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

To all registrants for the 2011 I.I. 10th World Convention

We're sure that you have been concerned
about the Ikebana International 10th World
Convention that was planned to be held in
May this year. We appreciate your patience
very much.

As was announced in the Ikebana
International web site, the International Board
has decided to postpone the World
Convention to next year.

We had to find solutions to the many
problems that this postponement brought
with it. Fortunately, we have been able to
reserve the same hotel as the venue for the
2012 convention. The new dates for the 10th
World Convention are May 1 to 4, 2012.

We are now offering all registrants the
following two choices:

I. Attend the re-scheduled World Convention in 2012.

Choosing this option guarantees your
registration for the 2012 World Convention.

If you accept this option, your registration fee,
together with all payments that you made for
the 2011 World Convention hotel and
optional tours, will be held by us until 2012.

We hope that you will accept this option.

II. Not attend the re-scheduled World Convention in 2012.

If you choose this option, Ikebana
International will refund your registration fee
100%.

JTB Global Marketing and Travel Inc. will
follow its usual guidelines with respect to the
handling of registrants' hotel payments and
payments for optional tours that were made
to JTB/GMT.

As soon as possible, we will send all registrants a form on which you will be asked to indicate which of the two above options you have chosen. Please send back it with your decision.

The Convention Committee, with the unanimous approval of the International Board of Directors, decided on this course of action for the comfort and safety of all World Convention registrants. We deeply appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this decision.

Words cannot express our deep sorrow about the great loss of life here in Japan caused by the recent disasters. We apologize for any inconvenience that the postponement of the World Convention has caused you.

We are very much looking forward to the re-scheduled World Convention in 2012, and hope to see all of you there.

Nobuko Usui

Ikebana International 10th World Convention
Chairperson

March 22, 2011

EXHIBITIONS

March 25-April 24, 2011, exhibition during the Phipps Spring Flower Show at Phipps Conservatory. The theme is "Wind." Exhibitors will incorporate butterflies, kites, sailboats and other items flying on wind into their arrangements. **Pittsburgh #25.**

March 30-April 3, 2011, 50th Anniversary Celebration Gala Buffet and Ikebana Demonstration featuring Kika Shibata, Riji of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort. For information contact joycetsugawa@hawaii.rr.com. Download form at www.ikebana-hawaii.org. **Honolulu #56.**

April 1-3, 2011, Cherry Blossom Festival at the Seattle Center. **Seattle #19.**

April 1-17, 2011, annual exhibition at the U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, DC. Held during the National Cherry Blossom Festival, all nine of their chapter schools of Ikebana will exhibit. One of four schools (Sogetsu, Ichiyo, Ohara and Ikenobo) will offer a demonstration each day on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. **Washington #1.**

April 2, 2011, exhibition at the Hotel Continental, Panama. **Panama #257**

April 2-3, 2011, all member exhibit at Genesee Region Orchid Society Annual Show, Rochester Museum of Science. **Rochester #53.**

April 2-3, 2011, exhibition at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL 60022. **Chicago #27.**

April 9-10, 2011, exhibition at the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival from 11-5pm. Sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area Teachers' Federation. Several San Francisco Bay Area I.I. Chapter members will participate. Held at the JCCCNC Building at 1840 Sutter Street, Issei Memorial Hall (downstairs). **San Francisco #31.**

April 9-10, 2011, exhibition celebrating 50th anniversary. **Baton Rouge #42.**

April 9-10, 2011, display of Ikebana from various schools at the Japanese Festival at Hermann Park, Houston, TX. **Houston #12.**

April 13, 2011, Ikenobo exhibit and demonstration at the Espousal Center, Waltham, MA. **Boston #17.**

April 14-17, 2011, exhibition at the Cleveland Botanical Garden Floral Design. **Cleveland #20.**

