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the winter storm
hid in the bamboo grove
and quieted away
Basho

Program: **Ikebana in the New Year**
Date and Time: Friday, January 19, 2018 12:00 pm
Program Chair: Ron Brown
Location: San Francisco County Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.
Admission: Visitors are welcome

Kayoko Fujimoto began teaching Ohara ikebana in 1952 after coming to the USA from Japan with her husband and two young sons. She has distinguished herself not only in her local ikebana activities but has been recognized by the Emperor of Japan in 2010 with the prestigious Order of the Rising Sun, Golden and Silver Rays for her outstanding service to Ikebana and promoting the traditional culture Of Japan. She had the rarified lifetime membership awarded to her by the Ohara School, received the Bunka Hall of Fame induction for contributions to Japanese ikebana and enhancing community relations. She is also a charter member and founder of both I.I. and ITF in the Bay area as well as a member of the Ohara Chapter, North American Ohara Teachers' Association, and the Suiyo Flower Club. She continues to actively teach and demonstrate.

Fusako Hoyrup's accolades and awards are numerous and include distinguished teaching awards from Bay Area colleges and adult education. She was inducted into the Bunka Hall of Fame in 2010 for her excellence and contribution to ikebana. In 2015, the Consul General of Japan San Francisco, recognized her for her continuous effort to share the art of ikebana in California promoting friendship and a deeper understanding between California and Japan. She teaches at the Adult and Community Education Program in the Fremont Union High School District and also gives private lessons. She is an active member of all of the flower organizations in the Bay Area and has served on the board and is past president of the Ikebana Teachers' Federation. She is also an associate member of Sacramento and Monterey I.I. Chapters. She teaches internationally and throughout the United States.

Nobu Kurashige has a distinguished history of achievements advancing knowledge and appreciation of Japanese culture. Since 1986, at the request of the Japanese government, Professor Kurashige has lectured and demonstrated ikebana in over 50 countries in Asia, Europe, Middle East, South Africa and Latin America. Some of her invitational exhibitions and displays include the Bonn National Museum in Germany, Reitberg Museum in Zurich, and the Tokyo National Museum. She currently teaches privately in San Francisco.

Sumi Metz has a deep understanding and thorough knowledge of ikebana and is well known for her vibrant, fascinating creations. In 2000 Aratame Headmaster Seigyo Aratame invited Sumi to join his then-fledgling school which was founded in 1993 and asked her to become his assistant; later

appointing her President of Aratame-ryu USA. Having joined I.I. in 1980, she has serving on the board of directors several times. She also is a member of the ITF. She demonstrates and exhibits for I.I. as well as businesses, schools, and other organizations in the Bay Area. Her work has been seen at the Asian Art Museum, the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, Bouquets to Art at the de Young Museum, and the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival. She also has exhibited in Paris, Toronto, Canada, Monterey, CA. A special honor came when she was selected as the Oversea Member Demonstrator for I.I.'s 9th World Convention in Tokyo. She also provides ikebana instruction for school children in Cupertino.

Joan Suzuki began teaching in San Francisco 1953 while assisting her mother Uchida who introduced Sogetsu to the Bay Area. In 1968 she was awarded the Model Teacher Award (Mohan-sho) and in 1973 Sofu Teshigahara, Sogetsu's Founding Headmaster conferred the highest rank of the school, *Riji*, on her. His son, Hiroshi and his granddaughter Akane would go on to award Sogetsu *Elyo-sho* award at separate times on Mrs. Suzuki. Consul General Jun Yamada recently gave her a commendation for promoting friendship between the US and Japan thru ikebana. She is a charter member of I.I. Chapter 31 and advisor; charter member of ITF and Past President; Director Emeritus for Sogetsu SF Bay Area Branch and Active teacher and demonstrator locally and out-of-state.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2018 Greetings to my Dearest Friends,

I had an extraordinary experience this holiday season. My husband and I decided to spend our holiday on a train across the country to enjoy the beautiful landscape of America from the ground up. One morning the train passed Iowa. The vast fields of corn stretching out to the horizon were covered with snow. By now, the corn was long harvested and only brown stocks remained in the field. We lived here some forty plus years ago. It was the first American city that we settled as refugees. My two young brothers, in their early teens spent the summers working in these fields. They got up at dawn and rode on a truck to the corn field where they began their day detasseling corn. By the time they returned home, they were covered with mud to the waist, exhausted and most often fell asleep before dinner. When the summer was over and the corn season finished, they washed dishes at a restaurant after school.

