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Publication Schedule

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Input deadlines: **Dec. 15**, Mar. 15, June 15, Sept. 15. Whenever possible, the newsletter will be produced and sent out in the following months – January, April, July and October. Please send any information you want included by the input deadlines above. Future events will be emphasized.

EXHIBITIONS

October 7-8, 2011, exhibition celebrating chapter's 50th anniversary at the Canton Museum of Art. Patrons attending the exhibit, including children, will be offered the opportunity to create Ikebana under the direction of chapter members. **North Canton #54**

October 8 & 9, 2011, chapter will host a special exhibit as part of the Carolina Bonsai Expo at the North Carolina Arboretum on the second floor gallery and library of the Education Center. Terri Ellis Todd, teacher in the Ichiyo School and former chapter president will demonstrate on Saturday at 11 am in the Education Building in the first floor classroom. Exhibit and demonstration are free on Saturday from 9 to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 4 pm. **Asheville #74.**

October 22, 2011, all member exhibit and teacher demonstrations, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Pittsford Plaza, Rochester, NY. **Rochester #53.**

October 22-23, 2011, Chrysanthemum Show in the Japanese Garden Pavilion. **Portland #47.**

October 23, 2011, flower show celebrating 30th anniversary at the Toronto Botanical Gardens, Floral Hall. The Sogetsu school under Gregory Williams will be hosting "Fantastic." Members from various schools will display arrangements on the theme of Fans and demonstration. For details: www.ikebana-toronto.com. **Toronto #208.**

October 28-30, 2011, Tower Hill Ikebana Flower Show and demonstrations, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, 11 French Dr., West Boylston, MA. **Boston #17.**

November 3-6, 2011, "Art in Bloom," exhibition at the Cincinnati Art Museum, free. **Dayton #33.**

November 5-6, 2011, exhibition at Longwood Gardens from 9 to 5 pm. **Philadelphia #71.**

January 28, 2012, "Year of the Dragon," annual exhibition at Asian Festival, Institute of Texan Cultures, 15th anniversary of the Asian Festival at 10-5 pm. **San Antonio #46.**

February 25-26, 2012, “Fan”tastic Ikebana Exhibition at Selby Gardens, Sarasota, from 10-5 pm. **Sarasota #115.**

March 4-11, 2012, annual ikebana exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show. **Philadelphia #71.**

March 15-18, 2012, Spring Exhibition and Japanese Culture Show in the Casa del Prado Bldg., Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. **San Diego #119.**

March 16-17, 2012, exhibition at the New Hanover County Arboretum, 6206 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, NC. **Wilmington #212.**

March 22-24, 2012, exhibition at the Moorings Presbyterian Church. **Naples #160.**

March 24 & 25, 2012, exhibition, “Paper and Ikebana,” at Treasure Island Community Center, 1 Park Pl and 106 Ave, Treasure island, FL **St Petersburg #65.**

March 26-27, 2012, exhibition, “Bamboo and Ikebana,” Treasure Island Community Center, Treasure, Island, FL **St. Petersburg #65.**

April 14-15, 2012, exhibit at the Bluebonnet Library, Baton Rouge, LA **Baton Rouge #42.**

May 24-28, 2012, exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of art. **New York #7.**



Message from Sumako Solenberger

It is through the support of the wonderful people, chapters and schools that Ikebana International North/Central American Region was able to bring “Friendship through Flowers” to earthquake/tsunami/radiation victims in Japan. Our total donation of \$17,730 was wire transferred to the Japan Red Cross directly. We are very, very grateful to all of you for your support.

Ikebana International Inc (Fund) owns a DVD of Princess Takamado, our I.I. Honorary President who was interviewed by the NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation). Although she did not mention Ikebana International, it is still a wonderful interview to get to know her. If your chapter would like to have one of the copies for your library, please let me know. Sumako Iwaya Solenberger: (301) 655-2725.