April 16 & 17, 2011, "Japanese Spring Festival," Ikebana exhibits by all chapter members. Demonstrations by chapter teachers in the Japanese Garden. **Fort Worth #38.**

April 20-24, 2011, "Art in Bloom," Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA. **Boston #17.**

April 28-May 1, 2011, Sacred Heart Garden Show at the Sacred Heart Cultural Center. **Augusta #81.**

April 28-May 1, 2011, exhibition at the "Art in Bloom" event at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Each year members select works of art from the museum which they use as their inspiration in making arrangements. **Minneapolis-St. Paul #121.**

April 29-May 1, 2011, "Art Alive" exhibition of floral interpretations of art at the San Diego Museum of Art, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. **San Diego #119.**

April 29-May 1, 2011, A Spring Flower Exhibit. **Omaha #60.**

May 11, 2011, public program and exhibit with special guest demonstrator, Professor Kimiko

Gunji from the University of Illinois, Japan House at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI. For additional information see www.ikebanadetroit.org/events.

Detroit #85.

May 21-22, 2011, annual exhibition at the Seattle Asian Art Museum, Volunteer Park. **Seattle #60.**

May 21-22, 2011, all member exhibit at Upstate NY, Bonsai Show at Rochester Community Hospital. **Rochester #53.**

May 21, 2011, exhibition and demonstration by Ikebana artists at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist temple, 1195 Noche Buena St., Seaside, CA at 11 am.. For further information contact Beverly Corbett, Show Chair (831-625-7623 or email June Matsuoka, President: atwwilleyexpr@msn.com. **Monterey Bay #231.**

July 16-17, 2011, all member exhibit at Barnes & Noble at Rochester Institute of Technology. **Rochester #53.**

August 4-6, 2011, exhibition at the Wisconsin State Fair, 84th St. and Greenfield Ave., W. Allis, WI. **Milwaukee #22**

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



A REQUEST

Dallas #13 is interested in knowing if any other NAR chapters are inviting an Ikebana teacher from abroad to their chapter for the 2011-2012 program year. We would be interested in discussing an "add on" stop for the sensei, if that is feasible. Please contact Patricia O'Reilly, Dallas #13 admin@ikebana-dfw.org or 214-680-9986.



Calendar of Special Programs or Events

April 6, 2011, "Ichiyo Crossing Form," demonstration and workshop with critique by Sylvia Webb at 12:30 pm. **Albuquerque #41.**

April 6, 2011, workshop by Karen Napoli, New York, Ichiyo School with am and pm classes. **Cleveland #20.**

April 13, 2011, special Ikenobo demonstration at 10 am at the Espousal Center, 554 Lexington St., Waltham, MA. **Boston #17.**

April 14, 2011, Ikenobo workshop at the Pittsburgh Garden Center in Mellon Park. **Pittsburgh #25.**

April 15, 2011, "Spring Hopes Eternal," demonstration by Kathy Toy, Ohara School. San Francisco County Fair Bldg., 12 noon in Golden Gate Park. **San Francisco #31.**

April 18, 2011, demonstration by Jessica Rao, Sanyo level teacher, Sogetsu School at 12:30 pm. **Sacramento #26.**

April 18, 2011, pottery demonstration by Jesus Minguez. **St Petersburg #65.**

April 19, 2011, Bonsai lecture and workshop by Mr. Ed Trout, 10:30-2 pm at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, FL. **Miami #131.**

April 20, 2011, demonstration by Amy Kadori, "Ikenobo and Sogetsu schools: Moribana and Freestyle." **Sun Cities #167.**

April 21, 2011, demonstration and workshop on Sumi-e, The Art of Japanese Brush Painting, at the Wellness Center, Macon, GA. **Middle Georgia #112.**

April 26, 2011, "Tulip Mania" with demonstration and workshop with Sibbie Wilson, Ohara School. **Asheville #74.**

April 27, 2011, demonstration and workshop by Deborah Warriner, Master, Ichiyo School, 10 am Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. **San Diego #119.**

