



## Ikebana International

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

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The leaves never know  
Which leaf will be first to fall  
Does the wind know?.....Soseki

Date and Time: **Friday, September 20, 2013 at 12 noon**  
Program: Seven Grasses of Autumn: Akino Nanakusa  
Demonstrators: Six Teacher Advisors from Six Schools  
Program Chair: Sandra Hatcher  
Location: San Francisco Co.Fair Bldg., 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.  
Admission: Members admitted free. Visitors are welcome if \$5.00 admission fee is paid in advance. For payment information, contact Heida Bruce at [heidabruce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heidabruce@sbcglobal.net) or call 510-531-5720.

### ***SCHOOL ADVISORS WELCOME AUTUMN*** ***Six Teacher Advisors Open New Season***

On September 20 we open our new season with a dazzling program of demonstrations by leaders of six of the schools represented by our diverse membership. We will be delighted, amazed, and astonished by their stunning talent. These Teacher Advisors are not only highly accomplished artists but they form an indispensable resource of knowledge, experience and skill, assuring the continued success and stability of the Chapter. We are extremely grateful for their constant and generous support. The Teacher Advisors who will present the September program are:

Kayoko <i>Suiyo</i> Fujimoto, Ohara School	Nobu Kurashige, Ikenobo Ikebana
Michiko Hosoda, Chiko School	Sumi Metz, Aratame School
Fusako <i>Seiga</i> Hoyrup, Wafu School	<i>Yusui</i> Joan Suzuki, Sogetsu School

**Kayoko Suiyo Fujimoto** is a Grandmaster of the Ohara School. She has led a large and devoted group of Ohara teachers and students for six decades. Included in a long history of accomplishments and honors are the Order of the Rising Sun, Golden and Silver Rays, from the government of Japan. In 2008 she was inducted into the Bunka Hall of Fame in recognition of her lifelong contributions to Ikebana and Japanese cultural arts.

**Michiko Hosoda** studied with Chiko Soke Kobai Naruse and Headmistress Kosen Naruse in Japan in 2006 and earned their permission to teach Chiko Ikebana in the United States. Her classes in Chiko Ikebana reflect her academic experience and study in other schools of Ikebana. She has a deep history of community

involvement. She worked as a Learning Specialist in the Sunnyvale School District for 20 years and volunteers at senior centers.

**Fusako Seiga Hoyrup** is President of the Wafu School of Ikebana, California Chapter. She holds Wafukai's highest teaching degree of *Shukan*. She studied in Japan with the late Headmaster Wafu Teshigahara. She has staged and managed many large Wafu flower shows and has earned community awards for her work. She was named the Distinguished Artist of the Year in 1995 and Asian American Hero in 2004.

**Nobu Kurashige** is Professor of Ikenobo Ikebana and became Managing Director of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America in 2010. She has traveled widely demonstrating and exhibiting Ikebana in more than 50 countries, often at the request of the Japanese government. She holds a Master's Degree in International Culture from Yamaguchi Prefectural University and has taught at the Ikenobo Junior College in Kyoto and lectured at Doshisha University.

**Sumi Metz** is President of Aratame USA. She has studied and taught Ikebana for more than 30 years and during those three decades she has been an active member of this chapter, demonstrating, exhibiting, and serving in various positions on the board of directors, currently Chair for Ikebana Supplies. She has presented programs throughout California, as well as Toronto, Canada and Paris. She also is a member of the Ikebana Teachers Federation.

**Yusui Joan Suzuki** holds Sogetsu School's highest rank of *Riji* and is Director Emeritus of Sogetsu San Francisco Branch. She is a charter member of this chapter and the Ikebana Teachers Federation. She has been an active participant in Sogetsu's biennial flower shows. In 2013 she received the Bunka Hall of Fame Award from the Japan America Association. She received the Sogetsu Honor Award at Sogetsu's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony in Tokyo.

This extraordinary program brings us together after the summer recess to enjoy the beauty of Ikebana and reunite with our friends following the program.

## ***WELCOME BACK***

Greetings Friends,

I hope you had a great summer vacationing in some paradise or spending time with your friends and loved ones. As for me, summer came and went before I even noticed – I was so busy. But now I am looking forward to an exciting Ikebana year with a superb opening program on September 20. Board members were also busy and have planned a schedule of wonderful programs for us. See what is in store by picking up a copy of our Program Card at the Reception desk. The programs also are shown on our website [www.ikebana.org](http://www.ikebana.org). And your new 2013-2014 Membership Directory will be waiting for you that day at the Reception desk.

This month six amazing demonstrators step onto the stage to showcase the art of their particular school of Ikebana. This is a program not to be missed, and you may wish to bring some friends with you. It would be a special treat for them.

Looking back at the summer months I can report to you that among other projects, we reviewed the new Ikebana International Constitution and Bylaws and submitted our chapter's revisions to Headquarters. Also we prepared the Chapter's budget for the coming season and I'm pleased to report that we are financially stable thanks to fundraising efforts and everyone's support and participation. Thank you for that.

