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To talk casually about an iris flower
Is one of the pleasures
Of the wandering journey.....Basho

Date and Time: **Friday, November 15, 2013 at 12 noon**
Program: **Autumn Beauty**
Demonstrator: Chizuko Nakamura, Ikenobo Ikebana
Program Chair: Yayoi Aoki
Location: San Francisco Co.Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.
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.

BRILLIANT AUTUMN COLOR GREETSS THE HOLIDAYS

November brings us a special treat when Mrs. Chizuko Nakamura creates autumn arrangements. Before the holidays sweep us into a whirl of preparations, we can relax and take time to enjoy the serenity of elegant Ikenobo Ikebana as she reveals the marvels of autumn's finery in stunning Ikenobo arrangements.

Chizuko Nakamura began studying ikebana with her mother in Japan, her birthplace. After coming to the USA in 1966 she continued her studies with Mrs. Shumiko Tada. For more than four decades she has perfected her art through local study and by attending a training course at Ikenobo headquarters in Japan. She holds one of Ikenobo's highest diplomas, *Sokatoku*.

Mrs. Nakamura demonstrates and exhibits frequently and participates in the annual Ikenobo Ikebana Exhibition. She is an active member of the Northern California Chapter of IkenoboIkebana Society and serves as its Second Vice President. Her work has been shown at the Japanese Community Center, the Ikebana Teachers Federation exhibit at the Cherry Blossom Festival, the Asian Art Museum and the de Young Museum, as well as many local community venues. She teaches privately at her home and at the Church of Perfect Liberty

in San Francisco.

HELLO FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

We have a special treat this month and I am looking forward to Nakamura sensei's demonstration program on November 15. She is extremely accomplished and we will see the best of Ikenobo Ikebana. I hope all members can attend and bring friends too. Please try to carpool to alleviate the parking problem behind the building.

Two wonderful flower shows presented by Ohara School and the Sogetsu Soho Study Group lifted and refreshed my spirits in October. How lucky we are to have such gifted artists among us. They bring the beauty of ikebana to us and to the larger community.

In October we remembered with fondness I.I.'s first international president, Fay Kramer. She was a San Francisco resident but was living in Tokyo when I.I. was founded. She accepted the daunting task of organizing and growing the international organization. A small memorial plaque, funded by our chapter, is now installed in the lovely Moon Viewing Pavilion in Strybing Arboretum Botanic Gardens. Please visit the Pavilion next time you are in the gardens and enjoy a moment of quiet contemplation. Contributions from our chapter helped to fund the creation of the Moon Viewing Pavilion many years ago, so we have a unique interest in this much-visited feature of the Arboretum.

The annual Holiday Bazaar is nearly here. Please respond to the requests listed below in *The Holiday Bazaar*. Our ability to bring you fascinating ikebana programs in the coming year depends on the financial success of the Bazaar. Other than the flower show every other year, the Bazaar is our second major source of funding for programming. Besides preparing and donating items for the Bazaar, please say "YES" when asked to help. You will find it great fun to assist at the Bazaar.

Several members are planning to attend the North American Regional Conference next May in Asheville, North Carolina. If you need registration and program information, go online to www.ikebanaasheville.org. We are trying to arrange a group rate package for members from San Francisco, Sacramento, and Monterey, so if you are planning to attend, please contact Ron Brown at KodoBrown@gmail.com or phone Ron at (707) 894-2952.

I think we have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season. I am especially grateful for the friendship and support so many members give me. I hope you have a bountiful Thanksgiving feast. Best wishes,

Thanh Nguyen
President

SECURITY ALERT

Recently there have been thefts of valuables in the County Fair Building. Access to the building is unrestricted and open to anyone. Unfortunately this includes thieves. So please be vigilant and keep your purses and all valuables with you at all times.

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Our big Holiday Bazaar on December 13 is just one month away. There will be craft items, holiday arrangements, artworks, pottery, various ikebana items, baked goods, and delicious home-cooked foods on sale. All members are encouraged to contribute something to sell at the Bazaar. New this year will be a Regift Table of donated items in excellent condition. Most of us have received very nice gifts which we cannot use, so here is the place to “regift” them for a good cause. Also, we need donations of valuable items for the Silent Auction table, Please contact the Co-Chairs listed below if you have something of value you wish to donate for auction.

This is a crucial fundraising event for the chapter – held just once each year. Proceeds fund our programs in the coming months. So the participation of all members, both as donors and buyers, is very important. Your ideas to help ensure the success of the Bazaar and your help are crucial. Please begin to make and collect items which are clean and saleable which you wish to donate. And of course, plan to “Bake, Take, and Buy” some holiday goodies for the Bazaar. If you wish to sell anything, please contact the Bazaar Co-Chairs Sharon Krawetz at skrawetz@gmail.com or call (408) 739-7936 or Irene Jenkins at i_djenkins@att.net or call (408) 739-9435. They will arrange space for you.

We need volunteers to help as salespeople. Call either Sharon or Irene at the numbers above to volunteer. Please join in this festive holiday event – buy and sell. Bring cash or checks (no credit card sales). The usual admission fee for nonmembers is waived on December 13, so plan to bring your friends, enjoy a beautiful ikebana demonstration and our bountiful Bazaar. Next month’s Newsletter will include full information about the December 13 program and Bazaar.

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

Co-Chairs Sumi Metz and Katsuko Thielke were happy to receive donations for the Supplies table last month. We are grateful to Heida Bruce, Carole Gray, Shioko Seab, and Sakae Sakaki for their contributions.

In November we welcome donations of autumn branches, flowers, nursery pots, cuttings, bulbs, etc. for sale at the table.

SUPPORT THE CHAPTER

In the spirit of the holidays, perhaps your holiday gift list could include a small donation to the chapter. That would help insure our future programming.

You may designate your gift as a memorial, for a birthday, a graduation, etc. **To make a donation:** please make your check payable to “Ikebana International” and enclose a note or write in the check’s memo space stating your gift’s purpose. Mail to Fiona Li, Treasurer; 535 Cherry Avenue; San Bruno, CA 94066. We acknowledge every donation with a note and in the Newsletter. I.I. is a nonprofit charitable organization, so donations may be tax deductible, as prescribed by law.

TEMPTING TEA TABLE

We enjoyed the tasty refreshments we sipped and nibbled last month. Also, during the program the Refreshments Sign-Up Clipboard was passed around and many signed up to bring refreshments in the future. We appreciate that. And if you can volunteer to help serving tea, please contact Hospitality Co-Chairs Louise Ow Ling or Sophia Wu. They will be happy for your help.

At the request of the board, Joan Finnie purchased some delicacies from a caterer for the October tea table and additional refreshments were supplied by Phyllis Au, Nancy Fogel, Kazuo Kajisa, Jane Naito, Louise Ow Ling, Chris Sakane, Sally Sutherland, Joan Suzuki, Mieko Taketa, and Yoshiko Williams. Thank you all!

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 13, 2013: San Francisco Bay Area Chapter’s Holiday Bazaar. Also Ikebana demonstration by Sogetsu *Riji* Michiko Shimoda.

March 17-23, 2014: “Bouquets to Art” at the De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park.

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

August 20-24, 2014: 8th I.I. European Regional Conference in Berlin/Potsdam. For information see www.ikebana-international-2014.de. Registration is with Helga Komaz at Helga.komaz@ikebana-international.de.