Calendar of Special Programs or Events

October 5, 2011, “Shokas Made Simple,” Betty Magella, Ikenobo, will explain the basics of a Shoka Shimputai. Bring hasami, medium kenzan and your creativity, everything else will be provided. Meet at Moss Hall at the Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Dr., at 9 am. **Naples #160.**

October 13, 2011, “Flower Arrangement using Driftwood and Native Materials,” by Beth Zimpleman (Ichiyo and Ohara Schools) at the San Antonio Garden Center. **San Antonio #46.**

October 17, 2011, “Kingyo Sukui,” using washi paper to make Ikebana arrangements influenced by fish scoops. All day workshop. Instructors: Kathy LaDuke and Jeanne Houlton. **St. Petersburg #65.**

October 18, 2011, Sumi-e (Japanese black-ink painting) demonstration/workshop by guest speaker Ms. Wilders. Visitor’s Center Ballroom—above the Gift Shop, Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami, Florida. Please call Susan Garcia 786-493-6659 for any questions or email susangarcia54@aol.com. **Miami #131.**

October 18, 2011, Hideko Rainey will conduct a hands-on workshop emphasizing the trimming of a tree branch for inclusion in an arrangement. **Augusta #81.**

October 19, 2011, instructional “free play” workshop at 10 am. At the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N. Ave. of the Arts, Surprise, AZ. **Sun Cities #167.**

October 20, 2011, “Celebrating aki no nanakusa —festival of seven grasses,” at the Trinity River Audubon Center for a mini-workshop using a variety of grasses from the Center’s property to make arrangements celebrating “aki no nanakusa.” **Dallas #13.**

October 21, 2011, “Treasure Box,” demonstration program with Irene Jenkins, Aratame School; Michiko Hosoda, Chiko School; Yayoi Aoki, Ikenobo School, Akiko Akiyama, Ohara School; Leslie Kodama, Sogetsu School, and Luciana Mazzola, Wafu School at 12 noon at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA. **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31.**

October 25, 2011, “Using Fall Materials—A Look Into Fall Colors,” demonstration with Judy Melton, Ohara School. **Asheville #74.**

October 26, 2011, Judy Fine will make arrangements using leaves. **Ottawa Centennial #120.**

October 26, 2011, demonstration and workshop by Sadako Oehler, Grand Master of the Ikenobo School. **San Diego #119.**

November 1, 2011, “Orikata—the Art of Gift Wrapping,” President Marcia Norberg will lead a workshop of wrapping gifts with the Japanese flare of Orikata. Papers will be provided. Member ginza and lunch at Moss Hall at the Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Dr. beginning at 9 am. **Naples #160.**

November 10, 2011, “Getting Ready for the Holidays with Christmas Table Centerpieces” by Don Olsen, Ichiyo School, at the San Antonio Garden Center. **San Antonio #46.**

November 14, 2011, Mary Sharrow and Ann Marie Spriggs demonstrate arrangements that can be “A Room with a View.” **St. Petersburg #65.**

November 15, 2011, Bonsai Lecture and demonstration by Todd Hansen and Lizzy Cruz at the Espousal Center, 554 Lexington St., Waltham, MA.. **Boston #17.**

November 15, 2011, members will use their dried wisteria sculpture to be part of an arrangement. **Augusta #81.**

November 15, 2011, “Ikebana for Holidays,” workshop by teachers from chapter. Visitor’s Center, Ballroom above the Gift Shop, Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami, Florida. Please call Susan Garcia 786-493-6659 for any questions or email susangarcia54@aol.com. **Miami #131.**

November 16, 2011, demonstration by Winette Waggoner of the Saga Goryu School and a presentation by the Japanese Friendship Garden on their expansion in Balboa Park. **San Diego #119.**

November 17, 2011, “Maze-Zashi” program with Yasuko Robinson, 1st Grade Komon narrating a Sogetsu program in which several of her teachers will demonstrate different ways to create Maze-Zashi. **Dallas #13.**

November 18, 2011, “The Odyssey of Ikenobo Ikebana—550 Years of History,” demonstration by Nobu Kurashige, Professor of the Ikenobo School at 12 noon at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA. **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31.**

November 21, 2011, field tour of Wakamatsu tea and Silk Colony in Coloma, CA. This is the first colony of Japanese settled in US in 1869. **Sacramento #26.**

December 5, 2011, annual Holiday Luncheon, Demonstration and Chinese Auction, University Park Country Club, Sarasota at 10:30 am, \$35 per person, see website for complete information. **Sarasota #115.**

