



Ikebana International

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

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Camellia petal
Fell in silent dawn
Spilling a water jewel.....Basho

Date and Time: **Friday, February 15, 2013 at 12:00 noon**
Program: Spring Is In The Air!
Demonstrator: Tova Matatyaou, Wafukai
Program Chair: Luciana Mazzola
Location: San Francisco Co.Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.

A BREATH OF EARLY SPRING FOR YOU

Tova Matatyaou holds Wafu School's highest teaching rank, *Shukan*, bestowed by her teacher of nearly three decades, Fusako *Seiga* Hoyrup. Born in Israel, Tova arrived in the USA in 1977 with her husband and son. To express her love of nature and flowers, she began Wafu Ikebana classes in 1982. As her skill increased and she earned successive degrees, she began to teach ikebana in 1988. Today she has a devoted following of students, both in the Fremont Union School District and privately. Tova's students especially appreciate her gentle and lucid ikebana instruction as she explores with them the natural beauty of flowers and plants and the importance of harmony among flowers, vase, and environment.

Tova has been an active member of this chapter and a board member of the Ikebana Teachers Federation. For years she has exhibited and demonstrated in ikebana shows and brought the art to many community events. In addition to her ikebana activities, Tova enjoys gardening, beading and knitting. To their delight, her family and friends are often recipients of her handmade creations.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Let's enjoy an early springtime program this month with Tova Matatyaou from Wafu School. She is our very talented member and is sure to bring the freshness of the approaching season to us. I hope you will join us to enjoy the program on February 15.

Last month we celebrated our 53d anniversary with an exquisite demonstration by our beloved and legendary Fujimoto sensei. How fortunate we are to have her and the other school advisors to guide and advise us. We were honored that Mrs. Inomata, our honorary president, Mr. Suzuki and Mr. Watanabe from the Consulate were with us to celebrate and we thank them for supporting us.

For many months we have been working to prepare and install a plaque in honor of the late Fay Kramer. She was I.I.'s first international president in Tokyo and worked diligently for decades to promote I.I. and the art of ikebana, overseeing the creation of many chapters throughout the world. After returning to the USA, she lived in San Francisco and was an active member of our chapter. Her memorial plaque was recently installed at the Moon Viewing Pavilion in Strybing Arboretum, a most fitting location since our chapter helped to fund the Pavilion. We are planning an event for all of us to visit the plaque and remember Fay. We will keep you informed as plans for the dedication party develop.

I am happy to report that the Holiday Bazaar in December was a great success and I thank each of you who helped to plan it, bring food and items to sell, everyone who bought things, and all the volunteers who staffed the sales tables. Because of your efforts and the profits earned, we have more funds for future programs and events. Many, many thanks!

I hope you have sent in your Entry Form(s) for the Flower Show next month. We need more participation from all our members to produce a spectacular show. Also, please buy or sell the tickets you received and return your check to Treasurer Fiona Li as soon as possible.

Finally, I want you to know that the board of directors is preparing proposed changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. These became necessary when I.I. Headquarters implemented legal changes required by the government of Japan.

Thanh Nguyen
President

P.S. If you are planning ahead for next year, I hope you will attend I.I.'s 17th North American Regional Convention in Asheville, North Carolina from May 18-22, 2014. For the lowest registration fee, register **before May 1, 2013**. Registration forms and information are available online at www.ikebanaasheville.org.

***THE 2013 IKEBANA FLOWER SHOW IS NEXT MONTH!
Saturday and Sunday, March 16 & 17, 2013***

Our Flower Show is nearly here. We have received Entry Forms from many enthusiastic members but need more. We will continue to accept entries until February 15. This is shaping up to be a stunning show, one of our very best. We have an enviable reputation to maintain for hundreds of visitors who attend the show every other year. Please enter one or more arrangements. Also, help us to advertise the show by taking a few of the flower show postcards at the reception table. Give or send them to friends, family, neighbors, businesses you frequent, etc. This is an easy and productive way to spread the word about the show.

Buy or sell the Admission Tickets you received in the Information Package.

Please Note: Every exhibitor must have an admission ticket. If you need in-and-out access over the weekend, have your ticket stamped “Committee” at the Entry table where exhibitors register.

The flower show is our major fundraiser and future programs depend on the financial success of the show. Please buy and/or sell your tickets at the discounted price before the show. Before March 10 mail your check for the tickets you received to Fiona Li, Treasurer; 535 Cherry Avenue; San Bruno, CA 94066. If it is impossible for you to buy or sell some of your tickets, return them by mail to Fiona, as instructed in the Information Packet.

