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I clap my hands

and to the echo day dawns

the summer moon ~ Basho/ Hoshino, Pennington

Our Concluding Program

This covers the Sogetsu Demonstration, your next Newsletter will be in September to welcome you back and inform you of the programs for the coming year. Enjoy your summer!!

- Date and Time:** May 19th, 2017 Friday 12 Noon
- Program:** Sogetsu School Celebrates 90 Years
- Demonstrators:** Joan Suzuki, Yoshiko Williams, Ron Brown, Soho Sakai
- Day Chair:** Keeth Souza-Courpet
- Location:** San Francisco County Fair Building
 1199 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way on MLK Dr.
 Members admitted free. Non-members are welcome with a \$5.00 fee. For payment information contact: Elizabeth Bestul, eliza2345@yahoo.com.
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Sogetsu School Celebrates 90 Years



Above: Joan Suzuki, representing Iemoto Sofu Teshigahara, arranged in a basket given to her by Iemoto. Right top: Suzuki-sensei arranges her second arrangement. Right lower: Sensei with her assistant, Jane Naito.



Above: Yoshiko Williams with her assistant Shirley Chan, Mina Lum not shown. Yoshiko-sensei represented Kasumi Teshigahara, who loved gypsophila and miniature arrangement. Above right:: Yoshiko-sensei's first arrangement. Lower and right: Her second arrangement.



Below: Yoshiko-sensei's last arrangement with Iemoto Kasumi's kimono.



Above right: The works of Ron Brown, representing Iemoto Hiroshi Teshigahara in the far left and Soho Sakai, representing Iemoto Akane Teshigahara in the near right front. Chair of the Day, Keeth Souza-Courpet at the podium. Below left: Ron Brown with one of his arrangements. Ron was assisted by Elan Rosenquist, middle image. Below right: Soho Sakai on the left with her assistant Ruth Sootaru. Also assisting shown lower right, John Shoemaker.





Ron Brown's Arrangements



Soho Sakai's Arrangements

The President's Message

Dear Friends,

Sogetsu 90th Anniversary program was a triple exclamation point to finish the year on a grand scale and a happy note. Kudos to the presenters... Joan Suzuki, Yoshiko Williams, Ron Brown, and Soho Sakai!!! Your artistry and cohesive show of force representing the ninety years history of Sogetsu left an everlasting effect in our memory.

Alas, I was not fortunate to attend this celebration. Although my condition has improved every day, I knew I could not make it through such a long day. It is one of my biggest regrets. Thank you for leaving encouraging messages, sending well wishes, and including me in your thoughts.

I am going to take it easy this summer, just do as much as my energy allows and as little as I can get away with. We still have a few things to wrap up over the summer, planning for next year's programs, setting the budget for the new fiscal year, and so on. By summer's end, with bright eyes and bushy tails we will be all excited to start another fantastic year.

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Without your unwavering support to our ikebana cause, we would not be able to produce such an amazing flower show and the monthly programs that are second to none. Please enjoy the warm sunshine during this break, take a long walk on the beach or among the giant redwoods, think about all the wonderful things friendship has to offer. I will do the same and will be thinking about you, my friends.

Friendship Through Flowers, forever.

Thanh Nguyen

Who is in the News

THE SOCIAL HOUR -- REFRESHMENTS SERVED AND FRIENDSHIPS REFRESHED!

Our thanks to the following for their generous donations to the Tea Table: Rayko Kurosaki, Mary Venkat, Lesli Hobart, Joan Finnie, Sophia Wu, Teodora Ngo, Carole Gray, Sandra Hatcher, Fiona Li, Beverley Walker, Jessie Roth, and Joan Suzuki



Left: June Matsuoka and Michiko Shimoda. Right (left to right): Mitsuko Maruyama and Louise Ow Ling. Lower left (left to right) Yoshiko Williams, Chris Mehling, and Ron Brown Lower middle (left to right) Lin and Wendy Zhang and Jennifer Hei. Below right: (left to right) Setsuko Iwami, Mieko Taketa and Sandra Hatcher



THE BOARD AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS

This organization is run by volunteers and we need help in several areas. Our board is made up of wonderful, welcoming, talented and dedicated professionals. It is a place where strong friendships are formed through shared tasks. We invite you to join and participate.

We are delighted to say we have now filled the Historian position, Susan Okada will be installed in September. Our audio chair, Elan Rosenquist, is unfortunately leaving this position and we need help in this slot. You will be taught the simple procedures to work this extremely necessary aspect of our meetings. We need help with the Newsletter as well, so if you have writing and document production in your background, please come forward. **We need your help.** A co-chair is already in place to assist. In addition to this there are several co-chair positions open which do not require the same level of work as the chair and allows non-voting attendance to the board meetings. It is a great way to become acquainted with the board and help out too! Please contact Thanh Nguyen at nguyeh@gmail.com.

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

We gratefully acknowledge donations to our Supplies Table by: Dena Valenzuela, Diane Coughtry, Susan Carter, Betty Jetter, Agnes van Boeschoten, and Katsuko Thielke. We are most thankful to our patrons who come to shop each month.

DONATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the generous contribution Sally Sutherland and Joan Suzuki to the general fund, Agnes van Boeschoten in Memory of John Hastings. Thank you so very much.

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 would like to donate, 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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Members may still mail in applications and dues, however a \$15 late fee now applies as the cut off was May 31. If you lost your application use this page, download it from the site, or contact Elizabeth Bestul at eliza2345@yahoo.com. All members must complete this form as Japan requires this information. If you have submitted funds without an accompanying application, you will not be a registered member.

Future Events 2016-2017

July 2, 2017 Demonstration: Members of the Sogetsu San Francisco Branch will do a demonstration at the Marin County Fair at 12:00 noon, Sunday on the Blue Ribbon Stage, The Branch has also exhibited and received a special award for their display. Members have participated for several years.

October 21 & 22, 2017 Ohara Ikebana Exhibition: Ohara Chapter celebrates the autumn season with a flower show at the Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA. The show is open from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm. Questions: Mitsuko Maruyama at mitsmaruyama@gmail.com or Kathy Toy at kltoy@aol.com

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