December 7, 2011, “Holiday Designs with a Difference,” several sensei’s will demonstrate how to create holiday arrangements with full ginza, at Moss Hall at the Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Dr. beginning at 9 am. **Naples #160.**

December 8, 2011, “Christmas Social and Luncheon with Mini Bazaar”, at the San Antonio Garden Center at 10 am. **San Antonio #46.**

December 9, 2011, “Holiday Magic with Kika Shibata,” demonstration by Kika Shibata, Sogetsu School at 12 noon at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA. **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31.**

December 12, 2011, Teachers will demonstrate Tenshi-Angels in Designs at Christmas luncheon. **St Petersburg #65.**

December 15, 2011, “Floral Art for the holidays,” Mami Ogata of Botanical Art will demonstrate Western/Asian fusion floral arrangements for the holidays, followed by a luncheon at the Milestone Culinary Center. **Dallas #13.**

December 21, 2011, holiday showcase exhibition by all ikebana schools. **San Diego #119.**

March 18-19, 2012, Ohara Ikebana demonstration at the Museum of Fine Arts, at 2 pm, conducted by Grand Master Ingrid Luders, followed by a tour of the newly opened Japan Gallery in Houston, TX. There will be a workshop on Friday, March 16 at the Houston Garden Center. Open to all. More details available at mojorose71@gmail.com or sushilamathew@hotmail.com. **Houston #12.**

An Idea from Jean Lemmon

Last April the I.I. Naples #160 Board approved a Mentorship Program to begin in October of 2011. This program matches new members with established and active members with goals of enhancing a positive experience for the new member and encouraging full participation in the organization.

As mentoring is a nurturing process, mentors possess those qualities that foster that process. In addition, they are actively involved in the programs and activities of the chapter. Expectations of the Mentor are:

1. Introduce oneself in person, by phone or email to assigned Mentee.
2. Sit with Mentee at first few meetings and activities.
3. Introduce Mentee to other members.
4. Invite Mentee to job-share on a chapter activity if possible.
5. Invite questions about chapter activities.
6. Convey expectation of active participation by every member.
7. Be an Ikebana friend and resource for a period of one year.

To begin this program we will offer a Mentor to all those who have joined within the past year. New members will be assigned a Mentor at time of acceptance into the organization. We have 12 members who have joined within the past year.

WORLD CONVENTION

May 1-4, 2012, Ikebana International 10th World Convention, Hotel Grand Pacific Le Daiba, Tokyo, Japan. Chairperson: Nobuko Usui.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

November 21-25, 2012, 12th Asian Regional Conference, at the Lalit Hotel, New Delhi, India. **New Delhi #77**. Chairperson Aruna Kirpal: arunakirpal@airtelmail.in.

May 18-22, 2014, The 17th North American Regional Conference will be

held in Asheville, North Carolina, at the Asheville Renaissance Hotel, Asheville Community Theatre, sponsored by the Asheville Chapter #74. Principal guest demonstrator, Akihiro Kasuya, Ichiyo School. Chairperson: Terri Ellis Todd.

August-September 2014, 8th European Regional Conference, Hans-Otto Theatre, Potsdam, Germany. Berlin #246. Chairperson: Ramona Becker.



Happy Anniversary to I.I. Chapters!

30th

Toronto #208, 4/11
Wilmington #212, 9/11

40th

Montreal #155, 9/11

45th

Colorado Springs #94, 3/11
New Orleans #97, 9/11
Middle Georgia #112, 9/11

50th

Dayton #33, 3/11
Memphis Bamboo #44, 3/11
Portland #47, 3/11
Charlotte #49, 3/11
Rochester #53, 9/11
North Canton #54, 9/11
Honolulu #56, 9/11

55th

Washington D.C. #1, 10/11

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Editor's Note: *Please take a moment to review the updated Chapter Teachers and Contact List. Thank you to all of the chapters who responded to my request for updates. Carole*

ALL CHAPTERS IN NAR: Without your input, this newsletter is incomplete. Please participate by submitting your meeting, exhibit and other information as requested. Just be sure to include the Chapter name and number with your submission! Thank you. I look forward to hearing from all of you. Remember the next deadline is December 15, 2011. narii@sonic.net