



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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A red leaf falling
Settling into the river
Clings to a green rock.....Joso

Date and Time: **Friday, November 21, 2014 at 12:00 noon**
Program: **The Colors of Autumn**
Demonstrators: Yoshiko Gilli and Setsuko Iwami, Ohara School
Program Chair: Mitsuko Maruyama
Location: San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way
Admission: Members admitted free. Non-members are welcome if \$5.00 admission fee is paid in advance. Call (650) 576-9528) or email Jeffline@gmail.com for payment information.
Parking: Very limited. Please carpool with members near you.

TWO OHARA ARTISTS SALUTE AUTUMN

Two accomplished Ohara School members gather the brilliant colors of autumn and bring them to vibrant life as ikebana this month. To display their talents, Yoshiko Gilli and Setsuko Iwami come onstage to set the mood for our autumn festivities. Their program will bring us the vibrant beauty of the season, so please join us on November 21.

Yoshiko Gilli was born in Nagasaki and came to California at age 10. She began studying Ohara ikebana in 1989 with Grandmaster Suiyo Fujimoto and continues as her student today. In 2013 Yoshiko received Ohara's 2nd term Associate Master's Degree.

Yoshiko worked as a registered nurse for 36 years, two of which were served in the US Air Force Nurse Corps. In 2008 she moved to Campbell. She is a member of the Ohara Ikebana School Northern California Chapter, Ikebana Teachers Federation, and Ikebana International for which she has demonstrated and exhibited in the past. Much of Yoshiko's time is spent gardening and she also practices Tai Chi. Recently she began classes in Hawaiian hula dancing "to keep fit."

Setsuko Iwami was born in Kyoto and first studied Ikenobo ikebana there for five years before moving to the Bay Area. Once here she began Ohara ikebana lessons and has continued them for more than two decades, now under the guidance of Mitsuko Suiko

Maruyama. Setsuko holds Ohara's 3rd term Master's Degree and her ikebana name is Kosetsu.

Setsuko is a board member of the Ohara Ikebana School, Northern California Chapter and is currently Workshop Co-Chair. She also is a member of the Northern American Ohara Teachers Association, Ikebana International, and the Ikebana Teachers Federation. She has demonstrated for I.I. and exhibited at the Cherry Blossom Festival and other flower shows locally. Setsuko also practices the Way of Tea with Omotesenke and is Assistant Administrative Secretary for the Omotesenke Domonku Northern California Region. She works as a senior technical translator/interpreter at Nikon Research Corporation of America in Belmont.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our thanks to Julie Nakatani for her entertaining demonstration last month, reminding us of autumn's arrival. Her passion for San Francisco sports teams was clearly evident and she shared that with us. This month we continue a fall theme with Yoshiko Gilli and Setsuko Iwami from Ohara School. This programs promises another exceptional display of the wonders of this season.

Looking ahead, we will observe the chapter's 55th anniversary next January 16 with a special demonstration, exhibition, and a luncheon. Anniversary Chair Joan Finnie and her committee are working on the details and will send every member an invitation soon.

Waneta Averhoff, a long time, devoted member of our chapter, has remembered us in her will. We have received her generous donation and plan to use part of the money for our new table covers. This seems a fitting tribute to Waneta since she always helped to make our chapter's exhibits outstanding in many ways.

Over the years our chapter has sponsored many ongoing projects in Strybing Arboretum. These include the Garden of Fragrance for the visually handicapped (1965); the Japanese Home Garden dedicated to San Francisco at the opening of our sixth flower show "East Meets West" (1966); and the Moon Viewing Pavilion -- our gift to Strybing Arboretum (1973). Ikebana International has been responsible for many important projects in the Arboretum and when making donations to our chapter in the future, you may wish to support one of these projects with your gift.

The last few years have seen a decrease in our membership. Some of this decline is the result of members moving away, an aging membership, and other life changes. I encourage you to reach out to family members and friends who show an interest in ikebana and invite them to one of our programs. Perhaps this will inspire them to join us as a member.

As Thanksgiving nears, we have much to be grateful for: family, friends, and the treasured art we practice. Let's remember to share ikebana with all around us. May you have safe travels and a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Ron Brown
President

GET READY FOR THE BIG DECEMBER BAZAAR

December 12 brings our annual Holiday Bazaar, so start your holiday preparations early and **Bake, Bring and Buy!** Make a few goodies to donate to the Bazaar tables – home baked goods are our best sellers every year. And there will be delicious foods to eat for lunch on the spot. Other attractions will be a **Silent Auction** offering impressive items of value. Come and make your bid. The popular **Regift** Table attracted many donors and buyers last year and we will have it again this year. Donate items in perfect condition which you have received but which you no longer use or need. Remember, no “junk” items are accepted for sale at the Bazaar. There also will be sparkling, handmade glass jewelry for sale and seasonal greens, holly and dry materials. If you have greens or plant materials to donate, please bring them.

Three potters will offer their handsome wares: Shuji Ikeda, Gordon Ward, and Thomas Arakawa. One of their containers may be just the one you want to use in a future flower show or an exhibition. Stop by, admire, chat with the potters, and Buy!

Package your homemade baked goods and foods in the attractive bags and ties which will be ready for you to pick up at the November program. Package your donations at home and bring them ready to put on the sale table.

