

Ikebana
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Newsletter

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**Message from the President,
Jennifer Walker**

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to make our holiday luncheon such a success; especially to Gil who gave a most inspiring and creative Demonstration. We are so fortunate to have such talent in our chapter. May I wish you all joy and creativity in your flower arranging and a happy, healthy New Year.

*“The Beauty of Ikebana
Is in the eyes of the observers
And especially in the
Eyes of the arrangers.”*

Susumi Uyeda

**First Vice President-Program Chair-
Gil Lee (Kō Tei)**

The holiday luncheon was a great success! I hope everyone had a lovely time and enjoyed the raffle prizes and demonstration. Though it was a lot of work putting the demo together, I had a lot of fun presenting it for you. Many thanks to all those that helped put on this annual event.



**Akemashite O-medeto gozaimasu
Happy New Year**

Our next meeting will be January 9 at 10 a.m. at Selby Gardens. This will be the President's Tea celebrating *O Shogatsu*, the first month of the New Year. 2012 is the year of the Dragon, a most auspicious year. Polly Curran will give a presentation on New Year's celebration practices in Japan with a few examples of items collected while living in Japan. Also hope to have a small Ginza table set-up and possibly a potter from Osprey showing and selling her unique Ikebana containers. Make sure to bring your checkbooks!

Japan Earthquake Relief Fund



Kimiko Ikeda led our Sarasota Chapter to raise \$720 for the Japan Earthquake Relief Fund sponsored by the Consul General of Japan based in Miami. Kimiko designed and created several Haori, a special kimono style jacket, which our members purchased.



Sogetsu Demonstration and Exhibition at Morikami Museum

Visit a special Exhibition and Demonstration on Monday, January 30, 2012 at the lovely Morikami Museum in Delray Beach. The demo will be special as it is Mihori Sensei's Golden Celebration of teaching Ikebana. Mihori Sensei's demo cost is \$25 which includes entrance to the museum.

I have arranged for a chartered bus to the museum and back to Sarasota. This is a nice relaxing way to attend this lovely unique event. Sign up for the bus as soon as possible--price is \$36. Contact Pat.

Ikebana School News

Ichiyo – Jennifer Walker

Ikenobo – Aiko Anderson

Ikenobo workshop with Muriel Scrivner is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th. The January workshop is TBD. Please contact Aiko for further information.

SOGETSU - Pat Bonarek

The Sogetsu Study Group will meet on Wednesday, December 28. The theme of this special workshop will be to exchange containers and materials.

The first workshop in 2012 will be on Wednesday, January 25th – the theme is Moribana - focusing on the uses of water.

Meetings are held in the Gulf Gate Library starting at 10am. Please bring all materials for the workshops.

As a special community project, the study group members will give demonstrations for the residents in the Manor Care Nursing Home. The dates are: December 22, 2011; February 9, and March 21 in 2012.

WAFU-KAI – Polly Curran

Highlights of Gil's Demonstration