April 27, 2011, demonstration by Joanne Plummer from Mill Street Florist in Manotick, known for its beautiful European work. **Ottawa Centennial #120**

May 4, 2011, demonstration/workshop by Sylvia Webb, Ichiyo School at the Albuquerque Garden Center at 12:30 pm. **Albuquerque #41.**

May 4, 2011, “Team Floral III,” Maureen Klingman and Eva Schliesser lead in the tradition of team-created designs. Containers provided. **Naples #160.**

May 4, 2011, workshop with Lorna Mierke, Ohara School. **Cleveland #20.**

May 5, 2011, workshop #2 (2-5), May 6, workshop #3 (10-1pm) May 7 workshop #4 (2:30-5:30 pm). **Mexico #228.**

May 11, 2011, tour of the Seattle Art Museum, Olympic Sculpture Park in the afternoon. **Seattle #19.**

May 12, 2011, Ohara School workshop for I.I. Members at the Pittsburgh Garden Center, Mellon Park. **Pittsburgh #25.**

May 13, 2011, “Closing Luncheon” and installation of officers, plus plant exchange. **Ft. Worth #38.**

May 16, 2011, Ruth Partridge, Sogetsu School, will present Ikebana demonstration. She is 97 years old and still enjoys Ikebana. Potluck luncheon at noon. **Sacramento #26.**

May 20, 2011, “Succulents,” demonstration by Brian Kemple, Curator of the Ruth Bancroft Collection at noon at the San Francisco County Fair Bldg. in Golden Gate Park. **San Francisco #31.**

May 20, 2011, as part of the chapter's 50th anniversary celebratory year, members will teach Ikebana to 11th and 12th grade horticulture students at Jackson High School. The students will be invited to create arrangements to be displayed at the anniversary exhibit in October **North Canton #54.**

May 22, 2011, general membership meeting at 3660 On the Rise for annual Aloha luncheon with guest speaker, Raymond Ohta, President, Pacific Training & Development who will discuss the “Virtues of Volunteering.” **Honolulu #56.**

May 24, 2011 general workshop, “Willows” in ikebana arrangements for I.I. Members only at the Church of the Covenant, Arlington, VA. **Washington #1.**

May 25, 2011, demonstration by Sadako Oehler, President of Ikenobo Chapter and cooking demonstration, “East meets West” a cultural fusion of Filipino and Mexican Food, 10 am Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. **San Diego #119.**

May 25, 2011, annual luncheon and general meeting with an auction at the American Yacht Club, Rye, NY. **New York #7.**

May 31, 2011, “Art in Bloom—Creative Ideas and Discussion” with Terri Ellis Todd. Plant Sale—“Dig Your own Plants for I.I.” with Suzanne Dillingham. **Asheville #74.**

May 31, 2011, demonstration and workshop at the Holy Nativity Church, Weymouth, MA. **Boston #17.**

June 5, 2011, “Photography and Water Colors of Katy Lang.” Potluck luncheon and installation of officers at 12:30 pm at the home of Katy Lang, 6609 Hallmark, NE, Albuquerque, NM. **Albuquerque #41.**

June 8, 2011, morning and afternoon program and workshop with summer potluck luncheon. **Detroit #85.**

June 14, 2011, luncheon at the Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, MD. Kyoko Peterson, Sensho Ikenobo will demonstrate. **Washington #1**

June 15, 2011, demonstration and workshop at Norm's Door by Misako LaChapelle. **Omaha #60.**

June 16, 2011, 50th anniversary celebration. Demonstration 10-12 with Gregory Williams, Sogetsu School. Open to the public. Tickets at the door. Workshop by Gregory Williams 1:15-3 pm. **Rochester #53.**

June 28, 2011, “Screen Play,” making a container from window screening with Patti Quinn Hill and Patsy Beyer, demonstration/workshop. **Asheville #74.**

July 11, 2011, Three-teacher demonstration and historical narrative at Webster Public Library. **Rochester #53.**

September 23, 2011, luncheon at the country Club of Fairfax, Fairfax, VA. Mrs. Kawamura will demonstrate. **Washington #1.**

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

February 22-26, 2012, 12th Asian Regional Conference, New Delhi, India. **New Delhi #77.** Chairperson Aruna Kirpal.

