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two wild ducks  
alighting on my pond  
a brace forever

Herman Van Rompuy

Program: **Haru no Umi, Spring Sea**  
Date and Time: Friday March 16, 2018 12:00 pm  
Program Chair: Sahshah Middleton  
Location: San Francisco County Fair Bldg., 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.  
Admission: Visitors are welcome (\$5.00 admission fee at the door). Contact Elizabeth Bestul at 408-244-5576 or via email: [eliza2345@yahoo.com](mailto:eliza2345@yahoo.com)

## YOSHIKO WILLIAMS

Yoshiko Williams was born in Yokohama Japan and came to San Francisco in 1969. She assisted in her Aunt's flower shop while attending Business College. While working as an accountant she took the floral design course at City College of San Francisco where she started studying Sogetsu Ikebana with Soho Sakai. Yoshiko became a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers in 1964. She continued studying Ikebana and attained the title Riji, the highest teachers rank in Sogetsu School. Recently she has been studying with Tetsunori Kawana, Master teacher and world recognized Ikebana artist. She recently participated in Kawana's study group Ikebana Flower show at Sogetsu plaza, known as "Tengoku" designed by Isamu Noguchi in Tokyo, Japan. She is a member of Ikebana International San Francisco, Sogetsu San Francisco Branch and Ikebana Teachers Federation. She is currently serving as president of Ikebana Teachers Federation. She teaches in San Mateo has participated in Ikebana with the Millbrae Japanese Cultural Festival & Bouquets to Art at the DeYoung Museum

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

After a very dry January, the rain brought a nice relief. Flowering branches are in full blooms. Fields of wild yellow mustard blanket every hill and valley. Spring is definitely here with a vengeance. March is a busy and exciting month with a prolific agenda of flower activities. The 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wafu show has just concluded. As a member of Wafu, I would like to thank all Ikebana friends who came to show your support. Bouquets to Art at DeYoung Museum is right after the Wafu show. Many Ikebana arrangements will be displayed and it has always been a highly popular event. Northern California Chapter of Ikenobo will celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an exhibition and demonstration the same weekend as Bouquets to Art. This event is not to be missed. It is a rare opportunity to see both Ikenobo Headmaster and Headmaster Designate coming to the Bay Area to demonstrate. I am also looking forward to Yoshiko Williams' I.I. program "Spring Sea" on March 16. It should be full of excitement.

The Ikebana community in the Bay Area is a close-knit community who share the love of flowers and Ikebana art. By seeing other school exhibits, we support each other and refresh our mind with new creative ideas. So pack up your gear and get ready for the fun ride through all these flower shows in the weeks to come.

In Friendship Through Flowers.  
Thanh Nguyen

## **DONATIONS**

We would like to thank and acknowledge the generous donation from Dr. Robert F. Foran in memory of Sally Sutherland. 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. You must unload and then park **ONLY** in our assigned parking area on MLK Drive between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues. This space is reserved for Ikebana International members. 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 be monitoring and vehicles not parked in a designated assigned spot will be cited and/or towed! The fines for parking illegally or being towed are significant. 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.

## **IKEBANA SUPPLIES**

The Supply Table would like to thank the following people for their kind donations: Ron Brown, Irene Jenkins, Marty Dorn, Sally Sutherland and Chris Bon. Please donate any of your pruned branches, divided perennials, or other plants. Our members will put them to good use!

We have received another book donation from Ruth Soroujon. The books are in great shape and the majority are focused on Ikebana. They will make great additions to your library or a special gift to an Ikebana friend.

## **TEA TABLE**

We enjoyed the tasty refreshments generously donated by Mary Venkat, Ron Brown, Sumi Metz, Thanh Nguyen, Reine Flexer, Meiyu Flanagn, Chris White, Sophia Wu, Liz Vernon and Dianne Krueger. 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 our February Program “Succulent Designs”



**Alka Bhargava – Ichiyo**



**Nancy Carlson – Chiko**



**Irene Jenkins – Aratame**



**Rayko Kurosaki – Enshu**

## Side Table Arrangements



**Yoshiko Gilli**



**Sumi Metz**



**Keeth Souza Courpet**



**Dianne Krueger**



**Tova Matatyaou**



**Louise Ow Ling**



**Elan Rosenquist**



**Christina Schucknecht**



**Nadine Suyehiro**

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