

Ikebana
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Newsletter

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

Our annual ikebana exhibition at the end of February was very well received by the public. Every year we seem to raise the bar on our efforts and this year was no exception. Nearly 4,000 guests were enthralled with the floral arrangements, the kimono displays, the Ginza shop (where they practically bought everything that was for sale), and the demonstrations which showed them how ikebana arrangements are created. I would like to thank the many members, volunteers and spouses that helped to make this year's event such a success. It takes the effort of many to put on a production with the caliber that we strive for. We are extremely fortunate to have a venue such as the Mansion at Selby Gardens to show the public what ikebana is all about. This unique atmosphere shows them what arrangements look like in a residential home setting and inspires them to try it in their homes. We will have weekly classes at the Gardens during the month of March and the class slots are beginning to fill up quickly. We had members from St. Petersburg, Philadelphia, New Jersey and other ikebana chapters visit us and express their sincere admiration for our efforts.

The March 14th program demonstration on furoshiki folding should be exciting and educational. Due to much interest from members after last year's exhibition

which had furoshikis' as the add-on exhibit, it was decided to have a demo on these marvelous scarves and how to use them. Hope as many of you as possible can make the meeting and learn something new and different.

Our next board meeting will be March 11 at 10 a.m. at the home of Penny Hendry located at 4432 Camino Real in Sarasota.

**Vice President - Programs, Pat
Bonarek (Mi Tei)**

Thanks to all for creating a wonderful exhibition. You are all IKEBANA STARS.



Adrienne Wagner— demonstrator, Pat Bonarek -Exhibit Chair, Gil Lee – Chapter President.

MARCH PROGRAM

Our next meeting is scheduled on Monday, March 14th. starting at 10:00am in the Selby Gardens Activity

Center. This is a special meeting as there will be a *furoshiki* folding demonstration followed by a workshop using a *furoshiki* in an arrangement.

Bring a *furoshiki*---or a large square cloth with a print suitable for folding, a container, flowers and line material along with your clippers (hasami).

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 Wed. March 2nd.

SOGETSU – Pat Bonarek

Adrienne Wagner, Gil Lee and I participated in the Sogetsu Florida Branch Exhibition at the Morikami Museum. We created a large *taisaku* arrangement along with individual arrangements. It was exciting to view arrangements from various Sogetsu students and teachers.

The theme for the next Sogetsu Study Group meeting and workshop is "A Simplified Arrangement" in either a *Nageire* or *Moribana* container.

Reference, Book 4, #8

The meeting starts at 10:00am in the Gulf Gate Library.

Upcoming Chapter Exhibitions

Orlando-Winter Park Chapter #132, 2011 Annual Exhibition "*The Moon, The Rabbit & Flowers in Ikebana*", March 12, 10:00 o 4:00; March 13, 10:00 – 12:00 Noon.

<http://ikebanaorlando.com>

Naples chapter #160, Annual

Exhibition, "*Heart of the Flower*", March 18 10:00 – 5:00; March 19, 10:00 – 4:00. \$5 Admission.

www.ikebananaples.com .

Ringling In Bloom



Pat's exhibit

Gil's Exhibit

Morikami Sogetsu Exhibition



Adrienne Wagner's exhibit



Pat's exhibit Gil's exhibit

**“Ikebana Fantasy”
A small retrospective of
arrangements**



Gail Dutt



Evelyn Lieberman



Terri Ruebusch



Polly Curran



Margaret Boehm



Jennifer Walker



**Renka –“Floral Wave” team:
Jennifer, Aiko, Polly (Beverly not
shown)**



“Ginza Girls” - Yuki, Evelyn & Aiko