August 23-26, 2012, 8th European regional Conference, Potsdam, Germany. **Berlin #246.** Chairperson: Ramona Becker.

May 19-24, 2013, The 17th North American Regional Conference will be held in Asheville, North Carolina, USA., sponsored by the **Asheville Chapter #74.** Principal guest demonstrator, Akihiro Kasuya, Ichiyo School. Chairperson: Terri Ellis Todd.

WORLD CONVENTION

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

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI RELIEF

Many N&CAR chapters are deciding their course of action for sending donations to help Japan after the devastating earthquake and tsunami. Here are a few ideas:

- Donations can be made to Japanese Red Cross through NAR II, Inc. Inquiries to Sumako Solenberger ssolenberger@comcast.net. **Mail to: Ikebana International Inc (Fund) c/o Sumako Solenberger, 5 Wood Road, Wilmington, DE 19806-2021.** Make note: For Japan Earthquake and your chapter name. If your Chapter is collecting donations, please send one combined check from your Chapter and a list of all the donors with their donation amounts. The individual receipts for their tax returns will be sent to the Chapter from II Inc (Fund) immediately.
- Portland #47 is donating to Mercy Corps' Oregon Japan Relief Fund.
- San Francisco #31 is donating one-half of the proceeds from their biennial flower show through the Japanese Consulate in San Francisco.



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 #112, 9/11

55th

Washington D.C. #1, 10/11

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INSURANCE

The Naples chapter of Ikebana International was recently dealt quite a surprise by the church where we rent our meeting and exhibit space. We were asked to provide proof of general liability insurance as soon as possible. We tried to find ways to avoid purchasing this insurance in several discussions with the church, to no avail. This was a requirement from their insurance carrier and came as a result of an audit they had by their carrier. We immediately contacted two local insurance brokers and received quotes for around \$2000 from each. The primary reason for the expense is that the premiums are driven by square footage and our normal meeting space is 3000 square feet. The price doubles from 1000 to 3000 square feet. Well, it pays to keep in touch with former members and to, on occasion, lament about things when they are not going your way. A former member of our chapter, Bonnie Allan and I were e-mailing back and forth on Valentines Day and I mentioned this problem, she responded with a link to a web site that specializes in non-profit insurance for thousands of organizations. I went to the site and so did my husband, a former insurance executive. They were totally legit and offered insurance from top rated insurance companies such as Fireman's Fund and AIG. The bottom line is that our chapter now has general liability insurance coverage, bonding up to \$50,000 for the treasurer, directors and officers insurance for our board, and \$10,000 of coverage for our ginza inventory – all for an annual cost of \$565. If your chapter has the same requirement or is faced with a similar experience, I urge you to go to <http://www.rvnuccio.com>. You can do everything on line, pay with a credit card and secure your insurance needs within a week. There is also an 800 number you can call. They offer many types of insurance and special event insurance is one of their primary offerings. This would be what you might need to purchase for your exhibit. If you have any questions about this issue, feel free to contact me, Stephanie English, at ikebananaples@me.com.

IN MEMORIAM

The Houston Chapter #12 lost two of its talented Ikebana arrangers in January 2011. Jean Reiersen had been one of the founding members of our chapter with a membership of 48 years. She was passionate about Sogetsu.

In addition, they said goodbye to Sue Perry who had been a member for 11 years and a gifted potter. She gave over 40 of ceramic creations to charity for fund raisers. They will be missed by their members.

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 June 15, 2011.
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