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Newsletter

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**A Message from President Kō Tei (Gil Lee)**

The recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan has had a devastating effect on their country and its' people. During our March chapter meeting we held a moment of silence to respect their losses. In an effort to help them, we have made a donation through the Red Cross from our chapter as well. We will also be working on a 1000 crane origami project through one of our suppliers who will donate \$5 for each photo of a crane that is sent to them for relief efforts. At the Selby Gardens Asian Fest in March, Pat Bonarek and I created a memorial arrangement to honor the victims of this disaster. The World Convention that was to take place in Tokyo the beginning of May has been postponed until 2012 sometime. We all hope and pray that recovery efforts will be quick for them.



**Please go to the website for II Tokyo HQ: [www.iihq.com](http://www.iihq.com) to read our President's message.**

Our March chapter meeting workshop on furoshiki wrapping presented by Kimiko Ikeda and assisted by Yukiko Brown was fun and informative. You never knew how many things you could do with a simple piece of fabric. We

thank them both for all the time and effort they put into putting on such a wonderful presentation.



**“The Furoshiki Folding program presented by Kimiko Ikeda and Yuki Brown was terrific!” says Pat Bonarek. “We have so many talented members.”**

At our April meeting we will be voting in new Board members and committee heads as part of our year-end process. For our program that day we will have a demonstration and workshop on “Centerpieces for All Occasions”. See Pat's column for full information. Finally, on April 28 we will have our Board Installation dinner with the theme “Tokyo Nights”. The location has changed so make sure to see Pat's column for the latest information.

**V.P. Programs--Patricia Bonarek (Mi Tei)**

The April 11th meeting will again be in the Great Room at the Activity Center in Selby Gardens starting at 10:00 am. There will be demonstrations

on CENTERPIECES FOR ALL OCCASIONS along with a workshop. If you would like to create a centerpiece, please bring all materials – container, flowers, line material, kenzan, and scissors. This is an important meeting as we will be electing a new Board of Officers. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

### TOKYO NIGHTS

#### DINNER AND INSTALLATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Thursday, April 28th.  
5:00 pm---until sunset and beyond!

988 Blvd. of the Arts  
Community Room  
Sarasota Bay

The theme---is "Tokyo Nights"-- you can wear your Yukata, Happi coat, Haori, OR Kimono. Thanks to Martha Daly---the venue has changed. Martha has offered her community room at the lovely--988 Blvd. of the Arts, across from the G-WIZ Museum on beautiful Sarasota Bay.

The dinner will be catered including soft drinks, ice tea, and coffee and hot green tea.

If you would like wine, beer or sake--please bring this along. The price per person \$25.00.

Please send in your reservation by Monday, April 25th. Write the check to I.I. Chapter #115 and mail to: Pat Bonarek, 4847 Village Gardens Dr., Sarasota, Fl. 34234

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest or Guests  
Names \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number attending      \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

RESERVATION FORM IS ATTACHED

### Membership – Adrienne Wagner

Please welcome our newest member Pam Holmer

### Nominating Committee

Your Nominating Committee is meeting now to complete the slate for Board positions for our 2011 – 1012 year. The committee consists of: Adrienne Wagner, Chair, Gail Dutt and Aiko Anderson. The membership will vote on the slate of officers at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The slate of Officers will be emailed to you as soon as their work is complete.

### Ikebana School News

To contact any representatives of the various schools refer to your Members Directory, please.

ICHIYO – Jennifer Walker

IKENOBO – Aiko Anderson

Ikenobo workshop with Muriel Scrivner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th.

SOGETSU STUDY GROUP --- Pat Bonarek

The April workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am in the Gulf Gate Library. This will be a special workshop as the members will be creating a "Mawari-Ike", a joint arrangement in the library in honor of the victims of Japan's earthquake and tsunami with the hope of a quick recovery.

### St. Petersburg Exhibition



Jeanne Houlton  
Demonstrator



Gil's arrangement