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Message from President Gwen Lawry



Summer is drawing to a close. It is time to come together for our season of friendship through flowers. Your Board has met several times during the summer to plan for the upcoming season. We have put together some excellent and diverse programs. Workshops will now be a part of every meeting. Our meetings will continue to be held at the Sarasota Garden Club on the last Monday of each month with our first being on Monday, September 24th. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. precisely. Arriving early to socialize will allow us to start on time. Below is the list of dates and programs for our season. The first program is designing an arrangement using hurricane debris. Fortunately, we have not had to deal with a big blow. Use your imagination and forage for something provided by nature. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Gwen Lawry, President

Message from Treasurer Adrienne Wagner

We have again ordered a supply of The *Ikebana & Bonsai* 2019 Engagement calendars and they have arrived! These Japanese engagement diaries are beautifully illustrated and come in mail-ready envelopes convenient for gift giving. Place your order with Adrienne Wagner; they sell for \$15. We will have them available for sale at our next meeting on September 24th.

2nd VP, Membership Chair, Pat Bonarek

Chapter #115 current membership totals are: 33 Regular Members, 1 Life Member and 10 Associate Members for a 44 Membership Total.

Congratulations and welcome to our new members, we are so glad that you have joined us. We Welcome You All and know that you will enjoy exploring the Art of Ikebana along with our interesting programs.

Marcy Chapman- Sogetsu School

Sharon Merrigan

Glenys Neely

Claire Spencer-Spears--Sogetsu School

Cynthia Wolloch--Ikenobo School

September 24th program/Workshop

HURRICANE ARRANGEMENTS

Following our business meeting, President, Gwen Lawry will give a short description and demonstration for creating arrangements using debris left over from a recent hurricane or tropical storm. Please bring your container, hasami and your imagination. Members should look for material suitable for creating an arrangement from Mother Nature's debris of fallen branches, leaves, flowers, etc. It would be good to bring enough material to share with others.

December 7th Holiday Luncheon

BONENKAI CELEBRATION



Our special guests will be from the Ohara School of Ikebana: Susan Thorpe, an Associate member and

her friend Linda Brinkmann will create unique arrangements which are known for its landscape style. Please join us for this most celebrated event. Joan Gushiken and Doris Botshon are organizing this event. Reservation form is attached to this newsletter.

2018-2019 Program Schedule

September 24	Hurricane Arrangements
October 29	Mystery Container Arrangements
November 26	Using Baskets as a Container
December 7	Bonenkai Holiday Luncheon
January 29	Art with Ikebana
February 25	President's Tea, Tea Ceremony Chabana Arrangements
March 25	Using Obi in Arrangements
April 3 & 4	Exhibition "Japanese Tapestry in Ikebana"
April 29	Driftwood in an Arrangement

Did you Know? By Terri Ruebusch THE REST OF THE HISTORY

Aiko Anderson joined our Chapter in 2000-2001 as she and her husband Andy arrived to settle in Sarsota. Aiko learned Ikenobo School from her Mother's teacher in Japan over the years as she continued to visit her Mother. While attempting to locate a suitable teacher here, she became friends first with Helen Anderson and soon discovered Muriel Scrivner to continue her Ikenobo studies. Soon she also added the Sogetsu Study Group to her lessons. Aiko's true talents are also with the art of Sumi-e, Japanese brush painting and the fine art of Chodo Calligraphy. Aiko has won many awards in Japan, here in the U.S. and internationally.



Our 40th Anniversary celebration was held at The Mansion at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. At the request of Pat Bonarek, Aiko created a special logo for our local chapter. Aiko explains the elements she incorporated were: "The sun represents the rising sun of Japan and the sunshine of Florida. The flowers represent the cherry blossoms of Japan and the hibiscus of

Florida. The Japanese character (hana) means 'flower' ". This is the true meaning of 'Friendship Through Flowers'.



About the same time Kimiko Ikeda and Aiko collaborated to create a most elegant banner for us to use at the

entry to the exhibition celebrating our 40th Anniversary. This special logo was used again for our 50th anniversary celebration last year. You will also see this logo on the special drape created by Kimiko Ikeda, a true professional artist, textile is her specialty, using our local Chapter logo design as a backdrop to our special programs. The Logo is now used on our Chapter newsletters, exhibition postcards, membership directory and other items. We are so fortunate and proud of our chapter and this logo helps to identify who we are – true artists in every way.

Museum of Fine Art, St. Petersburg Art In Bloom



In April 2018 St Pete. Chapter participated in Art in Bloom. Several of our Chapter members and Associates participated. Here is Pat Bonarek's artistic interpretation of this contemporary abstract art.

SOGETSU STUDY GROUP

The Sogetsu School of Ikebana has scheduled a workshop on Wednesday, September 19th. starting at 10:30 am till noon at the Gulf Gate Library. The workshop theme is "How to arrange in a difficult container that challenges you." Please bring all materials. Visitors are welcome. CONTACT--Pat Bonarek

In Friendship through Flowers

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