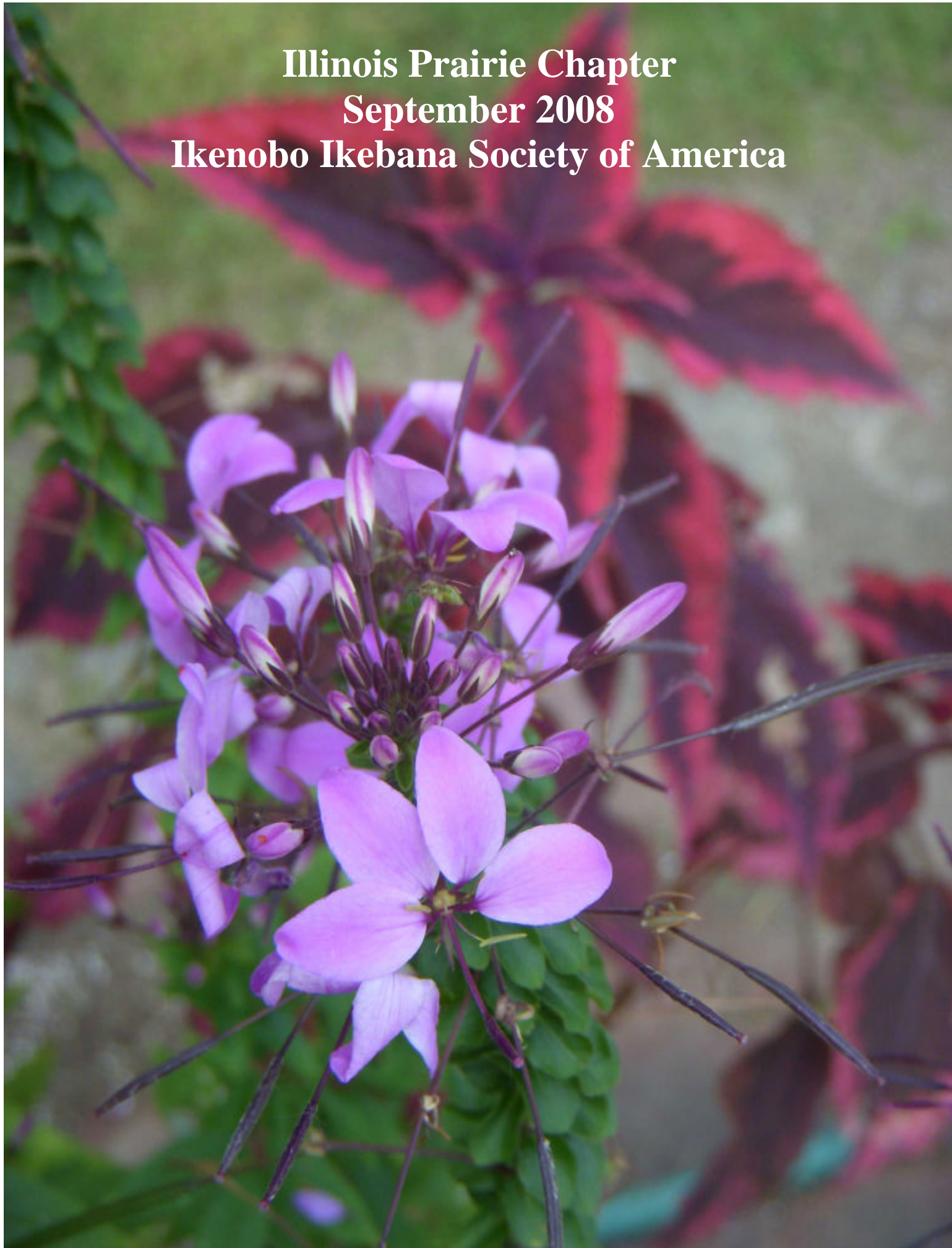


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Fall Message from Gunji Sensei – Alaska Chapter Celebrates its 5th Anniversary



July in Alaska - L-R Senior Professor Katsuki, Professor Gunji, Headmaster Sen'ei Ikenobo and Special Visiting Professor Toyoda

Dear Prairie Ikebana members,

Hope you are ready for arranging flowers again. Summer has gone so quickly and the fall semester has just begun. My summer was as usual, maybe more usual than ever, busy, but exciting, visiting Japan for a month, and attending Alaska Ikenobo Chapter 5th anniversary. The headmaster Sen'ei Ikenobo with Senior Professor, Yoshinori Katsuki along with 38 Ikenobo teachers from Japan came to the celebration. Among of them were oProf. Midori Katoh, who we just had here for our special workshops, Prof. Noda, Kobayashi, Ryu, and Prof. Inoue. I enjoyed seeing them.