Please note that all exhibitors are required to work at least one volunteer shift before, during or at the close of the show. There are many different volunteer assignments and shifts available—something for members of every age and ability. In the past, volunteers have enjoyed this experience to help stage the show, work at the various stations, and help visitors enjoy our superb show.

Parking Lot Warning! Avoid being towed! Try to carpool. The parking lot will be monitored by police. For fire safety, any car parked in an unmarked spot will be towed. Current towing fines are \$500.00. Before parking to unload your car, put a sign on the dashboard with your name and cell phone number. Unload materials and move your car elsewhere immediately.

Your Information Packet included the Entry Form for your arrangement(s), Guidelines and Information for Exhibitors, the Volunteer Sign-Up Form, ten admission tickets to buy and sell; and a letter from President Nguyen. Remaining deadlines are:

February 15	Last day to submit exhibition Entry Form(s) to Carole Gray.
March 10	Deadline to send in ticket sales money and/or return tickets.
March 15	Install arrangements between 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
March 16 & 17	Exhibition open 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tickets at door: \$10.00

If you have any questions call Mitsuko Maruyama, Show Chair, at (510) 494-8220 or email MitsMaruyama@gmail.com. You are invited to enter one or more arrangements, regardless of your level of accomplishment, whether you are a beginner or credentialed teacher. This is an opportunity for every member to exhibit in a professionally staged exhibition which attracts thousands of residents and visitors. Many who attend are unfamiliar with ikebana but our docents help them to learn and fully enjoy the show. The Art In Action demonstrations are very popular, sometimes with standing room only.

The Art In Action demonstration program schedule features the following artists:

	<u>Saturday, March 16</u>	<u>Sunday, March 17</u>
12 noon	Yoshiko Williams (Sogetsu)	Sumi Metz & Tuan Tran (Aratame)
2:00 p.m.	Fusako Hoyrup (Wafu)	Akiko Akiyama (Ohara)

DONATIONS

We recently received a generous donation from Joy Suzuki and we deeply appreciate it. It will help to fund future programs.

TEA TABLE REFRESHMENTS

Katherine Chen, Hospitality Chair, thanks everyone who supplied the refreshment table in January. Many members helped including Sofia Wu, Hospitality Co-Chair, Ron Brown, Joan Finnie, Carole Gray, Fiona Li, Nancy Locke, and Thanh Nguyen.. It was a delicious celebration of the chapter's anniversary and enjoyed by all.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

To keep your Membership Directory up to date, please make these additions and changes. These are in addition to those sent last month.

Anik, Ash	Add e-mail address: ashrafa.anik@gmail.com
Gross, Marilyn	Add: 1015 White Gate Rd; Alamo 94507 925-314-1313
Sullivan, Annette-Mungai	Change e-mail to annettesullivan7@gmail.com .
Suehiro, Nadine	Correct last name to Suehiro and e-mail to nsuehiro@hotmail.com .
Tse, Makiko	Add e-mail address: mtse@cbnorcal.com .
Venkat, Mary	Add 120 Victoria Place, Danville. 925-964-0707. E-mail: maryvenkat04012@gmail.com .

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 16 & 17, 2013: Soho Study Group exhibits large ikebana sculptures at the Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland. Hours are 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

March 16 & 17, 2013: 2013 Ikebana Flower Show presented by San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of I.I. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Demonstrations both days at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. Pre-show tickets \$8.00; at the door \$10. Info at Mitsmaruyama@gmail.com.

March 19-25, 2013: “Bouquets to Art”, the annual extravaganza at the deYoung Fine Arts Museum, Golden Gate Park. One of San Francisco's premiere events attended by thousands of visitors. Julie Nakatani, Ikenobo Ikebana, will install an arrangement to represent the Chapter. Also, many I.I. members install ikebana alongside works of art. For information, contact Nancy Locke, Exhibition Chair, at nancy.locke@sbcglobal.net.

April 26-30, 2013: 9th North American Sogetsu Seminar at JW Marriott, Los Angeles, hosted by Sogetsu Los Angeles Branch. Headmaster Akane Teshigahara will demonstrate and teach workshops. For information contact Sogetsu.lab@gmail.com attention Norman McDonough (for English) or Miyako Arao (for Japanese).

October 26 & 27, 2013: Soho Study Group presents Sogetsu's “Dynamic Ikebana: Suspending, Recycling, Welcoming Fall” at the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda. Hours both days are 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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