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cold winternight  
a starry sky, widely stretched  
like a baldachin

Brigitte Stagl

**Program:** Ikebana Holidays  
**Date and Time:** Friday, December 8, 2017 12:00 pm  
**Program Chair:** Keeth Souza-Courpet & Ron Brown, Co-chairs  
**Location:** San Francisco County Fair Bldg., 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.  
**Admission:** Visitors are welcome and guests are invited to attend for free this month!

You won't want to miss this diverse and festive demonstration. Please join us for Ikebana Holidays presented by representatives of seven schools.

**Toshiko Shaw** has extensive training in three Schools of Ikebana since 1956, Ikenobo (in Japan), Wafukai and currently Aratame under the guidance of Sumi Metz. She teaches ikebana classes at her church and in her home and has exhibited frequently for Ikebana International.

**Christina Schuknecht** has always had an interest in Ikebana and her study of the Chiko School of Ikebana in 2005 with her sensei Michiko Hosoda. In 2006 she became a member of I.I., participated in our SF Chapter Flower Shows since 2007, displayed arrangements at many of our meetings, as well as participated in demonstrations for I.I. Christina is responsible for the beautiful photographs taken for our Chapter.

**Beverly Walker** had the good fortune to return to the Bay Area in 2003, and to discover Ichiei Sakaki teaching Enshu Ikebana. She is now in the capable hands of Rayko Kurosaki, who continues to present new techniques to master. She has received her flower name and an intermediate certificate, and countless hours of enjoyment.

**Margaret Kurasaki** has been a student of Ikenobo Ikebana, initially learning from her mother for close to 40 years. She has demonstrated ikebana at Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, service clubs and Japanese Festivals around the Bay Area. She is currently the treasurer of Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Northern California and the first Vice President of Ikebana Teacher's Federation. She has served as a translator for visiting Ikenobo professors providing explanations during demonstrations and workshops.

**Yasuko Naiki** is a 4th term Master of the Ohara School of Ikebana. She was born in Tokyo. While in high school she began Ikebana studies and received her instructor degree. After moving here, she resumed her studies with Grandmaster Suiyo Fujimoto in 2011. She is an active member of the Ohara Ikebana School, Northern California Chapter and the North America Ohara Teachers Association, as well as Ikebana International.

**Jane Naito** has studied Ikebana for the past fifteen years with her sensei, Joan *Yusui* Suzuki and holds her Nikyu Shihan - Sanyo certificate from the Sogetsu School. Jane represented Ikebana International at the de Young Museum's Bouquets to Arts floral exhibit in 2012 and is currently an annual exhibitor at the de Young's annual event. Jane has also exhibits annually at the Filoli Flower Show and at the Cherry Blossom Festival.

**Susan Okada** joined the Wafu School of Ikebana in September 1995. She earned the Teachers degree in August 2001, and received her flower name "Nansei". She was awarded the Sanyo degree in April 2009. Susan is an active member of the California chapter of Wafu Kai School of Ikebana, Ikebana International and Ikebana Teachers Federation. She has participated in flower shows for all three organizations including Cherry Blossom Festivals in San Francisco and Cupertino. She also served as logistics chairperson for the last two Wafu Kai flower shows. Susan is our Chapter's historian.

### **Holiday Bazaar – Shop Shop Shop!!!**

This will be a fun time to shop! There will be food, ceramics by our favorite potters and crafts for sale. Please bring containers for our silent auction and donate holiday arrangements to be sold during the bazaar.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends,

Autumn arrived bringing some good rain, a good sign for another bountiful rainfall year. My ginkgo tree sheds its golden leaves at every whispering breeze. The fan-shape leaves cover the lawn and pathways, brighten the garden with its golden hues. What a glorious time of the year. Soon the branches will be bared marking another passing of the season.

My heart was deeply saddened by the passing of our fondly beloved friend and board member Sally Sutherland. Sally dedicated forty years serving the chapter. She was kind, soft-spoken and an exquisite writer. She was the writer and editor of the Chapter's newsletter until her retirement a couple years ago. Her warm and personal writing style made us feel connected and strengthened our bond. Her wonderful and gentle soul will forever remain in our hearts. In recognition of her friendship and a life-long devotion to San Francisco Chapter, the I.I. Board of Directors voted to give a donation in her name to the SF Arboretum Garden of Fragrance and the Moon Viewing Pavilion.

