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Message from President Gwen Lawry



I was delighted to see so many members and guests at our first meeting of the season. Everyone has jumped right back into action with a great deal of enthusiasm. Fortunately a hurricane was not needed to provide us with interesting materials. Locally foraged plant debris furnished a variety of foliage for our uniquely creative designs. Our next meeting is Monday, October 29. It has always been fun for us to dress in costume in keeping with the spirit of Halloween. We encourage everyone to join the fun.

Message from Treasurer Adrienne Wagner



We have again ordered a supply of The *Ikebana & Bonsai* 2019 Engagement calendars. 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 October 29th.

2nd VP, Membership Chair, Pat Bonarek

Please welcome new member Letitia Schuman. We also had a few guests who we hope will join us again. The Membership Books for 2018-2019 are completed, thanks to Polly Curran, and are being distributed. These were passed out to

those who attended the September Meeting and I will continue to distribute the books at the October meeting and will mail these to members who are unable to attend this meeting. I also have included your membership cards from I.I. Headquarters in Tokyo. It is very difficult to edit all the mistakes and changes in the Membership Books, if you discover a mistake in your information, please contact me and I will make the revisions. Polly Curran will also make the corrections in the Word document for easier production next year.

October Workshop Mystery Containers

Our next program will not include a demonstration.



We will have a Mystery Container Exchange. Bring a container concealed in a bag, as well as materials for an arrangement. A small selection of line material will be available. There will be a drawing to determine which container each member will use. After the program, containers will be returned to their owners. Let's conjure up some "boo-tiful" fall designs. Each member who is going to participate in the "Mystery Container Exchange" should bring the following items: a vase/container in a bag with kenzan /flora holder if needed, floral materials--flowers, branches and/or dried materials floral clippers/hasami for cutting the materials

When you arrive for the meeting, place your vase/container (only) that is disguised in the bag on a table. These will be numbered; for the workshop you will draw a number and use that vase/container with the materials that you brought. This is a fun way to express Ikebana.

December 7th Holiday Luncheon
'BONENKAI' CELEBRATION



Ohara School Ikebana

Our Holiday Luncheon planning is progressing well. Please be sure to send in your RSVP form to Ellen Kaman. This form is attached with this newsletter.

For us, to maintain the superior quality of our raffle baskets, we are asking for donations. In addition to designing table centerpieces, volunteers are needed in a variety of areas. Thank you in advance for contributing to the success of our luncheon.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY RAFFLE DONATIONS:
*******WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT*******

Your donation items will be included in our Chinese Raffle Baskets at the Holiday Luncheon. Our baskets are always attractive and include many interesting items. Some items requested are: Oriental bowls, (special food items--cookies, crackers, jams/jellies, cheese, candy, teas, coffee), small fans, dolls, note cards, paper and cloth napkins, trays and small Japanese dishes, bottles of wine. Please bring these to our October and November General Meetings or contact Pat Bonarek for collection.

SOGETSU STUDY GROUP WORKSHOP:

The next workshop is on Wednesday, October 24th. at the Gulf Gate Library starting at 10:30 am. The theme of the workshop is "Green Plant Materials" with either moribana/low vase with kenzan or nageire/tall vase. Reference is Book 5, #4,

page 22. (Have some Book 5 textbooks for sale!) Contact, Pat Bonarek.

Other Ikebana Activities



Susan Thorpe has reported that plans for the Westminster Suncoast Ikebana event in St Petersburg are coming together. Several members from the St. Pete Chapter and Sarasota Chapter will take part in this special display. Gwen Lawry, Pat Bonarek and Polly Curran will participate by displaying a variety of arrangements. This should be fun for all.

Unique Hurricane Arrangements

Our September workshop produced some very interesting Ikebana arrangements. Most of the elements used came from our yards or neighborhood. Have a look:



Gwen Lawry – Sogetsu



Joan Gushiken – Sogetsu



Adrienne Wagner – Sogetsu



Christy Hoffman – Sogetsu

Sharing my latest Haiku:

“An old pine tree -
 Brings life to fallen limbs;
 Ikebana”

“In Friendship Through Flowers”

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