



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

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your President for the past two years. We made an “adventurous” move from Selby Gardens to the Sarasota Garden Club and what a good move it has turned out to be! Our first exhibition surrounded by the beautiful tropical gardens was a wonderful success thanks to all the talented members who created such beautiful arrangements. A special “thank you” also to Adrienne, Gil and Patsy who put in many hours making sure that everything went smoothly. I am sure that we will have many more visitors next year as the word is spread about our new location.

I wish our “Snow Birds” a safe journey back to “The North” and to all our members I wish you a happy, healthy summer and, please be sure to continue to create beautiful Ikebana arrangements with “Mother Nature’s” gifts.



*Message from Program VP, Pat (Mi Tei) Bonarek*

Our first exhibition at the Sarasota Garden Club was a huge success. Everyone was

impressed with the interesting and unique arrangements. The venue was a perfect setting. Thanks to all for your dedicated hard work.

**YOU DID IT!**



**General Meeting Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Election of 2017-18 Executive Board Members**

**DON'T MISS THE LAST GENERAL MEETING OF THE SEASON!** There will be a ‘*surprise speaker*’ and guest along with time to share with our chapter members and friendships through love of flowers. This meeting is important as we must vote for the members of our 2017-2019 Executive Officers. Remember, we need your vote. Also we need your suggestions and ideas for all the types of programs for the coming season our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. See you on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. at 10:00 am at the Sarasota Garden Club

*Report from the Nominating Committee*

Sara Ryskamp Chair, Margaretta Rower, Kathy Sweeney

The following slate of Executive Officers was presented to the membership at our

March 27th meeting by the Nominating Committee. Members will vote on this slate at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

President	Gil Lee
1 <sup>st</sup> VP Program	Gwen Lawry
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP Membership	Pat Bonarek
Recording Sec'y	Doris Botshon
Corresponding Sec'y	Margaret Boehm
Treasurer	Adrienne Wagner

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**INSTALLATION and SAYONARA**  
**LUNCHEON**

**Thursday, April 27 at 11:00**

The newly elected board will be formally installed at the Lolita TARTINE on 1419 5th Street, Sarasota. You may order off of the menu. There is a private balcony room upstairs. The installation will start at 11:00 am. There is a free public city parking lot a few doors away. **RSVP to Pat, please let her know by Tuesday the 25th.** It is run by C'est La Vie and of course it has wonderful baked goods and French coffee. Go to: [www.lolitatartine.com](http://www.lolitatartine.com) to check out the menu.

*Message from Historian, Terri Ruebusch*

**Did You Know?**

The mid- 1990's saw a diversity of quality programs in our Sarasota Chapter, enhancing members knowledge of Ikebana and related Japanese arts. Visiting teachers from various Schools conducted demos and workshops, one even presented an evening of Kabuki dance! Programs were held on lacquer ware, Japanese gift wrap and presentation, making sushi, and Japanese paper dolls.



Current member, Penny Hendry, was Chapter President during two of those years: 1995 – 97. Our 30th Anniversary was celebrated in September, 1997, with a luncheon and Multi-

School Demonstration at the Waterside Room of the long gone Sarasota Quay. Let's reminisce a bit with Penny as we prepare for our upcoming 50th

anniversary celebration year. A special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Demonstration Luncheon at UPCC Lakeside Room, November 7, 2017 is scheduled. Don't miss this event.

**SOGETSU STUDY GROUP**  
**IMPORTANT NEWS:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is coming up quickly. It is on Wednesday, April 19 starting at 10:30 am at the Gulf Gate Library. The workshop will be using one kind of material in any container. (Book 4 #4, pg.68).

**"Flowers for Mom"**

The special Children's Workshop, is on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, day before Mother's Day. This year we will celebrate the Sogetsu School's 90th Year. The children will be helping to create a special Marwari-ike arrangement along with their individual Ikebana arrangements. If you are able to volunteer to assist, please let me know. This is the 9th year that we have been involved in this project along with many of the children who have returned each year. There are two sessions the 5 to 11 year olds and the 12 to 17 year olds. It is fun for all of us along with the children. Who knows we may have created a budding Ikebana artist.

*Ikebana in a Tropical Garden*



George Schofield



Polly Curran



Susan Thorpe

Angels in the Garden

Wings unfold in nature's beauty

A flower blooms

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