

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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The winds of autumn Blow: yet still green

The chestnut husks. Buson

Date and Time:	Friday December 9, 2016 12:00 noon
Program:	Joyful Trio
Demonstrators:	Yoshiko Gilli, Yoshiko Grave and Setsuko Iwami
Program Chair:	Kathy Toy
Location:	San Francisco Co. Fair Building 1199 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave. at Lincoln Way
Admission:	Admission is free for December

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KAGEDO JAPANESE ART PO Box 551hg Lotes by Ohan Koson 1900-1911 Orcas, Washington 98280 <u>kagedo@kagedo.com</u> Tel <u>(360) 376-9077</u> Owners: Jeffery Cline & William Knospe

# The Ohara School's "Joyful Trío" Demonstrates

We are pleased to welcome to our demonstration stage, three of the Ohara School's most talented arrangers. The Ohara School is noted for its naturalistic treatment of flowers and arrangements that range from traditional to sculptural. The School originated the Moribana Style arrangement using low, wide containers which has been widely adopted by other schools. Heika style arrangements in tall vases are also frequently arranged. Our trio of arrangers were all born in Japan and we are fortunate to have them with us in the Bay Area. All three arrangers have exhibited and/or demonstrated for I.I., the Cherry Blossom Festival, Ohara Chapter shows as well as other venues. Collectively they have participated in the following organizations: Northern California Ohara Chapter, I.I., and North American Ohara Teachers Association (NAOTA) and Ikebana Teachers Federation.

#### Yoshiko Gilli

Ms. Gilli holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Associate Masters' Certificate. and has been studying with Kayoko *Suiyo* Fujimoto since 1989. She was a U.S. Air Force Officer and nurse. Her interests are ikebana, gardening, bonsai, kusa-e, and photography. Yoshiko is currently the Workshop Chair for the Ohara Chapter.

#### Yoshiko Grave

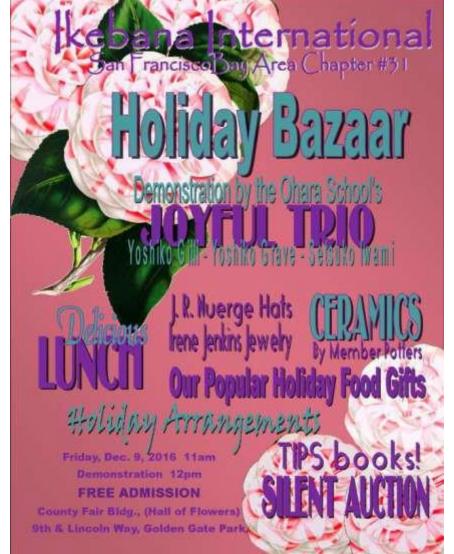
Ms. Grave has been studying with Mrs. Kayoko *Suiyo* Fujimoto since 2009 and holds a 4th Term Masters' Certificate. She is a very capable photographer and is the Historian for the Ohara Chapter.

#### Setsuko Iwami

Setsuko Iwami studied Ikenobo Ikebana for five years in Japan. However, in the Bay Area, she began studying Ohara School ikebana in 1994. She currently holds 3<sup>rd</sup> Term Masters' Certificate and studies with Mitsuko *Suiko* Maruyama. She is Ohara Chapter's Workshop Co-Chair. Setsuko is also practicing the Way of Tea with Omotesenke and is a senior technical translator/interpreter at Nikon Research Corporation of America in Belmont.

# The Holiday Bazaar!

The popular and well-attended Holiday Bazaar is on December 9th, opening at 11 a.m.. Admission is free! Lunch is available, as well as shopping for ikebana ceramics by member potters, fresh holiday flower arrangements, crafts, jewelry, hats, and beautifully



packaged baked goods. The Silent Auction is a great way to recycle great containers. Donors establish the opening bid and keep 80% of the highest bid. This year we will not have the "re- gifting" or white elephant table.

# Our President's Message

Dear Friends,

"Thanksgiving is a precious opportunity for families and friends to gather for delicious foods and delightful traditions of gratitude, love, and togetherness." I read this quote somewhere and I truly hope that you all had this priceless experience on your Thanksgiving day.

Our November demonstration program "Friends Forever" by Professor Kurashige left us with great memories. Her talents and artistry took us on a

journey of fascination and awe. We are saddened by her upcoming departure to Japan and we wish her all the best for the future as we look forward to her return to San Francisco.

Almost a year has gone by. Spring, summer, fall and the chill of winter is now upon us. The last few rains brought renewed life to dried vegetation. Carpets of velvety green grass cover the hills and bring the landscape to life. As we approach the end of the year, the world is awakened by the spirit of the Holidays and Holiday shopping. Our annual Holiday Bazaar is days away. Please spread the word, pack your car with friends and come to enjoy this special program. There will be something delightful for everyone, delicious foods, ikebana items, fresh flower arrangements, jewelry, ceramics from famous potters, a silent auction of pre-owned containers, and a big bundles of friendship. This is our annual fundraising opportunity with the proceeds from the sales funding our programs. See you on December 9!

In Friendship Through Flowers.

Thanh Nguyen President

## Who is in the News

Nobu Kurashige-sensei performed a gorgeous demonstration: on the right is her finale arrangement. Below she begins her arrangement in a *botan ka*go.









