



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, May 17, 2013 at 12:00 noon**
Program: **The Beautiful Lines of Enshu Isshinkai**
Demonstrators: Fumie *Ichifu* Meikyo, Headmistress, Enshu Isshinkai
With Reiko *Ichirei* Meikyo.
Program Chair: Rayko Kurosaki
Location: San Francisco Co.Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park

A HEADMISTRESS AND HER DAUGHTER BRING THE ELEGANCE OF ENSHU ISSHINKAI

In May we are honored to present Mme. Fumie *Ichifu* Meikyo, Headmistress of Enshu Isshinkai, and her daughter, Reiko *Ichirei* Meikyo. They lead a school noted for great refinement and rooted in traditional Japanese culture.

Fumie *Ichifu* Meikyo began her ikebana studies at age 14 with the late Headmaster Isshin Mori. In 2009 she became the fourth Iemoto of the school. Her daughter, Reiko *Ichirei* Meikyo, began studies with Mr. Mori when she was in junior high school and now holds Enshu's highest teaching certificate. Both mother and daughter have visited San Francisco in the past, assisting Mr. Mori when he gave programs and workshops here which were enjoyed with much enthusiasm.

Enshu School of Ikebana was founded by Kobori Enshu in the 17th century. It is one of the most esteemed schools of traditional ikebana. Several designs are taught in the school but it is particularly noted for fashioning a sturdy, straight branch into a delicately curved line. Using intricate cuts and wedges, designs of graceful lines are created. The technique is difficult to master and requires years of study to master. Enshu Isshinkai also is known for creating works which evoke Mt. Fuji, Japan's beloved mountain.

Headmistress Meikyo has taught ikebana for 45 years. In her role as Iemoto, she most recently demonstrated in 2010 for the Los Angeles chapter of I.I. She also has presented programs in Houston TX and abroad in Italy, Turkey, Lithuania, Korea, Russia and Pakistan. In Japan Headmistress Meikyo's work is shown in museums, public buildings, and shrines. She and her daughter also practice the Enshu School of Tea Ceremony.

SPRINGTIME GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

This year has gone by so fast for me. Here we are in May, approaching our last program of the current season. It is a pleasure to welcome Headmistress Meikyo and her daughter this month. We look forward to an extraordinary demonstration program. Also, the same evening of May 17, Enshu School has arranged a gala reception and dinner for these esteemed guests at Yoshi's San Francisco – a festive way to honor them and to bring our current season to a close. If you would like to attend, please contact Rayko Kurosaki to make reservations. Your guests are also welcome. See details about this dinner below. I hope many of our members will be able to attend.

Looking back, I have many things to be thankful for, especially the great support and help of the Board of Directors. They made it possible for me to serve you. We provided a great variety of excellent quality programs and staged a busy Holiday Bazaar as well as a superb Flower Show in March. Thanks to your support, both the Bazaar and the Flower show were successful, both artistically and financially. Your board and I are devoted to making our chapter one of the most active and vibrant I.I. organizations. I am always eager to hear from you with ideas and suggestions to accomplish this goal. Please get in touch with me anytime.

May 31, 2013 is the deadline for renewing your chapter membership for 2013-2014. If you have not already done so, please renew this month. Dues received after May 31 must include the late fee of \$15. Please use the Membership Renewal Form attached to this Newsletter.

At the May meeting we will elect and install officers for the coming year. As I write, we still must find a member to fill the office of Recording Secretary. This is an urgent matter. If you are interested in filling this office, have secretarial skills, and would be able to attend monthly board meetings, please volunteer and contact Ron Brown, Nominating Committee Chair, at (707) 293-0614 or e-mail him at kodobrown@gmail.com. Board meetings are held at 10 a.m. just before the monthly program. They are lively and light hearted as we take care of the chapter's business. The Recording Secretary takes notes during the meeting, writes them in draft form for review by the president, and after approval, sends them by e-mail to every board member. The minutes are kept indefinitely in the chapter's archives. If you can volunteer, we are most eager to hear from you!

My best wishes to you for a lovely spring and summer. I will write to you during the summer to keep in touch and to alert you about our first program in the new season on Friday, September 20.

I wish you much Friendship through Flowers,

Thanh Nguyen
President

SPECIAL RECEPTION AND DINNER FOR ENSHU HEADMISTRESS

All chapter members and their guests are invited to attend a gala reception and dinner in honor of Headmistress Meikyo and her daughter. If you would like to attend, contact Rayko Kurosaki **before Tuesday, May 14**. Rayko's telephone number is (415) 661-5043 or e-mail yorka@cwnet.com. Come and enjoy a very special evening!

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| Date and Time: | Friday, May 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. |
| Place: | Yoshi's San Francisco 1330 Fillmore Street (between Ellis & Eddy Streets) |
| Parking: | Garage is in the building. Fee is \$12. Enter garage from Eddy Street between Fillmore and Webster. Parking on the street is difficult. |
| Dinner menu: | Salmon with miso, chicken teriyaki, grilled vegetables, sushi, vegetable tempura, dessert. |
| Cost: | \$100 per person. (includes tax, tip, and city surcharge) Make check payable to "Rayko Kurosaki". Deliver check to receptionist at entrance door the evening of May 17. |

For further information, call Rayko Kurosaki at the number above.

TIME TO VOTE!

The Nominating Committee has assembled this slate of nominees for the Board of Directors in 2013-2014. Election and installation will be held at the May meeting.

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| President | Thanh Nguyen |
| 1 st Vice President (Hq. Liaison) | Ron Brown |
| 2 nd Vice President (Programs) | Mitsuko Maruyama |
| Recording Secretary | To Be Announced* |
| Corresponding Secretary | Gloria Lee |
| Treasurer | Fiona Li |
| Membership | Heida Bruce |
| Historian | Keeth Souza-Courpet |

***Volunteer to Help Your Chapter:**

At present we have no nominee for the office of Recording Secretary.

If you are interested and can serve in this important office, please contact Ron Brown at Kodobrown@gmail.com or call him at (707) 293-0614. Kathy Toy will serve temporarily on an interim basis.

MANY THANKS FOR DONATIONS

Our appreciation goes to Ikenobo Ikebana Society, San Francisco Tanabata Kai, for their generous donation last month

Also, we thank these members for their donations to Ikebana Supplies last month: Diane Coughtry, Nancy Locke, and Shioko Seab.

And never to be overlooked, we thank these members who brought refreshments for the tea table in April: Dianne Krueger, Sumi Metz, Ichiei Sakaki, Yoko Tahara, Yoshiko Williams, and Becky Yung. Many thanks!

MEMBERSHIP

Here is a new address for your 2012-2013 Membership Directory.

Newgen, Dorothy 1451 Fountaingrove Parkway; Santa Rosa 95403
Tel: (707) 293-9297

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

July 7, 2013: Ikenobo Tanabata Flower Show. Place and time to be announced. Call Yayoi Aoki at (650) 591-8202 or Sandra Hatcher at (916) 485-9056 for full information.

October 26 & 27, 2013: Ohara Ikebana Show at Jodo Shunshu Center; 2140 Durant Avenue; Berkeley. Hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission free. For more information, contact Mitsuko Maruyama or Kathy Toy.

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.

May 18-22, 2014: 17th I.I. North American Regional Conference in Asheville, North Carolina. For information, conference schedule and registration forms, see www.ikebanaasheville.org.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013-2014

BEFORE MAY 31, 2013

TO AVOID THE LATE FEE

