



# IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

*Sarasota, Fl. Chapter #115  
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## Message from President, Jennifer Walker

Greetings to all our Ikebana members and friends. We hope that 2017 will be a happy, healthy and peaceful year for everyone. I must mention how proud I was to see how well our Holiday luncheon was received and the compliments I heard. Everyone deserves many thanks for all their hard work putting together a very successful luncheon, auction and, of course, the talented and creative arrangers for the haiku demonstration. We are becoming well known for our programs!



## January has some exciting events to attend

**January 14<sup>th</sup> Ginza Party, Village Green Community Room, Fundraiser for Sarasota Chapter.**

**January 19<sup>th</sup> St Petersburg chapter is hosting a demonstration given by the renowned Wafu school sensei Fusako Hoyrup.**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> will be our chapter's New Year celebration dinner at the Tsunami restaurant in Sarasota.**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> will be our general I.I. meeting with the Presidents Tea at the Sarasota garden Club.**

Once again, I am inviting any member who wishes to attend a Board meeting as an observer to know that they are always welcome. Our next Board meeting will be at the SGC library on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Please don't forget to forward our I.I. newsletters to your friends and encourage them to visit us at the Sarasota Garden Club.

**Best Wishes for a rewarding, creative, Ikebana Year!**

*VP Programs, Pat (Mi Tei) Bonarek*

**Reflect and Celebrate the New Year!**

Our first meeting is at the Sarasota Garden Club on Monday, January 30, 2017 starting at 10:00 am. This is a special meeting where we honor our current president and Past presidents with a PRESIDENTS' TEA. There will also be an interesting and unusual workshop after a short

demonstration of "USING RIBBONS IN IKEBANA". I encourage you to try this, bring floral materials, a container or basket and some ribbons. It is fun to use other interesting materials in Ikebana.

**Remember, visitors are always welcome**

**SUPPORT OUR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:**

A **SPECIAL GINZA PARTY** and Sale will be held on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 to 2:00 at the Village Gardens Clubhouse, off Old Bradenton Rd., off University Pkwy., across from the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport and next to the Dog Track. (Exit 213 west off of the I-75 is University Pkwy.) The clubhouse is on the left as you drive into the entrance. For sale will be containers and some Japanese artifacts. If you would like to help us, with setting up or labeling items, please contact me. Please read attached Flyer

**O Shogatsu Shinnen-kai  
New Year's Celebration**

**'Year of the Fire Rooster'**

Thursday, January 26  
Tsunami Restaurant,  
Five Points, Sarasota  
5:30 – 7:30 pm

Come celebrate the year of  
the Rooster 2017 at  
Tsunami Restaurant in

Downtown Sarasota. Great food, service,  
order from the menu, separate checks.  
RSVP to Adrienne Wagner on e-mail by  
January 22nd. Spouses and guests are  
most welcome to join us.

**January Special Events**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30 – 2:00

**Wafu Sensei**

**Fusako Hoyrup**

**St. Pete Chapter**

**Demonstration**

**Luncheon, The Club,  
400 Treasure Island,**

Please see attached RSVP form.

**Message from Terri Ruebusch, Historian**

**Did you know?**

A charter member of our chapter, Patricia Kroh, was a published author of floral

design including two books focused on Ikebana. Our associate member, Bet Groshong came across a copy of Ms. Kroch's book "A New World of Flower Arrangement, Designs for our Times" last summer while in Livingston, Montana. She has generously donated the book to our Chapter. The book, published in 1969, has lovely illustrations and still has designs relevant to today. A fun example of the outreach of Ikebana illustrating our "Friendship through Flowers", we appreciate Bet's contribution during the year of our 50th Anniversary celebration. The book, a look back in history, will be available for members to enjoy at our future meetings.

**Ikebana School Information**

Contact information is in your membership directory.

Ikenobo – contact Muriel Scrivner

Ichiyo – contact Jennifer Walker

Ohara – contact Sue Thorpe

Sogetsu – contact Pat Bonarek

Wafu- contact Polly Curran

**SOGETSU STUDY GROUP NEWS:**

On Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the Gulf Gate Library, starting at 10:30 am.

The Sogetsu Study Group will have its first workshop and meeting of 2017. The workshop will be from Book 3, #19, p.54, an arrangement that is viewed from all angles and can be either in a moribana or nageire vase.

**New Year, or the "Spring Festival" as it is known in China, is the longest and most important holiday in China. The Chinese New Year 2017 begins on January 28, 2017**

I am alert

Ready to take action

The first on the scene

The last to leave

I take chances

But I am precise

I know where things belong

I am orderly and fastidious

Nothing escapes me

I am always prepared

I never give up or in

**'I AM THE ROOSTER'**

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