Above: Nobu Kurashige-sensei arranges a selection of Ikenobo works with the assistance of Sandra Hatcher. Below left: (L to R) Honored Guests from the Indonesian Consulate, Mrs. Yakima Samad with daughter Fahima, and Mrs. Yulima Hermawan, wife of the Consul General of Indonesia. Center: (L to R) President Thanh Nguyen, Kurashige-sensei, Elena Martin, Kazuko Kajisa, and Hideko Metaxas. Right: Kurashige-sensei and J.R. Neurge



#### NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED

We are so pleased to welcome 18 new members. Joan Finnie and Christie Hastings presented six new members attending with chrysanthemums.

Right: (L to R) Christie Hastings, Elizabeth Bestul, Lesli Hobart, Nora Dowley, Joan Finnie, Paulette Vandamme, Jessie Roth, and Ramona Rideout



### OUR HONORARY PRESIDENT IS WELCOMED

A Delegation of our board members welcomed Mrs. Tei Nagayoshi, Wife of the Deputy Consul General of Japan at a luncheon in San Francisco's Hotel Nikko. We thank Joan Suzuki for organizing the venue.

#### **IKEBANA SUPPLIES**

Many thanks to our members who generously contributed to the November Ikebana Supplies table: Nancy Locke, Keeth Souza-Courpet, Irene Jenkins, Sumi Metz, Marty Dorn, Yayoi Aoki, Nadine Suyehiro, Barbara Gordon, Diane Coughtry. As our storage space is so limited, please pick up your unsold items or we will have to dispose of them.

After our December meeting please continue to bring your fresh cut and dried materials, potted cuttings, ikebana books, containers, and used equipment all in good condition as donations for the Supplies Table.

Our Chapter has published the "Tips" books that lists methods of conditioning cut materials. These books are not only a tremendous tool for our members but are being sold throughout the country to other chapters. They will be for sale at the 2017 March I.I. Exhibition. We thank Christie Hastings, Joan Finnie and the rest of their committee who developed this booklet.

#### THE SOCIAL HOUR ~ REFRESHMENTS SERVED AND FRIENDSHIPS MADE!



Above: (L to R) Emiko Hikido, Ikuko Iwata, Minako Tanaka, Chizuko Nakamura, Aiko Nitao, and Rayko Kurasaki Below Left: Carole Gray and June Matsuoka Below Right: Ethel Otani and Nora Dowley

We thank the following generous members who donated to the October Tea Table: Irene Jenkins, Rayko Kurosaki, Joan Suzuki, Jessie Roth, Yoko Tahara, Marty Dorn, Monica Schaeffert, Kathy Toy, Sharon Krawetz, Nadine

Suyehiro, Louise Ow Ling, and Luciana Mazzola. No donations are required

for the December meeting as lunch is available and the January meeting treats are provided by the



board. However, please signup for future meetings when the sheet is passed



Above: (L to R) Nadine Suyehiro, Jessie Roth Below: Julie Nakatani and Eric Williams



during the meeting to bring treats for the Tea Table. We need 10-12 donations per meeting and have been falling short of this number. The social hour following

the demonstration is the time when we catch-up with each other. To make it easier for our

Hospitality crew please bring your donation ready for the table on a serving plate with your name and phone number on the back. Remember to sign in when you deliver your donations to the kitchen and retrieve your plate after the tea service.

### DONATIONS

Our members generously donate to honor family or friends who have passed away, to celebrate special occasions, support the General Fund for programs, or for maintenance in the Garden of Fragrance or the Moon Viewing Pavilion in Strybing Arboretum, both of which were initially funded by our chapter. If you are interested in donating, send 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.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We still very much need one or two volunteers to help the Staging Chair, Elan Rosenquist, as he is not always available. The work is simple, not demanding physically, and you will be carefully trained. If you can work backstage for two or three programs this year, please contact Elan at 415-826-9314 or email <u>1eyedstandard@gmail.com</u>.

### CARPOOL, CARPOOL, CARPOOL! -- Friendship Through Flowers!

If you have room in your car for a passenger or need a ride, we will put you in touch with members in your area. Contact Josephine Li, <u>josephinemmli@gmail.com</u>, 650 823-6558, or Sharon Krawetz, <u>skrawetz@gmail.com</u>, 408 739-7936.

# Future Events 2016-2017

**March 18-19, 2017: I.I. Bay Area Chapter's Biennial Exhibition.** Set up begins March 15, with individuals installing on the 17th. Show Packets are available now! Look for yours in the mail soon if you have not picked it up at a meeting. Members are requested to purchase the tickets or promptly return them in the envelope provided. *Everyone* needs a ticket to be admitted to the show.

March 14-19, 2017: Bouquets to Art 2017, de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park Louise Ow Ling is exhibiting for I.I. representing the Ikenobo School.

April 8-9 & April 15-19, 2017: Cherry Blossom Festival 50th Anniversary, San Francisco. Ikebana exhibit and demonstrations by the Ikebana Teachers' Federation on April 8-9 both days in the 1st floor of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California,1840 Sutter St., San Francisco.

**April 12-15, 2017: Ikebana International's 11<sup>th</sup> World Convention** at the Okinawa Convention Center. For information email: <u>ikebanaconvention@ikebanahq.org</u>. or phone +81-3-3293-8188.