

# Ikenobo Ikebana Society Newsletter

## 2012 Ikenobo Study Tour

The Ikenobo Ikebana Japan Study Tour was held June 3-16 in Tokyo and Kyoto. Over 200 members joined from Canada, Israel, Singapore, United Kingdom, and the United States.

In Tokyo, many arrangements were displayed at the Takashimaya Department Store. The year 2012 is very important as it marks 550 years of Ikenobo Ikebana's recorded history. The displays chronicled the history of Ikenobo Ikebana from 587 A.D. to the present. Empress Michiko made a rare visit to admire the arrangements, in addition to over 50,000 visitors. Headmaster, Sen'ei Ikenobo and the next two generations of his family also gave special demonstrations at the Tokyo Forum on June 6, 2012. The hall was filled with over 5,000 attendees, including 4 past Prime Ministers of Japan.

In Kyoto, there were workshops for 4 days. It was an exciting and enriching experience. The finale was the Banquet with the Headmaster, Ikenobo Secretary General, past and future visiting professors, and members from chapters in Japan.



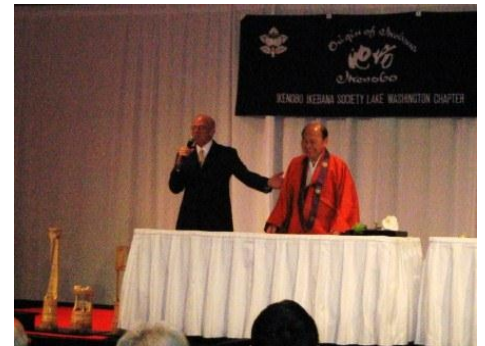
## Special Workshop SUNANOMONO, February 9 and 10, San Francisco

A 2-day workshop of "sunanomono" was held in San Francisco by Professors Kurashige and Nagura. 50 members participated.



## Congratulations! Lake Washington Chapter celebrates its 10th Anniversary on July 28 and 29, 2012

The Lake Washington Chapter celebrated its 10th Anniversary, joined by the Headmaster, Professor Shimizu, tour group members from Japan, and members from the United States and Canada.



## News from San Francisco

### 50th Anniversary of the Northern California Chapter in San Francisco October 6-8, 2012

The 50th Anniversary of Northern California Chapter will be celebrated at the Hotel Kabuki in San Francisco on October 6, 7 and 8, 2012.

Headmaster, Sen'ei Ikenobo will present a demonstration on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 1 p.m., followed by a grand banquet in the evening.

Workshops will be given by Professor Shigeru Matsunaga (Rikka) and Professor Kurashige (Shoka/Freestyle) on Monday, October 8, 2012.

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### Boston March 10-12, 2013

Celebration of the 550th Year of Ikenobo Ikebana Recorded History and the 45th Anniversary of the San Francisco Office will be held in Boston in March 2013. Tour groups will be coming from Japan to join and celebrate with us. Details will follow shortly.



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