



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31

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Program: **Ohara Legacy**
Date and Time: Friday September 20, 2018 12:00 pm
Demonstrators: Kayoko Fujimoto, Mitsuko Maruyama, Setsuko Iwami
Program Chair: Kathy Toy
Location: San Francisco County Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.
Admission: Visitors are welcome (\$5.00 admission fee, paid in advance). Contact Elizabeth Bestul at 408-244-5576 or via email: eliza2345@yahoo.com

Ohara opens the new season

We open our new season with a program representing the Legacy of Ohara. This program brings us together after the summer recess to enjoy the beauty of Ikebana and reunite with our friends following the program.

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.

Mitsuko Maruyama was born in Ohita, Japan and came to the United State at the age of 15. In 1971, she began ikebana studies in the Ohara School. In 1977, she earned her first teaching degree and has earned successive degrees since then. In May 2008, she received Ohara School's First Term Master's degree. For over 40 years she has been an active member of ikebana organizations. Currently, she is President of the Ohara Ikebana School of Northern California Chapter. She is a member of North American Ohara Teachers Association. She is past President of Ikebana International San Francisco Chapter and the Ikebana Teachers Federation. She has demonstrated and exhibited ikebana at numerous flower shows including those presented by Ohara Ikebana School Northern California Chapter, the Asian Art Museum and Cherry Blossom festival in San Francisco.

Setsuko Iwami was born in Kyoto, Japan and had studied Ikenobo Ikebana for five years in Japan before moving to the Bay Area where she began studying Ikebana with Ohara School and continues her studies with her teacher, Ms. Suiko Maruyama. She currently holds the rank of Associate 2nd Term Master. Setsuko is a board member of the Ohara School of Ikebana, Northern California Chapter and currently serves as Recording Secretary and a member of North America Ohara Teachers Association. She serves on the boards of Ikebana International San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and Ikebana Teachers Federation. She has given demonstrations and exhibited arrangements at various flower shows, including those hosted by the Ohara Ikebana School of

Northern California, Ikebana International Bay Area Chapter and San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival.

WELCOME BACK PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Mother nature has once again shown her harsh side to us Californians. The wild fires that have devastated areas up and down our state make us realize how fragile and unpredictable our existence with nature can be. I know that many of us have family and friends who have been affected by the fires. I hope that they are safe and getting their lives back to some sense of normalcy.

Just as nature has a way of rejuvenating itself after a disaster, we will be rejuvenated by our new program year. We begin with Ohara program that had to be canceled this past April. Kayoko Fujimoto, Mitsuko Maruyama and Setsuko Iwami present "Ohara Legacy", a look at the evolution of the Ohara School. In January, we have the return of Teacher Advisers. This program is always a joy to watch. February, we have an Aloha program. Four schools will demonstrate the use of tropical flowers. Live ukulele will accompany the program. There will even be Hawai'iian shirt sightings. Roy Borodin from the Brannan Street at the flower market will present our April program bringing with him exotic and unusual materials. Of course, March will be our biennial flower show. Entry materials will be available in November. We need everyone's help to insure a successful show. These are just some of the highlights of the year to come.

There has been a change to the Standing Rules that you need to be aware of. The Special Committees have been changed to Standing Committee status with voting rights. This change allows for greater input from the chairpersons responsible for the running of our Chapter.

Also, you have received a proxy from International Headquarters concerning Annual General Meeting Convocation that elects the new board of directors. It was dated August 10, 2018. This proxy vote must be returned to Headquarter via airmail, email or fax no later than September 20, 2018.

I look forward to seeing you all at our September meeting.

Ron Brown, President

DONATIONS

If you would like to support the 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.

TEA TABLE

If you can provide hospitality treats please sign up at the meeting or contact Hospitality Chair Rayko Kurasaki (raykokuro1@yahoo.com).

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The new 2018-2019 Membership Directory has been published and distributed. Please review information for accuracy. For corrections or omissions please notify Directory Editor, Irene Jenkins at irene_jenkins@att.net (408-739-9435). Please destroy (shred) obsolete Directories. The information is private and intended for chapter members only.

IKEBANA SUPPLIES

We have a name change for Ikebana Supplies. We are going back to our original name of "Ways and Means". The Committee wishes to thank the following individuals for generously donating items at our last meeting: Carol Gray, Sumi Metz, Michiko Shimoda, Barbara Gordon, Jim Crowther, and Teodora Ngo. We hope members will keep us in mind during the summer should they decide to shed Ikebana items. Thank you to all of you who have bought books. We hope you are enjoying them.