



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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Putting in the water,
the vase received
the camellia.....Onitsura

Date and Time: **Friday, February 19, 2016 at 12:00 noon**
Program: **Ikebana Arrangements for the Home**
Demonstrators: Betty Jetter, Carol Marchette, and June Matsuoka
Program Chairs: Jane Naito
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 (415) 861-7208 or email ppezolo@att.net for payment information.

Parking: Please carpool with members near you. Parking in the lot behind building is restricted to marked spaces. Cars double parked will be towed. Additional parking spaces are now provided on Martin Luther King Dr. directly across from the main entrance to the SF Co. Fair Building. This area is marked with signs. Drivers parking there must place a card with our logo reading "Ikebana International. (707) 293-0614" on the dashboard.
Note: Cars without the dashboard card will be cited.

BRIGHTEN WINTER WITH IKEBANA IN YOUR HOME

Three accomplished Sogetsu arrangers from the Monterey Bay Chapter come onstage in February to create ikebana for the home. They will inspire us to make arrangements to refresh and enliven our homes, lifting our spirits during dark and dreary winter days.

Betty Jetter first studied ikebana in Japan when she moved there with her husband in 1996. She says her years there were some of the best of her life, making many friends while enjoying ikebana and also studying Chigiri-e, Sumi-e, and other Japanese arts. When she moved back to California they settled in Pebble Beach. Betty immediately saw an announcement about a meeting of the Monterey Bay Chapter of Ikebana International and became an active member. She studied Sogetsu Ikebana with Carol Marchette and June Matsuoka. She also studied Ikenobo Ikebana for one year with Shuji Ikeda.

In 2014 she gave her first solo demonstration of 12 arrangements. She has been President of the Monterey Bay Chapter and served as Program Chair for the 2008 North American

Regional Conference hosted by the Chapter. She is also a member of Sogetsu South Bay Branch, Sogetsu San Francisco Bay Branch, and an Associate Member of the San Francisco I.I. Chapter. Betty has led workshops of Chigiri-e in San Francisco, Sacramento and Monterey.

Betty is a Registered Nurse and has worked in many nursing assignments. She was a volunteer for the Red Cross for 25 years, including work with new immigrants from Viet Nam at the end of the war.

Carol Marchette remembers her mother's garden as a child and recalls the importance of flowers in their lives. That love of flowers has remained with her. After college she married a geologist and they moved to assignments in California, Alaska and Texas and later they lived in Indonesia, France, Iran and Saudi Arabia. Her multi-cultural experiences are an important element of her ikebana study and teaching.

Carol lived in Bangkok and Singapore and recalls making new friends when she began studying Sogetsu and Ohara Ikebana. She says it is not easy to move to a foreign country and make new friends, but she found that I.I. was "the perfect bridge to great people in a new community". In addition to Sogetsu and Ohara, Carol also studies Ikenobo Ikebana and holds teaching certificates from the three schools.

After returning to the USA in 1985 she joined I.I. in San Francisco and became a founding member of the Monterey Bay chapter of I.I. in 1988. She has performed many leading roles in Chapter activities. She served as Chair for the 2008 North American Regional Conference hosted by Monterey Bay Chapter. Carol now teaches ikebana at her home. She often exhibits and demonstrates for local organizations. She is an Associate Member of the San Francisco I.I. Chapter.

June Matsuoka holds the rank of *Riji*, Sogetsu School's highest teaching rank. Her ikebana name is *Junpo*. She began studying ikebana in 1955. After moving to the USA she continued her ikebana studies and earned her Teacher's Certificate in 1979. She has studied with Shoka Narimatsu sensei in San Jose and also attended classes given by Soho Sakai sensei at City College of San Francisco.

June worked until age 70 at a bank, AT&T, and the Japanese Community Center. A resident of Campbell, June taught Sogetsu Ikebana in Salinas and the Oldemeyer Community Center in Seaside for several years. She now teaches at her home. She has participated in workshops for elementary school children on Valentine's Day and Mother's Day events in Carmel, Salinas, Monterey, Pebble Beach and Seaside.