The younger siblings, my ten-year old brother and twelve-year old sister shared a paper route. It was always severe in the winters where sub- zero temperatures were the norm. It was pitch dark when they got up and dressed with layers and layers of clothes with only their eyes peeping out. These two tiny kids stacked loads of newspapers on an old sled, pulled it through thick snow and delivered the paper on the porch of each house. They were always given a nice tip each month for their diligent work. They are now all grown up, have professional careers, family and children of their own. The memories of those days are precious.

As we begin 2018, we will celebrate our 58th Anniversary on January 19. It will be a not-to-be-missed New Year program with demonstrations by our distinguished School Advisors. Please join me in this celebration with cake, champagne and your holiday stories.

May this New Year start with new Joy and be filled with Peace. May it bring you Health and Comfort. May it renew you with Inspiration and endless Artistic Discoveries.

In Friendship Through Flowers,

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DONATIONS

We would like to thank Carole Gray for her donation in honor of Sally Sutherland. We also thank Beverly Walker and Luciana Mazzola for their generous donations.

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.

PARKING UPDATE: IMPORTANT CHANGES TO OUR PARKING RULES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The County Fair Hall staff has implemented new parking rules concerning the use of the back parking lot. These rules were triggered by incidents at our December meeting. Effective January 1, 2018, you must unload and then park ONLY in our assigned parking area on MLK Drive between 8th and 9th Avenues. Ron Brown will contact the Day Chair each month to notify them of space availability. Any available space will be assigned and marked specifically for our demonstrator(s). **Do not park in any open space in the back lot.** The park patrol will now be monitoring the back parking lot. Any vehicles not parked in a designated assigned spot will be cited and/or towed! The fines for parking illegally or being towed are significant. Unfortunate as it is, these are the rules we are to abide by. The Board appreciates your adhering to this new mandate from the Hall authorities. Parking on MLK drive 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Please give a warm welcome to our newest member Wendy Pine (Sogetsu)
Her contact information is: 1458 Nunneley Road, Paradise, CA 95969
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IKEBANA SUPPLIES

The Supply Table would like to thank the following individuals for generously donating in December, Grace Murata, Roth Soroujon on behalf of her father, Joan Suzuki and Michiko Shimoda.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR / TEA TABLE

We enjoyed the delightful treats at the holiday bazaar. Thanks to everyone in our Chapter who donated. If you can provide hospitality treats for a future meeting please sign up at the meeting or contact Hospitality Co-Chairs Teodora Ngo (pingn8@gmail.com) or Sophia Wu (suhuiswu@gmail.com).

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March 3 - 4, 2018

Wafu School of Ikebana 48th Anniversary Flower Show "Spring Awakening"
Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino

March 17- 19, 2018

The Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America's 50th Anniversary and the Northern California Ikenobo Ikebana Chapter's 55th 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 December program “Ikebana Holidays”



Margaret Kurasaki – Ikenobo



Yasuko Naiki - Ohara



Jane Naito – Sogetsu



Susan Okada – Wafu



Toshiko Shaw – Aratame



Beverly Walker - Enshu



Christina Schucknecht - Chiko



A tremendous thank you to our fabulous demonstrators

Tomiko Shaw, Susan Okada, Yasuko Naiki, Margaret Kurasaki, Jane Naito, Beverly Walker and Christina Schucknecht





Thank you to all of our members and all of our shoppers!!!

A special thank you to Christina Schucknecht for the beautiful photography!