November's program "Autumn Brilliance" was superb with the demonstration of Dorothy Chu from the Wafu School. As we celebrate the Holiday Season and end the year 2017 on a high note, let's make December's program one of festivity, joy, and friendship. Please bring lots of friends to fill the hall, complete your holiday shopping, enjoy the food, purchase new containers, and watch the demonstration by seven schools of Ikebana. The Holiday Bazaar is our second largest fund-raising event and your support will go a long way in funding our operation. I look forward to seeing you on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> in Happy Holiday Spirit.

In Friendship Through Flowers  
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## **DONATIONS**

We would like to thank Sharon Krawetz, Ron Brown, Kayoko Fujimoto and Joan Suzuki for their donations in honor of Sally Sutherland. We also thank Joan Suzuki for her donation in memory of Mrs. Sakaki and Mary Uyeno.

If you would like to support our Chapter by making a gift in memory of someone, a family member or friend, please make your check payable to "Ikebana International" and write your gift's purpose in the check's memo space. Mail your check to Louise Ow Ling, Treasurer; 2764 McAllister St. #5, San Francisco, CA 94118. All donations are acknowledged and may be tax deductible, as provided by law.

## **CONDOLENCE**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our dear friend Sally Sutherland on November 7 2017. We were so fortunate to have Sally volunteer on our Board and we benefited greatly from her outstanding skill and expertise in writing and journalism. She made all of us "sound" good Her thoughtful words brought artistry and harmony to us each month. Her words were an expression of her kindness and heartfelt joy of Ikebana. We miss her dearly and hope that our wonderful memories will continue to fulfill us.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Please give a warm welcome to the following members who joined our Chapter this year: Jennifer Chen, Michael Johnston, Yvonne Liu, Kathy L Huang, Suzanna Barbee, Trista Berkovitz, Alka Bhargava, Carolyn Chris, Jolene Hsu, Yvonne Ip, Mary Lane, Constanze Lasowski, Ann Lew, Joan Rock, Emma Soloveychik, Yuliya Wetterell, Cynthia Woods and Ronald Yee

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCIES**

Serving on the board of directors is a rewarding experience. We currently have one open vacancy Media: Newsletter (responsible for preparing our monthly newsletter). We are pleased to announce the Ronald Yee has accepted the position of Staging. The board meets from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. before the regular program. Please contact Thanh Nguyen [ikebanasfo@gmail.com](mailto:ikebanasfo@gmail.com) (650-854-8897) if you are interested.

## **IKEBANA SUPPLIES**

The Supply Table would like to thank the following individuals for generously donating in November; Grace Murata, Irene Jenkins, Elizabeth Bestul, Yayoi Aoki and Dianne Krueger.

Thank you  
Marty Dorn

## **TEA TABLE**

We enjoyed the delightful treats generously donated by Fusako Hoyrup, J.R. Nuerge, Diane Krueger, Teodora Ngo, Jennie Cho, Robyn Torres, Ramona Rideout, Gloria Lee, Ron Yee, Yayoi Aoki, Louise Ow Ling and Joan Suzuki. If you can provide hospitality treats please sign up at the meeting or contact Hospitality Co-Chairs Teodora Ngo ([pingn8@gmail.com](mailto:pingn8@gmail.com)) or Sophia Wu ([suhuiswu@gmail.com](mailto:suhuiswu@gmail.com)).

## **COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

### **March 17-19, 2018**

The Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Northern California Ikenobo Ikebana Chapter's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held March 17-19, 2018. The celebration will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center, San Francisco. The highlight will be a demonstration by Headmaster Sen'ei Ikenobo from Kyoto, Japan.

**Highlights from the November program  
Autumn Brilliance by Dorothy Chu**



## Side Table Arrangements



Irene Jenkins



Dianne Kreuger



Gloria Lee



Tova Matatyaou



Sumi Metz



Yasuko Naiki



Teodora Ngo



Christina Schuknecht



Keeth Souza Courpet



Dena Valenzuela

A special thank you to Christina Schuknecht for the beautiful photography