



IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

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Message from President, Jennifer Walker

Greetings to all our members! The weather has been delightful. Daffodils and tulips are in the shops so -- "Spring is here". Let us enjoy the flowers and create beautiful arrangements with nature's gifts!

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Presidents Tea". The food was delicious and we, once again, had a chance to thank all the past presidents for their service. We hope that, perhaps, some of the guests had a wonderful experience and may consider joining our Ikebana chapter.



It will soon be time to replace the current Board who have truly worked hard to bring you interesting programs and social gatherings for the last two years. If you are interested in a Board position please contact Sara Ryskamp who will be leading the search committee this year. Our next Board meeting will be on Friday, February 24th, 10am at the Sarasota Garden Club. Please let me know if you wish to attend as an observer. You are always welcome.

Message from 1st Vice President Program Chair, Pat Bonarek - Adrienne Wagner contributing

The tea to honor our current and past presidents was a special affair. Thanks to all to help make it yet another success. Our chapter continues to spread the theme "Friendship through the Art of Ikebana".

The February 27th program will be "Using a Treasured Item as an Ikebana Container". Please bring your special container, vase, basket, flowers, line material, clippers etc. This will be a "show & tell" It does not have to be old or antique, should be something you enjoy having, or is special to you, whether it's very old or very new, with a short story to go along with it. This will be free style, and very unique.

Editor's Note: When considering your treasured item, think about the Japanese concept of 'Wabi-sabi'. Attached to this newsletter is an explanation of this cultural tradition.



WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

This is your opportunity to sell your Ikebana or oriental Asian art and craft stuff. Set up a table to display what you have; the money earned is all yours! A lot is going on this day. Don't miss this meeting.

Message from Nominating Chair Sara Ryskamp

The Nominating Committee chaired by Sara Ryskamp are seeking members interested in serving on the Executive Board of Directors for the term 2017-2019.

Please contact Sara to express your interest. These are the offices we will be seeking.

President

1st Vice President - Programs

2nd Vice President- Membership

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

We will be electing the slate of Officers at our April 24th meeting and Installation on Thursday, April 27th at our Sayonara luncheon.

Message from Historian Terri Ruebusch

DID YOU KNOW?



Our chapter is in proud possession of a lovely ceremonial Japanese military helmet, donated by General George and Ambler Loving. This exquisitely decorated, gilt helmet was a gift to General Loving from the Japanese. Ambler

served our chapter in several roles, including as President in 1981-1983. In fact, both the Loving's were active with the Sarasota chapter, presenting a program on their time in Asia during a holiday dinner. The helmet is frequently displayed at our exhibitions-- look for it at our upcoming Ikebana Exhibition March 29-30 at the Sarasota Garden Club.

A fun trivia fact-- did you know that the artist who designed Star Wars' character Darth Vader's costume was inspired by similar attire worn by the Samurai?

Special Demonstration by Wafu-Sensei

Fusako Hoyrup

Members enjoyed a very special Demonstration and workshop by visiting President of California Wafu Society, Sensei Fusako 'Seiga' Hoyrup to the St. Petersburg Chapter. Ten spectacular arrangements were created with the help of St Pete and Sarasota Chapter members. A workshop was held the next day emphasizing special techniques for creating arrangements to show the natural beauty of flowers.



Bet Groshong, Polly Curran, Jeanne Houlton, Sensei Fusako, Sue Thorpe

Message from Exhibition Chair,
Pat Bonarek



Ikebana International
Sarasota Chapter #115
Presents
Ikebana in a Tropical Garden
March 29 & 30, 2017
Wednesday, 1:00 - 6:00 pm
Thursday, 10:00 - 4:00 pm
Sarasota Garden Clubhouse
1131 Blvd. of the Arts
www.iisarasota.com

Please mark your calendars now for March 29 & 30, the dates of our exhibition. This will be the first year exhibiting at the Sarasota Garden Club facility and we want this to be very special. We encourage all members and Associate members to participate with an arrangement, but we also need your help, setting up, working at the Ginza Shop, and creating an environment for visitors and guests to enjoy this cultural art. Please volunteer your time and efforts to help us make this a very special event.

*How many old memories
They bring to mind ---
The cherry blossoms*

Basho

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