

Ikebana  
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Chapter #115



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Newsletter

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**Message from the President-Gil Lee  
(Ko Tei)**

The holiday luncheon and demonstration was a resounding success. I heard many compliments from members and guests alike. It was informative and entertaining and exposed some guests to ikebana for the first time. Many thanks go to the demonstrators, Board, and committee members for working so hard to make this event extra special. The biggest thank you goes to Patsy Bonarek for coordinating the many demonstrators and details that go into making this event such a stand out with our organization.



On a sad note, our highest ranking demonstrator, Teddy Steenson, was hospitalized immediately following the luncheon. On December 25 his heroic battle with cancer for the past seven years ended and he died peacefully at a Hospice care facility. There was a memorial

service to tribute him on January 8 and many members and guests were in attendance. We will all miss his cheerful attitude and expert Ikebana assistance he gave us throughout the years.



The January **RENKA** workshop tested our members' skills to their fullest. Though it was an intensive and stressful workshop for some members, it helped to stretch our creative imagination. The final arrangements were spectacular even though there was a time limit set on creating them. The end results on these group arrangements proved that even though each of us has a different perspective on Ikebana, we can all work together to create harmonious floral sculptures.

Our 43rd annual exhibition is fast approaching. At the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting we will practice our designs and learn how create a design without a *kenzan*, and learn about conditioning plant materials. A DVD of this past year's activities will also be shown.

The next board meeting will be February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Penny Hendry's home.

### VP Programs---Patricia Bonarek (Mi Tei)

#### **CELEBRATE VALENTINES' DAY THE IKEBANA WAY**

The next I.I. Meeting will be on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Selby Gardens Activity Center. Activities will include information on "Conditioning of Plant Materials, a "Demonstration Making an Arrangement without a Kenzan" and .....

**THE MOST IMPORTANT WORKSHOP---  
"PRACTICE FOR THE EXHIBITION".**  
Bring your container with some sample materials to practice for the exhibition.

### **White Elephant Sale**

This is your opportunity to bring in any Oriental item that you would like to sell—yes! You keep the money!!! At our February meeting you will be able to display your items for sale to other members and guests. Tables will be set up for you to use.

**AS ALWAYS---Guests are always welcome!!!!**

### Membership – Adrienne Wagner

Please welcome new members: Kat Walton and Marita Renner

### 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 instructor, Muriel Scrivner, Senior Professor, will be Wednesday, February 2, 2011

**SOGETSU - Pat Bonarek**

The Sogetsu School of Ikebana Study Group meets at the Gulf Gate Library. The library is located at 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota. Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. **Visitors are always welcome.**

The next meeting of the Sarasota Sogetsu Study Group will be on Wednesday, Feb.16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am. The workshop will focus on Book 3,#2, Nageire or Moribana Arrangement in a horizontal composition. Please bring all materials to the workshop

**WAFU – Polly Curran**

Polly has a DVD of the recent Wafu Exhibition in San Francisco and translated monthly newsletter issues for their 2010 year.

### **“Ikebana Fantasy”**



We are encouraging all members to participate and make this exhibition super fantastic. An exhibition of traditional kimonos will be part of this spectacular event.

The Ginza still needs items for our shop. Please bring items suitable for sale at the Ginza to our February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. These proceeds go to the Chapter Treasury.

## Special Request-

One of our longtime members would like to hear from her Ikebana "Flower Friends". Rosemary Blackshear has not been able to attend any of our meetings for some time now and misses the camaraderie of her Sarasota Chapter friends. We encourage you to send her a card to help keep her spirits up and help her remember some fond moments. Her address is:

Rosemary Blackshear  
Langdon Hall, #203  
1120 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave., W.  
Bradenton, Fl., 34205

## Upcoming Chapter Exhibitions

March 8, 2011, 1:00

Melbourne Chapter Ichiyo Demonstration  
Suntree United Methodist Church  
7400 N. Wickham Road  
Melbourne, Fl.

March 18 – 19, 2011, 10:00-4:00

Naples Chapter Exhibition  
Mass Hall Moorings  
Presbyterian Church

March 26 – 27, 2011

St. Petersburg Chapter Exhibition  
Treasure Island Community Center  
Park Place, Treasure Island, Fl.

## Photos from our Holiday Lunch