June has given many workshops, demonstrations and exhibits at museums, flower shows, and hospices. She has installed ikebana exhibits at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, Bouquets to Art at the de Young Museum, Santa Clara County Fair, I.I. San Francisco Chapter, Soho Study Group flower shows, Sogetsu San Francisco Branch, and the Ikebana Teachers Federation.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In February, when the weather often keeps us inside our homes, our sister Chapter Monterey Bay sends us three of their most accomplished arrangers. All three - Betty Jetter, Carol

Marchette, and June Matsuoka – are Associate Members of our Chapter and often participate in our programs and flower shows. They will present “Ikebana Arrangements For The Home”, Ikebana very suited to the season. We look forward to their program on the 19th.

What an extraordinary program we had last month! Along with everyone else, I was spellbound by Mrs. Fujimoto’s vitality and incredible artistry at age 90. She is indeed an inspiration to all of us. She is a living example of how the study and practice of Ikebana keeps one young in mind and spirit.

Parking. Our new parking area is working well. However, there have been cars parked in our reserved spaces which did not display the Ikebana International sign on the dashboard. **This month the Park Patrol will issue citations to cars not displaying the sign with our logo reading “Ikebana International (707) 293-0614”**, There will be a few of these signs available at the Reception/Membership Table or you may **download the sign and print it** when Kathy Toy sends it out this month. You must display our approved sign with the logo or you will be cited and we certainly do not want that to happen to any of our members.

So many members bring delicious snacks for our tea table each month and they are very much appreciated. Please continue to do so, and please lend Nadine Suyehiro a helping hand at the tea table.

I hope to greet you on February 19 as we enjoy a wonderful program. In Friendship through Flowers,

Ron Brown

President

THE JANUARY PARTY

January’s elegant tea table celebrating the Chapter’s anniversary and honoring Mme. Fujimoto’s 90th birthday was graced by two beautifully decorated cakes and many delicious items brought by members. The cakes were cut and served by our visiting dignitaries and past presidents. For help and donations for the gala event we are most grateful to Yayoi Aoki, Nancy Fogel, Sandra Hatcher, Kazuko Kajisa, Mitsuko Maruyama, Jane Naito, Louise Ow Ling, Nadine Suyehiro, Kathy Toy, Sophia Wu, and Frances Van Noord. Thank you, everyone. That was a wonderful party you gave!

Nadine Suyehiro, Hospitality Chair, always needs volunteers to supply foods for the tea table and to help her serve. Please contact her in advance at nsuyehiro@gmail.com. if you can help her in the coming month.

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

Sumi Metz, Supplies Chair, asks for donations in February of plants and vases for the sales tables. And we send many thanks to all who donated items and helped Sumi with sales in January: Diane Coughtry, Jim Crowther, Beth Guler, Irene LaChance, Dena Valenzuela, and Nancy Locke.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Chair Pauline Pezzolo reports that Chapter membership is now 173 plus 18 Associate Members and one Life Member. She has updated the online Membership Directory for your information. Access to the Directory is restricted to members only.

Our membership year is from July 1 through June 30. Annual dues for 2016-2017 will be payable in April and May, 2016. Renewal forms will be sent to members later.

SUPPORTING THE CHAPTER WITH DONATIONS

Contributions from members are a valuable way of showing support and appreciation of our programs and projects. They may be large or small and all are much needed and much appreciated. Donors may designate their gift in honor of family or friends who have passed away, or to celebrate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, etc. Donations also may be designated in support the General Fund for programs, or for maintenance work in the Garden of Fragrance or the Moon Viewing Pavilion in Strybing Arboretum. Both of these lovely places were originally funded by the Chapter.

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

EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March 19 & 20, 2016: Spring Flower Show by Katsuko Thielke and Students at the Los Altos Library, 13 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Exhibition both days 12 noon – 4:00 p.m. Demonstration March 19 by Katsuko and Students at 1:00 p.m. Student demonstrations March 20 at 1:00 p.m.

April 5-10, 2016: Bouquets to Art, the annual extravaganza at the San Francisco de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park. Opening night Gala is April 4. Irene Jenkins from Aratame School will represent I.I. with an arrangement. For more information call 415-750-3504 or online at deyoungmuseum.org/bouquets2016.

April 12-15, 2017: Ikebana International’s 11th World Convention at the Okinawa Convention Center, Okinawa. Registration is limited to 1,000 and will be taken on a first come-first served basis and processed when the registration fee is received. Early registration ends June 30, 2016.

The official pamphlet about the Convention was mailed to every I.I. member recently. It contains complete information about the exhibition, demonstrations, registration process, fees, hotel accommodations, cultural art classes and tours offered, etc. Please refer to this pamphlet for information or E-mail ikebanaconvention@ikebanahq.org.