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Newsletter

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**Message from the President,
Jennifer Walker**

It was so nice to see many of our members returning from their summer break at our September meeting. We also welcomed four guests invited by Polly Curran.

Gil Lee gave a very informative workshop on "Ikebana from your Backyard". We all enjoyed creating imaginative arrangements using "free gifts" from "Mother Nature"!



President Jennifer Walker, Gil Lee, Polly Curran, and Pat Bonarek with backyard arrangements.

I look forward to welcoming back even more of our "Snow Birds" at our October 10th meeting.

Our next Board meeting will be on Friday October 7th at 10:00 am at Selby Gardens.

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

Our next meeting and workshop will be on October 10 at 10:00 a.m. at Selby Gardens in the Great Room of the Activities Center Building. The theme is "Arranging with Bamboo".

Doug Perry who is President of the Sarasota Bamboo Society will give a talk on different varieties of bamboo as well as growing habits. After which I will give a short demonstration on using bamboo in Ikebana arrangements.

Following this, members can then create their own arrangements with bamboo. Please bring greens and flower materials. I will be supplying fresh bamboo branches for you to use. Also bring a suitable Ikebana container and other supplies as well as your clippers (hasami) and other tools. Bamboo is part of the grass family of plants and its' uses are endless.

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

Special Kenzan Sale:

The main supplier of kenzans has gone out of business. The chapter has a small supply. These will be available for sale to our members. Pat will bring some to each

meeting. For this October meeting, Bonnie Cups will be for sale ---a kenzan in a container that holds water.

Holiday Luncheon

Believe it or not, our annual Holiday Luncheon is just two months away. Attached with this newsletter you will find your invitation and reservation form. 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 invite will also be going out to the St. Petersburg, Orlando, Melbourne, Miami and Naples Ikebana Chapters in the next few weeks so it is imperative you get yours in first before it is opened up to these 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.

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 October or 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.

Membership – Adrienne Wagner

Please welcome our newest member, George Schofield. His contact information can be found in the body of the email to you.



Members and guests with creations
“Ikebana from the Backyard”

Ikebana School News

Ichiyo – Jennifer Walker

Ikenobo – Aiko Anderson

Ikenobo workshop will start on Wed. Oct. 5th at the home of Muriel Scrivner. Please contact Aiko for details or information

Sogetsu – Pat Bonarek

Sogetsu Study Group October Workshop Group will be held on Wednesday, October 26th. at 10:00am in the Gulf Gate Library. The theme of the workshop will be “*Matching the Color of the Container to the Materials Used.*” Reference is Book 3, #10. Bring all materials; vase can be either a moribana or nageire style. Visitors are always welcome.

Wafu – Polly Curran

2nd Wafu Ikebana Workshop is set for Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 1:00 - 3:30pm. It will be held at Murphy Park in Sunnyvale, California and the cost will be \$40. In this workshop you will create a beautiful fall centerpiece arrangement for your Thanksgiving table! Go to:

www.wafu-ikebana.org.