



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

Internet website: www.ikebana.org
E-mail: Ikebanasfo@gmail.com
Postal mail: P.O. Box 549; Cloverdale, CA 95425
Telephone: (707) 894-2952

Departing spring,
A white flower is seen
Through a crevice in the garden fence....Buson

Date and Time: **Friday, May 20, 2016 at 12:00 noon**
Program: **Enjoy the Bounty of Spring**
Demonstrator: Sharon Krawetz, Wafu School of Ikebana
Program Chair: Keeth Souza-Courpet
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 on the dashboard reading "Ikebana International. (707) 293-0614". Cars without the dashboard sign will be cited.

SPRING'S BOUNTY IS HERE

We welcome **Sharon Zuishu Krawetz** as she presents the closing program of the current season. She will gather the abundant flowers and foliage of spring and create Wafu School ikebana for us. Sharon continues four decades of study with Fusako *Seiga* Hoyrup. She holds the school's Gakukan degree and is vice president of the California Wafukai Chapter.

Sharon is an active member and past president of Ikebana International and a member of the Ikebana Teachers Federation. She exhibits at both the San Francisco and Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festivals and provides a weekly arrangement at the Cupertino Sports Center.

Even after years of ikebana study she finds her classes fresh and never repetitive as they explore new combinations of materials and containers. She enjoys the concentration required while arranging and the joy of handling fresh flowers. Sharon says ikebana heightens her appreciation of the beauty of nature and brings energy into her life.

A FOND FAREWELL FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

How time flies! It's been a great two years and a real honor for me to lead the chapter. My deepest thanks goes to the officers who unfailingly supported and encouraged me, and to all the members who gave me friendship and kind words. My reward is seeing all the smiles on faces at the programs. A new board of directors will be elected in May and I know they will continue to present the best of ikebana for us and our expanding audiences. My best wishes for success to them.

We are losing some of our most dedicated and long-serving officers. I am sad to report that both Sumi Metz and Katsuko Thielke are retiring and leaving our popular Supplies Table for someone else to manage. We cannot thank them enough for their tireless service and dedication. For many years they have brought beautiful orchids and plants for us to buy, as well as many other items for ikebana enthusiasts. We must find member volunteers to replace them promptly. Funds from these sales are extremely important to the chapter. If you are interested in working at Supplies, please contact me as soon as possible. Let's not lose our Supplies Table. Be a volunteer!

We still need two volunteers to help with staging and sound at our programs. Shuji Ikeda can no longer do this alone. We hope that with two volunteers, whom Shuji would train, they could do alternate shifts, reducing the responsibility for this important assignment to every third month. Please give serious thought to this request and be one of the volunteers! Contact either Shuji at shujiikeda@comcast.net or phone 510-845-1634, or speak to me.

Also, our Membership Chair, Pauline Pezzolo, has resigned. She took on this position when the former officer unexpectedly moved away. Pauline capably supervised the reception table each month and kept our membership records complete and accurate. We are indebted to her for stepping up to the job when we were most needy. Thank you, Pauline.

This month we close this season with Sharon Krawetz working Wafukai magic, always stunning and new and sure to please. Also, I am still enjoying the memory of Mitsuko Maruyama and Michiko Shimoda on stage in April, revealing the beauty of ikebana in glass containers. It takes masters to work in glass vessels, and they did it with great artistry and skill.

One more reminder: send in your Membership Renewal Form before the end of May! After May 31, a late fee will be required for membership. Another copy of the Membership Renewal Form is attached for your use if you need it.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped me lead our outstanding chapter during my two years as president. They have been personally rewarding and have brought me much joy. I am sure the new officers will enjoy the same constant support I have received and continue to bring us superb ikebana through Friendship through Flowers.

Ron Brown
President

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Many thanks to Luciana Mazzolo for her generous gift last month. It will support our General Fund for programs.

Contributions like this continue our members' tradition of giving to sustain our programs and projects supported by the chapter. Donors may designate their gift in honor of family or friends who have passed away, to celebrate special occasions, to support the General Fund for programs, or for maintenance in the Garden of Fragrance or the Moon Viewing Pavilion in Strybing Arboretum. Both of these gardens were initially funded by our 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.

ELECT YOUR NEW OFFICERS

At the meeting on May 20 we will elect and install new officers for the 2016-2017 season. Please come and cast your vote. The board-approved nominees are:

President	Thanh Nguyen	Wafu
1 st Vice President (Hq Liaison)	Sharon Krawetz	Wafu
2 nd Vice President (Programs)	Keeth Souza-Courpet	Chiko
Recording Secretary	Nadine Suyehiro	Ikenobo
Corresponding Secretary	Sandra Hatcher	Ikenobo
Treasurer	Louise Ow Ling	Ikenobo
Historian	Setsuko Iwami	Ohara
Membership	To Be Announced	
Nominations Director	Ron Brown	Sogetsu

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

We need containers to sell at the Supplies table in May, as well as plants and flowers. Please "weed out" your unused containers which are in good shape and clean and donate them. And if you can volunteer to work at Supplies in future, please tell Sumi Metz or Ron Brown.

In April we had many items for sale given by Yayoi Aoki, Diane Coughtry, Barbara Gordon, Irene Jenkins, Sumi Metz, Grace Murata, and Shioko Seab. Thank You for your generosity!

THE TEA TABLE

Under the capable management of Nadine Suyehiro, Hospitality Chair, the April tea table was full of delicious snacks. We are grateful to these members who donated items for the table: Ron Brown, Jim Crowther, Nancy Fogel, Bill Hillup, Setsuko Iwami, Sharon Krawetz,

Thanh Nguyen, Louise Ow Ling, Monica Schaeffert, Michiko Shimoda, Nadine Suyehiro, Joan Suzuki, Fran van Noord, and Noriko Watanabe.

Please bring table-ready refreshments for our May table, and after the program be sure to pick up any trays or dishes you bring. Also, if you can take a few moments to help put things away after tea ends, it will be much appreciated.

IKEBANA EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May 14 & 15, 2016: Ohara Flower Show at Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley. Hours are 11:00 – 4:30 both days. More information at 510-494-8220.

May 20 & 21, 2016: Colorado Springs Chapter celebrates its 50th anniversary with a program by Shuji Ikeda, Ikenobo Ikebana master in a demonstration and workshop. More information available at auroraglaze@aol.com.

July 10, 2016: Tanabata Flower Exhibit and demonstration by Ikenobo's Visiting Professor Nayuko Kuwaba. Presented by Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Northern California. Hotel Kabuki, 1625 Post Street in San Francisco Japantown. Exhibit open 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; demonstration at 1:00 p.m.

September 16, 2016: San Francisco I.I. Chapter opens its 2016-2017 season with a demonstration program and exhibit at 12 noon at the San Francisco County Fair Building, 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.

September 24 & 25, 2016: ArtScape 2016 presented by the San Francisco Bay Area Branch at the S.F. County Fair Bldg., Gallery and Courtyard. Hours are 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Demonstration programs each day at 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. Admission free.

October 15, 2016: Washington D.C. Chapter observes its 60th anniversary with a luncheon and demonstration by Saga Goryu Headmaster Mika Tsujii. At the Sheraton Reston Hotel, Reston VA. For more information see biddlene@hotmail.com.

April 12-15, 2017: Ikebana International's 11th World Convention at the Okinawa Convention Center. Brochure and complete program and registration forms were mailed to all I.I. members. Registration is limited to 1,000 participants. **Early registration fee (discounted) through June 30, 2016.** For information E-mail: ikebanaconvention@ikebanahq.org. or phone +81-3-3293-8188.