Our Chapter has started its 11th year and it will be 4 more years before our 15th year

celebration time. I hope we can talk about this and start our plans soon.

Japan House is celebrating its 10th anniversary during the week of October 20-26. Hope you can join us in many exciting programs. Please see the following website for the details. <<http://japanhouse.art.uiuc.edu/>> I look forward to seeing you soon.

With the warmest regards, Kimiko Gunji ,
President, Prairie Chapter , Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America

Fall 2008 Calendar – Save the Dates!

- Sep. 6 - Shoka Shimputai workshop
- Oct. 4 – Shoka Futakabuike workshop
- Oct. 20 –26 Japan House 10th anniversary
- Nov. 1 – Rikka workshop
- Dec. 13 – Freestyle workshop



Below right - Members pose with their freestyle arrangements from the July workshop. See close ups next page.

Above Sanshuike by Jeanne Holy at the June workshod. Below by Scott Anderson



Summer freestyle workshop arrangements using bulrush as a main material.
Top L-R Jeanne Holy, Joan Volkmann, Virgie Young Bottom L-R Robin Dodson, Carol Lyke, Mary Seidenburg



Illinois Prairie Chapter Fall 2008 Workshop Reservation Forms

All workshops will be held at Japan House. If you need help in getting your material or have any questions, contact Jeanne Holy at 217-637-5221 or email to jholy@shout.net. Please return forms, checks and written correspondence to:

Illinois Prairie Chapter, 2303 Seaton Ct. Champaign, IL 61821-6623

Sept. 6 - Shoka Shimputai (RSVP due by Sept. 5, 2008)

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please bring your own floral materials and a shoka style container, gravel and an ashi kenzan.

Name: _____

Member : \$10

Guest : \$20



Shoka Shimputai by
Kimiko Gunji

Futakabuike by
Jeanne Holy



Oct. 4 - Shoka - Futakabuike

(RSVP due by Oct. 1, 2008)

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please bring 2 kenzans and a low bowl or suiban type container. All materials will be provided.

Name: _____

Member: \$15

Guest: \$25

Nov. 1, 2008 - Rikka (RSVP by Oct. 27, 2008)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm (note early start time)

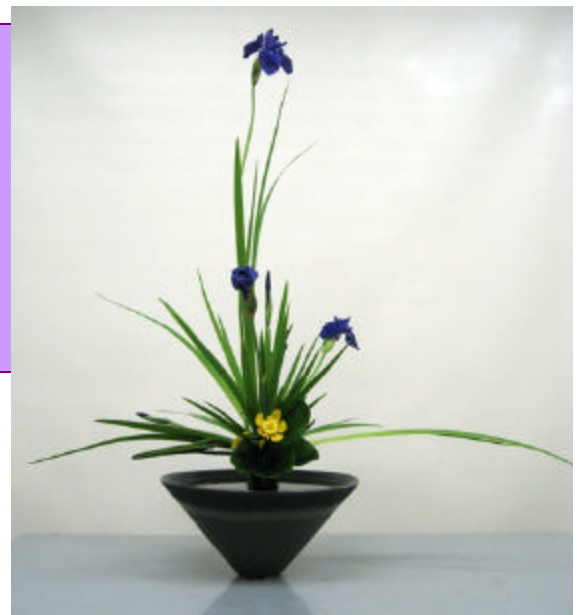
Please bring rikka style container, tape, wire, and ashi kenzan. All materials will be provided.

Name: _____

Member: \$25

Guest: \$35

Rikka by
Kimiko Gunji



Freestyle by
Virgie Young



Dec. 13, 2008 - Freestyle (RSVP by Dec. 10, 2008)

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm (after party, bring a snack to share)

Please bring free style container, and mechanics.

All materials will be provided.

Name: _____

Member: \$15

Guest: \$25