

IKEBANA

Ikebana (ee-kay-bah-nah), which means "The Way of Flowers", is the art of Japanese flower arranging. At the beginning of the sixth century, Buddhism was brought to Japan and it was the custom of offering flowers to Buddha which developed into Ikebana.

IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

Ikebana International was founded by Mrs. Ellen G. Allen in 1956 at Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Allen had lived in Japan with her husband and had experienced the art. Washington, DC became Chapter #1 for this was the home of Mrs. Allen.

Ikebana International is administered by enthusiastic volunteers of many different nationalities and Ikebana schools. Some of the Ikebana schools stress classic styles while others focus on creative, contemporary forms and some blend the two. While each school is different, they openly share their inspirations, styles, philosophy, history and techniques with each other. Membership in I.I. is open to all persons interested in the art of Ikebana and the ideals of I.I. regardless of previous experience.

There are now over 200 chapters of Ikebana International around the world. The official flower is the cherry blossom.

SARASOTA CHAPTER

The Sarasota Chapter #115 was started in 1967. We have approximately 50 full and associate members. Associate members are full members of another chapter who winter in Sarasota. On presentation of their membership card they can become an associate member of Chapter #115 for a fee of \$20 per year. They may attend meetings when in our area and will receive a copy of our Yearbook and the Chapter Newsletter.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month—September through May—usually in the Activities Building Classroom at Selby Gardens. The meetings include a short business session followed by a demonstration, workshop or other planned program. Lectures on flower arranging and related arts of Japan are also included in meetings.

Persons interested in joining the chapter pay dues of \$75 per year. Our year runs from June 1 to May 31 and dues are paid by July 1.

Questions regarding membership may be directed to Adrienne Wagner by phone at 941-359-0513 or email at johnadri@comcast.net.

www.iisarasota.com

Yes! I would like to join the Sarasota Chapter of Ikebana International. Here is my contact information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$75 payable to Ikebana International Sarasota Chapter #115.

Detach this form and mail with your check to:

Membership
Ikebana International
Sarasota Chapter #115
Post Office Box 15667
Sarasota FL 34277

Are you a part-time resident or previous member? Please fill in the secondary address info or previous member info on the reverse side of this form.

Secondary Address Info:

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____

Dates at this address _____

Previous I. I. member info:

School _____

I.I. Member # _____

Teaching or Student ? _____

Level _____

Flower/Artist Name _____

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Ikebana international Magazine

A premier publication, issued three times a year, richly illustrated with color plates of ikebana arrangements, articles on ikebana and related arts and cultural topics.

Chapter Activities Newsletter and Sakura News

Two lively newsletters that keep members informed of what is happening at chapter and regions around the world and at I.I. Headquarters.

Regional Conferences and World Conventions

Regional Conferences are held periodically in various regions throughout the world for the purpose of offering educational and cultural exchange opportunities to our members close to home. The I.I. World Convention is held every five years in Japan.

Monthly Chapter Meetings

Members usually get together at monthly or bimonthly meetings to see ikebana demonstrations, hear lectures on related topics or participate in ikebana exhibitions, workshops or other events. By reciprocal arrangement, members are welcome to visit other chapters while on their travels.

Transfer of Membership

A member may transfer from one chapter to another upon presentation of a current, valid membership card.

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