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Newsletter

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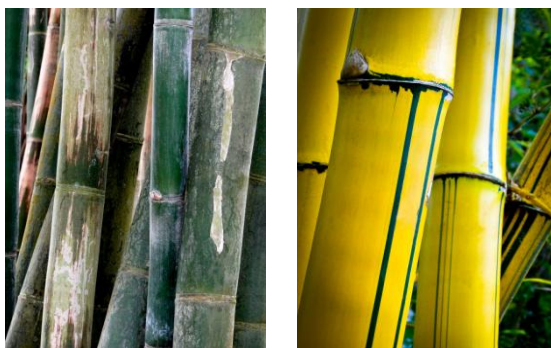
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**Message from the President,
Jennifer Walker**

Our October meeting was well attended (though we are still looking forward to the arrival of the "other half" of our "Snow Birds!")

Doug Perry, President of the Sarasota Bamboo Society gave a very informative talk about bamboo. We learned so much about this versatile gift from Nature.

Gil Lee, once again amazed us with his arrangements using bamboo and gave us many tips on cutting, preserving etc. We are so fortunate to have so much talent in our chapter!



The next Board meeting will be at Selby, 10:00 am Friday, November 11th.

We look forward to seeing you all on November 14th at Selby for our General Meeting where the topic will be "*Creative Containers*".

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

Our next meeting and workshop will be on November 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Selby Gardens in the Great Room of the Activities Center Building. The theme is "*Creative Containers*".

Pat Bonarek will give a demonstration on how to take plain containers and turn them into something new and beautiful. You can bring your own container or there will be some available for you to use and decorate.

Following this, members can then create their own arrangements with their "new" containers. Please bring greens and flower materials and other supplies as well as your clippers (hasami) and other tools.

Holiday Luncheon Reservations

Believe it or not, our annual Holiday Luncheon is just a month away and reservations are coming in. Attached with this newsletter you will find your invitation and reservation form. The form is also available on our website at www.iisarasota.com. The theme this year is: Koto – A Prelude to Ikebana

Please get your forms in as quickly as possible to get the best seating since it is arranged by order in which reservations

are received. This invitation will also go out to other groups in the next few days, so it is imperative you get yours in first before it is opened up to other groups.

Gil Lee will give a demonstration from the Sogetsu School of Ikebana encompassing history on the four different Iemotos of that school. We also will have a special musical accompaniment by Koto musician, Mayumi Tsuruoka Hopkins of Brandon. And there will be the fabulous Chinese auction gift baskets put together by our Ways and Means Committee.

This luncheon will be a great way to show friends and family what Ikebana is all about so be sure and tell them about it.

Website Update – Gil Lee

I have updated our website and you can find the complete calendar of our activities for the coming year as well as pictures from our past workshops. Go to www.iisarasota.com for complete information.

Membership Chair – Adrienne Wagner

Membership books will be sent in the mail to those who have not attended a General Meeting.

Please welcome new member Veronica David. Her contact information will be in the email to members.

Ways and Means – Yuki Brown

It doesn't seem possible, but it is already the time to prepare for our Holiday Luncheon. Since we will conduct a Chinese auction the same way as we have the past couple of years, we need your donations. Please bring the following items to our November I.I. meeting: New or used Chinese pictures in new or good condition; decorations ; vases; self-made art pieces; wines; nuts; chocolates;

towels; paper goods; and large used baskets in good condition.

Ikebana School News

Ichiyo – Jennifer Walker

Ikenobo – Aiko Anderson

Ikenobo workshop will start 10:00 am on Wednesday November 3rd with Muriel Scrivner. Please contact Aiko for details or information.



Ikenobo arrangement by Aiko Anderson

Sogetsu – Pat Bonarek

The November 30th workshop has been **cancelled**. The new date is November 23rd at the Gulf Gate Library, starting at 10:00 am. The theme is "Colors in the Same Tonal Range" in either a Moribana or Nageire container, book reference is Book 3 #8.

Sogetsu Community Project--Members of the Study Group will present demonstrations for the Manor Care Nursing and Rehab Center starting at 2:00 pm on the following dates:

Thurs. Dec. 22, 2011 - Winter Holiday
Thurs. Feb. 9, 2012 - Valentine Flowers
Thurs. Apr. 5, 2012 - Spring Flowers

Wafu – Polly Curran