



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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Two ancient pine trees...

A pair of gnarled and sturdy hands
With ten green fingers.....Ryoto

Date and Time: **Friday, January 17, 2014 at 12:00 noon**
Program: **Welcoming the New Year**
Demonstrators: Dorothy Chu and Susan Okada, Wafukai
Program Chair: Sharon Krawetz
Location: San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way
Admission: Members admitted free. Visitors are welcome if \$5.00 admission fee is paid in advance. Call (510) 531-5720 or email heidabruce@sbcglobal.net for payment information.
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HELLO 2014! WAFU DUO GREETS THE NEW YEAR AND WE CELEBRATE THE CHAPTER'S 54TH ANNIVERSARY

Two very accomplished Wafu Ikebana artists brighten a new year for us on January 17. Coming to the stage are **Dorothy Seiko Chu** and **Susan Nansei Okada**. Both have studied with Seiga Hoyrup Sensei for many years and earned advanced degrees in Wafukai.

Dorothy Chu holds Wafu's Somu Teacher Degree, awarded in 2012. She is an active member of the Wafu School of Ikebana California Chapter, a member of Ikebana International San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, and Ikebana Teachers Federation. She has exhibited arrangements in Wafu and Ikebana International flower shows in Cupertino and San Francisco. Her demonstration appearances include local groups in the Los Altos Library and for a large audience at the Garden Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan.

For many years Dorothy has served on the Board of Directors of Wafu School California and was Co-Chair of the Steering Committee for Wafu's 2012 Flower Show. She also holds the office of Membership Chair for the Ikebana Teachers Federation.

She has a B.A. in mathematics from Cornell University and an M.A. in Architecture from Harvard University. She retired from the high-tech industry in 2011 and now has more time for her favorite hobbies of Ikebana, reading, hiking and traveling.

Susan Okada is a native of Hawaii where she attended the University of Hawaii receiving both B.S. and M.S. degrees in Physics. Moving to California in 1979, Susan joined Wafu School in 1995 and began her studies with Fusako Hoyrup. She earned the Teachers Degree in 2001 and was awarded the Sanyo Degree in 2009.

She is an active member of the California chapter of Wafu School of Ikebana, Ikebana International, and the Ikebana Teachers Federation. Susan has participated in flower shows for these organizations and in the Cherry Blossom Festivals in San Francisco and Cupertino. At the last Wafu Kai flower show she served as Logistics Chair.

In addition to her Ikebana activities, Susan enjoys swimming and quilting. Recently she has joined her husband in bird watching jaunts.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year Dear Friends,

What a festive program we will have this month! I hope every member will attend and enjoy the program and special tea with anniversary cake afterward. Our chapter turns 54 in January and to mark our longevity our past presidents will show arrangements and the members of the board of directors will supply tea sandwiches for our celebration. Don't miss the January 17 merriment – a wonderful way to begin the year.

Also, I hope every member will be present to cast a vote to adopt the newly revised Constitution and Bylaws which govern the chapter. These were approved by Tokyo headquarters and now require adoption by our members. Although the vote will take only a minute or two, it is extremely important to insure our status as an official chapter of Ikebana International.

Last year was very successful for us. Our programs were exquisite; we maintained a high artistic standard of Ikebana practice, and attendance continues to grow each month. I have heard many compliments from the audience, and I thank you for your enthusiastic support. In 2014 one of our important goals is to introduce some of our younger members as first-time demonstrators. These young talents are the future of our chapter and we are constantly inspired by their fresh approach to Ikebana. I know you will greet them warmly.

The Bazaar in December topped our fundraising goal, so a huge "Thank You" to everyone who worked so hard for its success. This month containers from the collection of the late Doris Scheetz will be offered for sale. Doris was our president from 1989-1991.

My warmest wishes go to you and your loved ones for a year filled with happiness, prosperity, good health, and many hours of beautiful Ikebana.

Thanh Nguyen
President

DONATIONS

Thank You to generous donors to the General Fund received last month: Susan Ashley, Diane Coughtry, Gladys Low, and Luciana Mazzola.

Sharon Krawetz and Irene Jenkins, Co-Chairs of the December 2013 Bazaar, report that the Bazaar was a resounding success in donations and sales. Many members brought items to sell, helped with set up, and worked in the sales booths, Our vendors displayed excellent items for sale. The hard work donated by all is greatly appreciated. It resulted in much needed funding for the chapter's future programs. Success of the Bazaar sprang from the spirit of participation and volunteerism of our members and we thank one and all.

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

Sumi Metz, Chair, and Katsuko Thielke, Co-Chair, were happy to receive donations for the Supplies table in December. Also, they appreciate the sales assistance of James Crowther and his wife. Many thanks to donors Steven Brown, James Crowther, Sumi Metz, Thanh Nguyen, Sakae Sakaki, and Katsuko Thielke.

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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. On March 20 Soho Sakai will demonstrate for a large audience at 11:30 a.m.

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND UPDATES

Last month we topped the 200 mark in membership. We are growing and happy to welcome new ikebana enthusiasts. We hope each will become an active, participating part of the chapter.

Please update and correct your 2013-2014 Membership Directory with the information below. Use the Directory to find members in your area with whom you might be able to carpool to programs.

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