



IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

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Message from President, Gwen Lawry

January's meeting kicked off the year with an impressive start. Your Board has planned some fabulous programs for the rest of the season, the year of the 'Dog'.



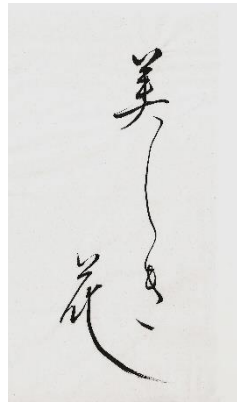
Clare Milligan from the Sarasota Garden Club did a fantastic job of inspiring us with her demonstration of Ikebana underwater arrangements. Clare was a delight and well versed in the art of floral design. Thank you

Adrienne Wagner for making this program a reality.



General Meeting Program for February President's Tea & Roses in Ikebana

February 26th will be another unique program. We will share our meeting with special guests, the Sarasota Sumi-e Society. Five of our Chapter's Ikebana artists will create an arrangement using



roses. Sumi-e President, Linda Beaudoin, has arranged to have Aiko Anderson do some calligraphy for us. Aiko designed the logo for our Chapter and is a valued flower friend. Keiko Romerstein will create a Sumi-e brush painting using our artists' Ikebana

rose arrangements. We are thrilled to have them join us. There will be **NO** workshop for this meeting.

This will be our annual Presidents' Tea, honoring our past and present presidents for all their contributions and leadership. There will be an expansive refreshment table for all to enjoy.

Message from Treasurer, Adrienne Wagner



We, are, looking forward to having a small raffle, as we had last month. Again, we will raffle off the Ikebana

arrangement that will be on the hospitality table, created by Adrienne Wagner. There will also be a few items for a Chinese Auction, you don't have to win something you don't want or need. So, bring a few extra dollars, and join the fun, it's for a good cause. Thank you to Polly, for donating her lovely arrangement at our January meeting.

Message from Nominating Chair,
Polly Curran

Polly Curran, announces Sara Ryskamp and Penny Hendry have joined her on the Nominating Committee. Please communicate with them if you have an interest in filling one of these positions to be filled:

1st Vice-President

Corresponding Secretary.

Message from Publicity - Polly Curran



“A Symphony of Leaves” postcard has been created for all members to use for encouraging their friends, family, and neighbors to attend out 50th Anniversary Exhibition. These will be handed out at the February meeting. Please be sure you come, you will want to use them.

Looking ahead

March 26th – Leaf Manipulation,

Demonstration and workshop preparation for exhibition. This will be beneficial to us all in preparing for our exhibition, April 4th & 5th. A **White Elephant Sale** will be held for you to sell some of your own Ikebana items or Asian art. All sales go owner.

April 4th & 5th – 50th Anniversary Ikebana Exhibition – “A **Symphony of Leaves**” Demonstrations, Ginza, prizes, arrangements for sale.

April 30th – **Japan and the Art Deco Era,** Presentation and Discussion by special Guest.

Election of Board of Officers

Special messages from members

Jennifer Walker would like to thank all of

you who sent her ‘Get Well’ messages and cards for her recent surgery. We hope to see Jennifer at our February meeting.

Pat Bonarek and Sue Frescka are very thankful for your cards and messages for recovery from their recent injuries. Hopeful everyone will be back in business in no time!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EXHIBITION
INFORMATION

The exhibition theme is "A SYMPHONY OF LEAVES" which also should include flowers for color to compliment the leaves in the arrangements.

April 4th – 8:30 – 12:00 noon Set-up

Apr. 5th - 4: 00 pm take down (no sooner)

The exhibition will be open to the public, Wed. 1–5 pm, and Thurs. 10am-4pm.

Sign up to create an arrangement at the Feb. 26th meeting. See Attachment

Will also need volunteers to be hostess, Ginza sales and for pre and post set-ups. Also if you would like to be on the exhibition committee, please contact: Pat Bonarek and Adrienne Wagner

SOGETSU STUDY GROUP UPDATE

The next workshop will be on the 3rd. Wednesday, February 21st in Meeting Room B at the Gulf Gate Library 10:30 am. The workshop will be a free-style arrangement from Book 4, #16, pg 98, "Paying attention to the container and to the place where the arrangement will be placed". Also---the introductory workshop for Book 5 will be scheduled in March as soon as the DVD arrives from Tokyo. Contact, Pat Bonarek.

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