I wish to remind you that the North American Regional Conference (NARC) will be held in Asheville, North Carolina next May 18-24, 2014. Some of our members plan to attend and have already registered. We may be able to arrange a group discount rate for air and ground travel if we travel as a group, so please contact me if you are interested and we will look for a travel agent. Talk to me at the September meeting or email me at [Ikebanasfo@gmail.com](mailto:Ikebanasfo@gmail.com).

Last month we bid farewell to our popular Honorary President, Mrs. Midori Inomata, wife of the Consul General, and to Mr. Hikita, the Consulate's cultural aide, as they moved to new assignments. We shall miss their wonderful friendship. Summer also brought the sad news that two of our past presidents, Irma Houser and Doris Nishimura Scheetz, passed away recently. Doris served as our president from 1989 to 1991 and Irma from 1993-1995.

As I begin the second half of my presidency I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve you. It has been personally gratifying to me. I look forward to a memorable year and to your continued help and support. In the coming months, may we all enjoy Friendship through Flowers together.

*Thanh Nguyen*  
President

### ***HELP NEEDED!***

The office of Recording Secretary is vacant and we are in urgent need of a member to volunteer to fill this important office on the board of directors. Serving on the board of directors is a very rewarding experience.

The board meets each month from 10:00-11:00 a.m. before the regular program. The Recording Secretary takes notes of the proceedings, writes the minutes of the meeting, and after checking them with the President, mails them to the directors. **If you have secretarial skills and time to attend board meetings regularly, please contact President Thanh Nguyen at [ikebanasfo@gmail.com](mailto:ikebanasfo@gmail.com) or phone her at 650-854-8897. Your help will be greatly appreciated.**

### ***THANK YOU, DONORS***

Last May and during the summer we received several donations and wish to thank these generous donors:

For the General Fund  
From: Midori Inomata  
Enshu Isshinkai  
Diana Kennedy  
Hideko Metaxas

For the Garden of Fragrance  
From: Pauline Pezzolo in memory of Irma Houser

For the Ikebana Supplies Table:  
Lynn Groh, Nancy Locke, and Mieko Taketa

If you would like to support the Chapter by making a gift in memory of someone, a family member or friend, a wedding, anniversary, etc. please make your check payable to "Ikebana International" and write your gift's purpose in the check's memo space. Mail your check to Fiona Li, Treasurer; 535 Cherry Avenue, San Bruno, CA 94066. All donations are acknowledged and may be tax deductible, as provided by law.

### ***NEWS FOR ALL MEMBERS***

At last count we have 177 members. The new 2013-2014 Membership Directory will be available for you to pick up in September. Please check your personal information for accuracy. If any change is needed, please contact the Directory Editor, Irene Jenkins at [i\\_djenkins@att.net](mailto:i_djenkins@att.net) or call Irene at 408-739-9435. It is important that the Directory information be correct to insure mailings to everyone. Also, please destroy (shred) obsolete Directories. The information is private and only for the use of chapter members

## ***IKEBANA SUPPLIES***

Please bring your summer branches, flowers, cuttings and bulbs for sale at the Supplies table. Also, if you have small plastic pots that nursery plants come in, please clean them and bring them to Sumi Metz on September 20. She will use them for starting new plants for future sales. Thank You!

## ***DONATING CONTAINERS FROM AN ESTATE***

If you are an estate executor or relative of a deceased Chapter member and wish to sell various Ikebana items at meetings of the Chapter, first please read **Information and Guidelines for Donating Containers**. These Guidelines are near the front of your Membership Directory.

## ***A FOND FAREWELL***

Just before she left San Francisco for a new assignment, Mrs. Midori Inomata, our Honorary President, wrote to our President. Here is her letter:

Dear Mrs. Nguyen,

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for hosting the lovely farewell luncheon on July 19. It has been truly a great pleasure to serve as Honorary President of Ikebana International.

When I look back on my three years in San Francisco I have wonderful recollections of the many meetings and exhibitions put on by Ikebana International that I attended and I can assure you that each and every one of them were memorable ones for me.

I am truly grateful that the people of this region have been able to experience something of the profound richness and depth of Japanese culture through Ikebana.

Wherever I go to next, I will not forget my time working together with you and will continue to remain involved in Ikebana and Ikebana-related activities. Please convey my best regards to the members of Ikebana International San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and please extend the same warm welcome and friendship to the wife of the new Consul General that you so kindly accorded to me.

Sincerely,  
Midori Inomata

## ***COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR***

**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 at [mitsmaruyama@gmail.com](mailto:mitsmaruyama@gmail.com).

**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. Information at [pammq55@yahoo.com](mailto:pammq55@yahoo.com).

**February 9-11, 2014:** Hawaii Sogetsu Branch celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with "Sogetsu Year of Flowers" in Honolulu. Master Instructor Toshiyuki Ohki demonstrates and leads workshops. More information later.

**May 18-22, 2014:** 17<sup>th</sup> I.I. North American Regional conference in Asheville, North Carolina. Conference schedule and registration info at [www.ikebanaasheville.org](http://www.ikebanaasheville.org).

