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

April was a busy month for our I. I. Chapter. At our last meeting of the season we elected new officers to the board and did a demonstration and workshop on centerpieces. We did two off-site demonstrations as well, one for the Venice Garden Show and one for the Lakewood Ranch Women's Club. Both were well received and appreciated. We also were invited to the Selby Gardens Volunteer Banquet and as an organization who gave over 1000 hours of volunteer time we received a President's Volunteer Service Award pin which is a great honor.



Accepting this award were: Polly Curran, Gil Lee, Adrienne Wagner, Pat Bonarek

The Sogetsu Study Group honored the Japan earthquake and tsunami victims with a special Mawari-Ike arrangement at their meeting place in Gulf Gate Library. This arrangement is current on display at the Gulf Gate Library. It was created by Sogetsu Study Group Members, Library Personnel and Patrons of the Library. It is dedicated as a gesture of hope that the Japanese people and country will recover quickly.



And the month was wrapped up with our board installation banquet which was a beautiful event for everyone attending.

As I step down from the President's position, I would like to thank the Board and the entire membership for a great two years. Those two years seem to have flown by and I feel as if I was just getting warmed up to the position. But have no fear; I'll still be on the board as 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Programs.

We will be having a planning meeting this month to plan our programs and events for the next season. I would like to thank those who helped at our last meeting by listing ideas for programs and I will do my best to try and include as many of them as possible.

### **Installation of Officers and Board Members for 2011-2012**

Martha Daley's beautiful residential community room was the venue of our "Tokyo Nights". Thank you, Martha, for being such a lovely hostess. Your new Board members were duly installed:

#### **Officers:**

President - Jennifer Walker  
First V.P. - Gil Lee  
2nd V.P - Adrienne Wagner  
3rd V.P - Polly Curran  
Recording Sec'y - Patricia Bonarek  
Corresponding Sec'y - Gail Dutt  
Treasurer - Yukiko Brown

#### **Standing Committees:**

Exhibition--Patricia Bonarek, Gil Lee, Adrienne Wagner  
Ginza/Ways and Means--Yukiko Brown, Aiko Anderson, Kimiko Ikeda  
Hospitality--Nancy Rozelle, Gwen Lawry, Aiko Anderson  
Publicity--Polly Curran  
Newsletter - Polly Curran  
Historian --Terri Ruebusch  
Parliamentarian-Helen Anderson



### **Message from our new president -- Jennifer Walker**

Hello everyone. I am truly honored to serve as your new President for the coming "Ikebana year". We have a wonderful, dedicated and talented Board and committees. I know we will have a very interesting and creative year.

Our Program Planning Session will be held on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 at Selby Gardens. If you have additional suggestions to offer, please contact Gil Lee, Program Chair.

### **Membership Chair – Adrienne Wagner**

Now is the time to renew your annual membership dues. Please remember to send in your check for \$75.00 payable to I.I. Sarasota Chapter #115 along with the form attached.

### **A Special Message from Yuki –**

I received a beautiful flower basket at the hospital from I.I. #115 which I enjoyed very much. I also appreciated your cards and messages of concern, your friendly calls, and your prayers during this troublesome time. Thankfully, I am on my way to a quick recovery and I am looking forward to attending the installation. Thank you again for your friendship. It means a lot to me. Yuki Brown"

## **In Memoriam –**

Our dear Flower Friend, Rosemary Blackshear passed away April 12<sup>th</sup>. Rosemary was a very active Chapter member for so many years. We will miss her.

## **Ikebana School News –**

**Ichiyo – Jennifer Walker**

**Ikenobo – Aiko Anderson**

There will be no monthly workshop with Muriel this month. We will resume meetings in September

**Sogetsu – Pat Bonarek**

The final meeting for this season will be on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. in the Activity Room at the Gulf Gate Library starting at 10:00 am. The theme of the workshop will be "Ikebana from your Garden" using any free style container or basket. We will go to a Chinese Restaurant for lunch after the workshop. REMEMBER---ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

**IKEBANA FOR CHILDREN:** The Sogetsu Study Group will conduct a workshop for children at the Gulf Gate Library on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The children will create Ikebana arrangements for their Mothers' for Mothers' Day.

**Wafu – Polly Curran**

## **Demonstrations around Florida**

The month of April was very busy for our Ikebana teachers and demonstrators. Included are some of the arrangements created.



**Demonstration for Lakewood Ranch Group**



**Arrangement at Epcot by Pat Bonarek & Adrienne Wagner**



**“Waterfall”**

**Epcot Arrangement by Betty Strandberg**