



Ikebana International

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

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Hello Ikebana Friends,

I want to keep in touch with you during our summer recess so this letter will keep you up to date on some Ikebana happenings this summer.

A highlight coming up soon and not to be missed – Ikebana Teachers Federation’s flower show in the San Francisco’s Asian Art Museum to celebrate ITF’s 40th anniversary. The exhibition of 14 arrangements will be on view in the Museum’s North Court from July 9-14. Ikebana teachers from four schools will give demonstrations from 1-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 13 in a room next to North Court. This event coincides with the Museum’s extraordinary exhibition “In the Moment: Japanese Art from the Larry Ellison Collection”. Mr. Ellison is a devoted and knowledgeable collector of Japanese art spanning centuries. The Asian Art Museum is located in San Francisco’s Civic Center at 200 Larkin Street.

Our lovely Honorary President, Mrs. Midori Inomata, and husband Consul General Inomata, will be leaving San Francisco soon to return to Japan. They have been enthusiastic and generous supporters of the chapter during their assignment here. Our chapter and the Ikebana Teachers Federation will host a farewell luncheon on Friday, July 19. All members are welcome to attend. If you plan to attend please contact Christie Hastings at hastingscw@yahoo.com or by phone at (925) 708-0330 as soon as possible. I hope many of you can come to say farewell to Mrs. Inomata.

Ikebana International’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Chapter Presidents Meeting will be held in Tokyo on August 29. All I.I. members will receive the AGM Convocation by postal mail during August. Please return your proxy vote to Headquarters before August 29.

Sakura News, published by I.I. Headquarters, is now being distributed by e-mail instead of postal mail with the magazine. Our Corresponding Secretary will be sending Sakura News to you soon.

During the summer heat please stay cool, drink plenty of water, and enjoy a relaxing summer break. I look forward to seeing you either on July 19 or on Friday, September 20, 2013 at our first program of the new season.

In Friendship through Flowers,

Thanh Nguyen
President

P.S. Many members have not yet renewed their membership for 2013-2014. Anything you can do to remind them to do so will be much appreciated. For renewal information, contact Membership Chair Heida Bruce at heidabruce@sbcglobal.net or phone her at (510)531-5720.