Bring cash or checks (no credit card sales). Volunteer to help with sales. The Bazaar is always a festive event and it is our major fundraising effort to support chapter activities, including the Flower Show next spring. To succeed we need your donations and the help of all members as donors and buyers. Besides donating foods and other items, we need volunteers to help vendors with sales. Any member wishing to sell items must contact Bazaar Chair Mitsuko Maruyama so she can provide space. Contact her at mitsmaruyama@gmail.com or 510-494-8220.

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

Many thanks to Heida Bruce, Irene Jenkins, Rayko Kurasaki, Sumi Metz, and Sakai Sakaki for their donations of materials to the Supplies table. And thanks also to sales helpers James Crowther and Linda Lee. Please continue to bring plants, flowers, dry materials, containers (clean and in good condition), and plastic nursery pots for cuttings this month.

REFRESHMENTS FOR TEA

An especially elaborate tea table laden with many delicacies was enjoyed by members and guests last month. We send our thanks to all generous donors – those who faithfully bring something every month and all others who donate from time to time. For all the sweets and savories, our thanks to Ash Anik, Yayoi Aoki, Jeff Fine, Marilyn Gross, Sandra Hatcher, Joan Heblack, Michiko Hosoda, Julie Nakatani, Louise Ow Ling, Gary Soto, Michiko Taketa, Kathy Toy, Frances Van Noord, and Liz Vernon.

The tea table is supplied each month by donations of foods brought by members. We all enjoy the tea table so we ask everyone to bring something for a future meeting. When the **Refreshment Sign-Up Sheet** is passed throughout the audience, please do your part to continue our tradition of a delicious tea service after the program. Sign up!

FLOWER SHOW NEWS

Did you notice the elegant new table covers at the meeting last month? They are black and tailored for a sleek, neat appearance and are easy to use. We have enough for all the tables at our flower show next March 21 and 22. Kathy Toy spent many hours researching, pricing and ordering the tablecloths and we owe her a big Thank You! for all her work.

Your Entry Packets for the flower show are ready. You can pick up yours at our meeting November 21 or it will be mailed to you. Included in each packet are entry forms, guidelines, volunteer forms, admission tickets, and a letter from our president, Ron Brown. Please read this information immediately and contact me if you have any questions. Reach me at skrawetz@gmail.com or call 408-739-7936.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Welcome donations recently received were from Pauline Pezzolo to the Garden of Fragrance in memory of Howard Krawetz, the late husband of our Past President Sharon Krawetz. Also we received a gift from Kathy Toy in memory of Howard Krawetz and John Hoyrup. We appreciate these generous gifts very much. Thank you, Pauline and Kathy.

We are most grateful for an unexpected gift from the estate of Waneta Averhof. Her financial contribution is deeply appreciated. It is a poignant reminder of a good friend who loved ikebana, her ikebana friends, and who is fondly remembered.

Our chapter is able to present excellent programs with monetary gifts from members. Donors may name their gift in honor of family or friends who have passed away, to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, support of our programs, maintenance of the Garden of Fragrance or the Moon Viewing Pavilion in Strybing Arboretum, etc. These gifts are a special way to commemorate personal events. All are acknowledged with a letter.

If you would like to make a gift, make your check payable to "Ikebana International", write the purpose in the memo section of the check, and mail it to our Treasurer Louise Ow Ling, 2764 McAllister Street, #5; San Francisco, CA 94118-4101. Your gift will be acknowledged in the Newsletter and by the chapter's Corresponding Secretary. Monetary gifts may be tax deductible if permitted by law.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Help! We are in urgent need of a member to assist Jeff Fine at the Reception Table each month. Please contact him if you can help. JeffLFine@gmail.com or tel: 650-576-9528. Our Chapter now has 185 members. Please update your Membership Directory by adding these two members:

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Ksmartang@yahoo.com Wafu School

Yoshida, Kazuko 3733 Taraval Street, San Francisco 94116 415-753-5763
Nyksfok@att.net Ikenobo School

If your information in the Directory is incorrect please report it to Jeff Fine at the reception table or at Jefffine@gmail.com.

PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY AT PROGRAMS

It seems that all of us want to take photographs of the beautiful arrangements exhibited at our meetings and you are welcome to do so. But please be aware that we have an official photographer, Christina Schuknecht, who is responsible for photographing demonstrations and exhibits for our website and other uses, such as images we must send to Tokyo HQ. Lately Christina has been having difficulty working because some eager photographers move in front of her or crowd her as she tries to do her work.

PLEASE COOPERATE, move away and wait to take your pictures when Christina is trying to take photographs. Your understanding and cooperation will be much appreciated. Thank you.

IKEBANA EVENTS COMING UP

December 5 and 6, 2014: Sogetsu celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Kika Shibata's teaching career at the Sheraton San Jose Hilton Hotel in Milpitas. December 5: Banquet and demonstration program; December 6: Two workshops. All events are open to everyone; Sogetsu membership is not required. For information and reservations, contact Julie Oba at Julienoba@me.com. For hotel reservations at the special rate, contact Linda Murphy at 408-473-8160 and mention the Sogetsu event.

December 12, 2014: Annual Holiday Bazaar and demonstration program by Ikebana International, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter. Free admission. Bazaar opens for sales at 11 a.m. Demonstration at 12 noon. San Francisco County Fair Building, 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way. Information at mitsmaruyama@gmail.com.

January 16, 2015: I.I. San Francisco Bay Area Chapter observes its 55th Anniversary with demonstrations by Teacher Advisors, exhibit by Past Presidents, and a luncheon. Reservations for luncheon required. Contact Joan Finnie, Anniversary Chair, for more information at Finniejoanr@gmail.com.