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Happy New Year!

The Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America would like to wish all of our members and their families a very Happy New Year 2014! With your support and assistance, the past year has been very successful with many exciting changes and new activities. Our office moved to a new location, and we celebrated our 45th Anniversary and the 550th year of Ikenobo's recorded history. Although we are raising membership fees in 2014, we do believe that most members will understand the reasons and need for the increases. We hope the beauty, harmony, and peace of Ikenobo ikebana will remain an important part of your life for many more years to come. Best wishes for the holidays!



Vancouver Chapter 35th Anniversary Celebration

The Vancouver Chapter's 35th Anniversary Celebration was held from September 20-22 in Vancouver, Canada, with the honored guest, Headmaster, Sen'ei Ikenobo.

The symposium was held at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown, where the three days were filled with exciting events. Officially opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony,



the Headmaster also presented a mesmerizing Floral Demonstration at the hotel. After the demonstration, a Reishiki-Ike ceremony was performed by Senior Professor Shigeru Matsunaga, assisted by Special Visiting Professor Toshiko Kobiki. An Ikebana Exhibition was also held, where about 20 chapter members beautifully arranged a total of over 40 flower arrangements.

Headmaster during the floral demonstration



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Left to right): Consul Gen. Mr. Okada, Headmaster, and Mrs. Banno

New Membership Fees!

When collecting your membership dues for 2014, please note that the membership fees have increased for the first time since 2008. **Teacher fees will increase from the current \$30 to \$50 and Regular fees will increase from \$25 to \$30.** Membership payments should be submitted no later than March 31, 2014 by your chapter or group.

New for 2014, will be a "Special Membership" category.

This membership for teachers with the #9 or higher certificate will include special benefits, such as advanced workshops. The fee will be \$100, which includes the normal teacher's fee. More details on this special membership will be sent to chapter presidents and group leaders.

Flowers of the Month—Sho Chiku Bai "Pine, Bamboo, Plum"

This month's flowers, albeit not actually "flowers," are Sho-Chiku-Bai, translated as pine, bamboo, plum, respectively. Sho Chiku Bai are used for celebrations and symbolizes happiness. The reason behind this is

because the pine and bamboo stay green and beautiful during the snowy winter days, and plum trees blossom and reminds people that spring is on the way, and to look forward to a brighter future. The

pine shows resistance to hardship and portrays long life, bamboos are flexible but strong and resilient even in the snow, and plum stay beautiful and optimistic even in times of difficulty.



Mrs. Lois Horton Passes Away At Age 86

The President of the Kittery Point Chapter, Mrs. Lois Horton, passed away on September 10, 2013 at her home surrounded by family.

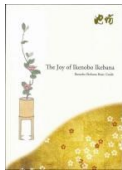


Mrs. Horton was the founder of the Kittery Point Chapter in 1978, which then became one of the most active chapters in their area. She was a dear friend to Ikenobo and is greatly missed.

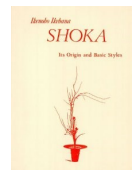
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Special Sales Items

Do you have “The Joy of Ikenobo” and “Shoka Its Origin”? We would like to announce some reduced prices for “Shoka Its Origin” and Ikenobo and Kado magazine files for your past issues (limited supply).



←**The Joy of Ikenobo Ikebana \$15**
This great English book is filled with basics for Ikebana.



←**Shoka Its Origin and Basic Styles \$5**
An English book that includes several sample arrangements and techniques



←**(Left) Ikenobo Files \$8**
Red or Blue
(Right) Kado Files \$8
Red, Green, or Blue

Donation For Our San Francisco Office

Of special note, is the highly generous donation by Mrs. Toshiko Alden of \$30,000. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude for her kind generosity.



Haiku By: Mrs. Toshiko Alden

“Anxious about the desolate season of winter and sky as I prepare for my trip
A new year, as I become one year closer to one hundred
My elderly friends and I enjoy bingo, as I notice snow outside
After being used to living at Mt. Ubasute, winters feel warm
Even without light, heaters kindly warm us”



Chicago Chapter

By: Charles Harris, Chicago Chapter President

The Chicago Chapter of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society was founded by Senior Professor Ikka Nakashima in 1965. She received her training in Tokyo under Sensei Yuchiku Fujiwara before leaving her home in Ita Kamakura for a new life in the United States.



Ikka Nakashima, Consul General and Mrs. Yasuhiko Kumada—Tour Flower Exhibition 2005 at Chicago Botanic Garden

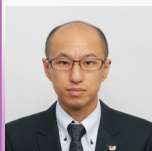
She established the Chicago Chapter of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society and taught and lectured at universities throughout the Midwest and established numerous cultural liaisons within the Chicago area. Despite the many poetic names bestowed upon her, Professor Nakashima maintained her flower name, “Ikka,” as the name she used and preferred. The Chicago Chapter is growing. Professor Harris says,



Professor Nakashima at the 2006 Awards Ceremony

“The legendary teachers of the past generation have either retired or left us and we face an exciting transition to the next generation in North America. We need to open the doors of the dojo through the traditional means but we also need to open doors through the internet and engaging younger people.”
The chapter provides demonstrations and lectures throughout the area and new students come to the chapter through these events, the annual shows, Facebook and the chapter website, chicagoikenobo.org. Maintaining traditional values while facing a changing future is the legacy of our founder, Senior Professor Nakashima, and the Chicago Chapter continues on this path.

Next Visiting Professor: Yoichi Mizutani



Professor Yoichi Mizutani will be the next Visiting Professor from Japan. He is from Shimotsuma City, Ibaraki Prefecture. Please contact the chapter or group for lesson details.

Future Events

February 2014 (Workshops by Prof. Mizutani)
21-22 Honolulu Chapter
23 Hawaii Kai Group
27 San Diego Chapter

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