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What a gorgeous one
That fat sleek huge old chestnut
I could not get at....Issa

Date and Time: **Friday, December 13, 2013**

The Holiday Bazaar

9:00-10:30 a.m.	Deliver items for Bazaar
11:00 a.m.	Holiday Bazaar sales begin
12 noon	Demonstration program (No sales during the demonstration program.)

Bazaar Chairs: Sharon Krawetz and Irene Jenkins

Ikebana Program: **Dancing Flowers**

Demonstrator: Michiko Shimoda, Sogetsu School

Program Chair: Nancy Locke

Location: San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way

Admission: Free – Bring friends!

Carpooling: Please contact members in your area to arrange carpooling.

THE BIG BAZAAR PLUS A SPARKLING HOLIDAY IKEBANA PROGRAM

The Holiday Bazaar

Setting a merry mood in December, we gather on the 13th to greet the year-end holidays with a big Holiday Bazaar and a festive Ikebana demonstration. Tables will be overflowing with delicious foods for lunch and for giving, holiday arrangements, wreaths, arts and craft items, home-baked items nicely packaged for giving, pottery, and Ikebana supplies. New this year, a Regift Table will offer items received by members but never used and donated for sale. And the Silent Auction will welcome our bids for some especially valuable and unique items. Don't miss this event!

No admission fee is charged for this program, so bring all your friends. Bring cash or checks for your purchases (no credit card sales). The Bazaar is the major fundraising event for the chapter this year. We depend on proceeds from the Bazaar to fund outstanding programs throughout the year.

December's motto is "Take, Bake, and Buy!" Everyone is encouraged to make and bring something for the Bazaar. If it's a used item you are donating, be sure it is clean and in perfect condition. Let's fill the auditorium with wonderful items. **We need members to volunteer to help with sales.** It's really a lot of fun, and if you can do this, please contact co-chairs Sharon at skrawetz@gmail.com or Irene at i_djenkins@att.net. They will be grateful for your help.

Bazaar sales will stop at noon and we will take our seats for a wonderful ikebana demonstration by an amazingly gifted artist, Michiko Shimoda. There will be no sales during the demonstration, but afterward sales will continue.

The Ikebana Demonstration (12 noon)

Michiko *Seiei* Shimoda, *Riji* of the Sogetsu School, will create exciting and inspirational holiday arrangements. She was born in Japan and started Sogetsu classes in 1970. She received her teacher's certificate in 1974. As she became more and more fascinated with ikebana, she enrolled as a student of the late Sogetsu Headmaster, Hiroshi Teshigahara, studying ikebana, drawing, sculpture and ceramics at the Sogetsu School in Japan.

Michiko came to the USA in 1989 and began taking ceramic classes to further her creative design in ikebana. Her ceramics have been purchased by De Anza College. She has studied with Mrs. Soho Sakai and earned the top rank of *Riji* in 2011. She is a board member of the Soho Study Group.

She exhibits frequently and participates yearly in Bouquets to Art at the De Young Museum in San Francisco and the Mothers Day flower show at Filoli Garden. In Tokyo, she has been part of the Sogetsu School's 93d and 95th flower shows.

In 2010 Michiko was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the California State Assembly, recognizing her contributions to the cultural arts. Currently Michiko teaches in the Los Altos Adult Education Program and in the Community Centers of Mountain View and Saratoga.

HELLO FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays Everyone,

December 13 brings us a holiday treat and I hope everyone will come, bring their friends, and enjoy the Holiday Bazaar and a wonderful demonstration by Michiko Shimada, an inspired ikebana artist. Our members have so many skills, and their creations will be on sale at the Bazaar. So please "Take, Bake, and Buy" to help us raise funds to support our programs. Everyone is welcome at this unique shopping experience where we can shop, buy lunch, and then sit back and enjoy the demonstration. We still need some prizes for the Raffle. If you have something special to donate, please contact either Sharon Krawetz or Irene Jenkins.

The rain finally came and our garden is refreshed after a long drought. Autumn leaves pave the streets with their final splendor and the holidays are finally here. Leading us into the new season last month, Mrs. Chizuko Nakamura gave us such a lovely program with her mastery of Ikenobo Ikebana.

Big changes happened at I.I. headquarters during the last year as a result of new regulations imposed on I.I. by the Japanese government. As a result all chapters were required to review and revise their Bylaws to comply with instructions from Tokyo Headquarters. We have prepared revised Bylaws and when these are finally approved by Headquarters, you will receive your copy.

This year has been a good one for our chapter, thanks to a dedicated, hard-working board of directors and the participation of so many members. Attendance at programs has increased substantially, our programs are of high artistic quality, and we are financially stable. I cannot thank everyone enough for all they have done!

Looking forward to our December Bazaar and program, I send you my warm wishes for a Holiday Season filled with beauty and happiness.

Thanh Nguyen
President

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

Outstanding volunteers Sumi Metz and Katsuko Thielke, co-chairs for Ikebana Supplies, filled the table with beautiful orchids and Ikebana supplies last month. James Crowther and Shioko Seab stepped up to help them with sales. Many thanks to them and to these members for their donations: Diane Coughtry, Jim Crowther, Barbara Gordon, Carole Gray, Joan Heblack, Nancy Locke, Sakae Sakaki, and Gale Weisman.

TEA AND SNACKS

We feasted from a table of delicious refreshments last month. Many members brought treats to fill the table and helped to serve. Co-Chair Louise Ow Ling skillfully relocated the tea service area, enabling easier and faster service. For their generous donations and help, we are very grateful to Bridget Anderson, Ashrafa Anik, Yayoi Aoki, Susan Ashley, Heida Bruce, Nancy Fogel, Lynn Groh, Sandra Hatcher, Joan Heblack, Michiko Hosoda, Shuji Ikeda, Margaret Kurasaki, Gloria Lee, Fiona Li, Susie Lim-Skain, Luciana Mazzola, Sumi Metz, Grace Murata, Julie Nakatani, Thanh Nguyen, Louise Ow Ling, Nadine Suyehiro, Joan Suzuki, Mieko Taketa, and Liz Vernon.

PLEASE TAKE CARE!

Recently there have been thefts of valuables in the County Fair Building. Access to the building is unrestricted and open to anyone. Unfortunately this includes thieves. So please be vigilant and keep your purses and all valuables with you at all times.

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 7 & 8, 2013: "The Joy of Ikebana" a Sogetsu flower show presented by Kika Shibata and her students at the Milpitas City Library, 160 No. Main; Milpitas. Hours December 7: 12-5; December 8: 12-4:30. Demonstrations both days at 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. For information, call 408-279-8342 or see kika.ikebana-studio@comcast.net.

December 12, 2013: Everyone is invited to the Holiday Sale and Open House at City College of San Francisco, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Presented by the Environmental Horticulture and Floristry Department. Poinsettias, orchids, wreaths, and Ikebana arrangements on sale. Potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. For more information call (415) 239-3236.

March 17-23, 2014: "Bouquets to Art" at the De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park. I.I. will be represented with an arrangement by Joan Suzuki, Sogetsu School.

May 18-22, 2014: 17th I.I. North American Regional Conference in Asheville, North Carolina. Conference schedule and registration info at www.ikebanaasheville.org.

KEEP UP TO DATE

There have been additions and changes for the 2013-2014 Membership Directory since it was distributed in September. Keep your copy up to date either by entering the changes below into your Directory or print and keep the list with your Directory.

UPDATE TO 2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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