



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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A rain cloud darkens
red maples clinging to crags
by a waterfall.....Soseki

Date and Time: **October 17, 2014 at 12:00 noon**
Program: **An October Fest of Flowers**
Demonstrator: Julie Saiki Nakatani, Ikenobo Ikebana
Program Chair: Louise Ow Ling
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
Jefflfine@gmail.com for payment information.
Parking: Very limited. Please carpool with members near you.

OCTOBER BRINGS THE GLOWING COLORS OF AUTUMN

With cooling breezes and drifting autumn leaves heralding the new season, we will enjoy the polished ikebana artistry of Julie Saiki Nakatani on October 17. She plans to display the unique materials and vibrant colors of autumn in her demonstration, as will the exhibitors.

Mrs. Nakatani is a Senior Professor of Ikenobo Ikebana, 3d level, with the teaching degree of *Katoku*. She began studying ikebana with Mizuki-sensei while still in grammar school. She continued to study with her mother, Kinsui Saiki, and does so today. Since 1970 she has completed several courses at Ikenobo headquarters in Kyoto. Currently Julie teaches ikebana at her home in Cupertino, and in San Francisco and Marin. She also has taught at the Quinlan Community Center in Cupertino and at the Mandarin Chinese School in Saratoga.

Born in Tokyo, Julie was nurtured in the arts from an early age by her talented parents. In the 1950s the family returned to Mr. Saiki's birthplace in California and eventually settled in San Francisco. From ages four to 14 Julie danced both ballet and classical Japanese dance. In 1972 she went to Japan to accept the Natori degree from the Hanayagi School of Dance.

A frequent demonstrator, her ikebana is often seen at Bay Area events including the Cherry Blossom Festival, Japan EXPO, Obon Festivals and other cultural and arts clubs. Julie's work also has been shown at Bouquets to Art, the Asian Art Museum, Ikebana International programs and shows, Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Northern California, Tanabata Ikenobo

Exhibits, Buddhist Temple Obon Festivals, and she has assisted visiting Ikenobo professors from Japan. She has served as 1st Vice President of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Northern California, President of the Ikebana Teachers Federation, and is a member of Ikebana International.

GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Friends,

Fall has officially arrived! Here in Sonoma County where I live, the vineyards and Pistache trees have already begun to show their autumnal colors. We are reminded that each season has its own special qualities. I think of chrysanthemums, the changing colors of maples, and the crispness in the air. Fall is my personal favorite season for arranging ikebana. On October 17 I hope you will be in the audience with me as the beauty of autumn is illuminated by Julie Saiki Nakatani.

We all owe a big Thank You to two members who answered our call for volunteers to act as co-chairs for two positions on the board of directors. We are very grateful to Setsuko Iwami from Ohara who will work as assistant to our 2nd Vice President for Programs, Sandra Hatcher. And Christie Hastings from Sogetsu will help Membership Chair Jeff Fine maintain our membership files and work at the reception desk. It is most gratifying that our appeal for help was answered. Thank you, Setsuko and Christie.

We are now in urgent need of someone to assist Shuji Ikeda, Staging Chair. Shuji will teach a volunteer how to use the sound system which is so important for our programs. If you can help please contact Shuji at shujikeda@comcast.net or call him at (510) 845-1634.

We had a wonderful program last month when all the schools in our chapter were represented with an impressive demonstration and exhibit. It was fascinating to see the differences as well as similarities among the different schools. How lucky we are to have seven schools in our midst. Many chapters have only two or three schools.

Don't miss the note in this Newsletter from Sharon Krawetz, chair of the 2015 flower show. And be sure that the show's dates, March 21 & 22, 2015, are highlighted in your 2015 calendar.

Enjoy the autumn season, and I'll see you on October 17. In Friendship through Flowers,

Ron Brown
President

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

Sumi Metz and Katsuko Thielke, co-chairs for Ikebana Supplies, wish to thank these donors to the September sales tables: Yayoi Aoki, Ethel Aotani, Diane Coughtry, Barbara Gordon, Irene Jenkins, Sharon Krawetz, Miwako Nishi, and Liz Vernon.

Your donations of plants, flowers, dry materials, containers (clean and in good condition), and plastic nursery pots for cuttings will be most welcome in October.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Recently we received a very generous donation from Joan Yusui Suzuki and we thank her for her support. Her gift will go to the chapter's General Fund to support programs. Many thanks, Joan. The chapter is always pleased to receive helpful monetary gifts from members. These may be sent to honor family or friends who have passed away, celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, etc.

To make a gift, write 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.

FLOWER SHOW NEWS

Save These Dates! March 21 and 22, 2015 is our next flower exhibition. Your steering committee has been working for months to plan a beautiful and successful show. Your participation is both wanted and needed.

The goals of our flower show are to present ikebana to the community, showcase our artistry, and raise funds to support our organization.

Working together in these efforts truly builds friendship through flowers. Watch your mail in November for a packet containing entry forms, guidelines, tickets, and much more. Please contact me with any questions at skrawetz@gmail.com.

Sharon Krawetz
Chair, 2015 Flower Show

REFRESHMENTS FOR TEA

Hospitality co-chairs Nadine Suyehiro and Sophia Wu were happy to receive abundant refreshments for the September tea table. These were donated by Yayoi Aoki, Ron Brown, Heida Bruce, Jeff Fine, Christie Hastings, Sandra Hatcher, Mitsuko Maruyama, Thanh Nguyen, Michiko Shimoda, Gary Soto, Keeth Souza-Courpet, Sally Sutherland, Joan Suzuki, Yoko Tahara, Kathy Toy, Agnes van Boeschoten, and Sophia Wu. Many thanks to all.

The tea table is supplied each month by donations of sweets and savories brought by members. Occasionally a Sign-Up Sheet is passed throughout the audience requesting volunteers to bring something at a future program. Please do your part to continue our delicious tea after the programs. Sign up!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The 2014-2015 edition of the Membership Directory is available and was distributed at the September program. It is an important document which helps all members keep in touch with each other. **Please check all information shown for you immediately.** If any correction is needed, please report it to Jeff Fine, Membership Chair, at the reception table or at Jefffine@gmail.com.

To keep your Directory up to date, here are several changes received after it was printed. Please enter them in your copy of the Directory.

Additions

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Changes

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Naito, Jane: change telephone number to 415-937-8260 and add to list of Sogetsu teachers
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IKEBANA EVENTS COMING UP

October 18 & 19, 2014: Sogetsu San Jose-South Bay Branch celebrates its 25th anniversary with Guest Master Instructor Tetsunori Kawana at the Doubletree by Hilton, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose. Oct. 18: Banquet and demonstration by Kawana sensei to which everyone is welcome to attend by reservation. Oct. 19: Workshops morning and afternoon, open to all pre-registered Sogetsu students. Register for events at sogetsu.sjsbb@g.mail.com or phone (408) 348-3562. To contact the hotel phone (408) 453-4000 or www.sanjose.doubletree.com.

