last month. The generous donors were Ethel Aotani, Diane Coughtry, Barbara Gordon, Sumi Metz, Kathy Or-Dye, Shioko Seab, Michiko Shimoda, Sally Sutherland, Tuan Tran, and Dena Valenzuela. And thank you to those who helped with sales.

THE TEA TABLE

Many brought refreshments for the tea table last month, but we still need a volunteer to help Nadine Suehiro set the table and serve. Please contact her if you can help on a regular basis.

We all enjoyed treats brought by Jim Crowther, Reine Flexer, Joan Heblock, Michiko Hosoda, Rayko Kurosaki, Leslie Lee, Linda Lee, Julie Nakatani, Teodora Ngo, Michiko

Shimoda, Gary Soto, Nadine Suyehiro, Joan Suzuki, Liz Vernon, Sophia Wu, and Reilie Yang. Thank You!