

Ikebana
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Newsletter

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**Message from Our President—
Jennifer Walker**



I am honored to serve as your Ikebana International president of the Sarasota chapter for 2011 – 2012 year.

I welcome you all to a new season of fun and informative meetings. Over the summer the Board has been working diligently to put together interesting and exciting programs for you. I hope that you will find each month a “must attend” meeting and I encourage you all to bring a guest. (A nominal fee of \$2 can be paid at the membership check-in table when you and your guest arrive). Who knows your guest may become an enthusiastic member too!

Our first Board meeting will be Friday, September 9th at the Selby Mansion and our first members meeting will be Monday, September 12th at 10:00 am in the Selby Gardens Activity Center.

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.



Board members: Polly Curran, Jennifer Walker, President, Gil Lee, Adrienne Wagner, Terri Ruebusch, Pat Bonarek, Gail Dutt, Yuki Brown

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

Our first meeting and workshop of the new season will be September 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Selby Gardens in the Great Room of the Activities Center Building. We have moved the usual President’s Welcome Tea to January when all the snow-birds are back in town. Following the general meeting, our workshop program will be **“Ikebana from Your Backyard”**.

Please bring plant and flower materials from your yard or a neighbor’s if you are a condo dweller, etc. There will be some greens available that I will bring for you to use as well. Remember the first rule in *The Fifty Principles of Sogetsu* book: “Beautiful flowers do not always make beautiful ikebana.” Many a time I found

beautiful flowers out in nature, but due to their size or lifespan they just would not work for an arrangement. Also bring a suitable ikebana container and other supplies as well as your clippers (hasami) and other tools. I encourage you to bring a guest to introduce them to the many pleasures of creating ikebana.

Prior knowledge is not a prerequisite, only a desire to learn about a diverse and interesting culture. I have also updated our website; you can find the complete calendar of our activities for the coming year there. The board worked over the summer to ensure that we had exciting and engaging programs for you from the suggestions that you gave us last spring.

Membership – Adrienne Wagner

Thank you to all our members for submitting your annual dues. For our newer members information, we send \$60 of your membership fees to our headquarters in Tokyo; \$15 is kept here for our local use.

Ikebana School News

Ichiyo – Jennifer Walker

Washington, D.C. Ichiyo chapter will be celebrating their 35th anniversary with a demonstration by Iemoto Kasuya and workshops on September 18th - 20th in Reston, Va.

Ikenobo – Aiko Anderson

Sogetsu – Pat Bonarek

The first Meeting of the Sogetsu Study Group will be held at the Gulf Gate Library on Wednesday, September 28th at 10:00 am. This first workshop will be on Moribana Basic upright style- reversed. Book reference is textbook #1 & 3. Please bring all material. A complete schedule will be mailed to all members shortly. Remember guests are always welcome.

Wafu – Polly Curran

Website – Gill Lee

Please visit our updated website www.iisarasota.com for information on our 2011-12 Calendar of Programs. View the photo gallery of recent exhibitions. Also, check out links to other Ikebana Chapter websites or go to our International Headquarters at: www.ikebanahq.org for information or forms.

Guest Policy –

We encourage you to bring a guest(s) to our monthly programs. There is a fee of \$2 but this is well worth it. Guests will gain a greater understanding of Ikebana style arrangements, the culture and history of this unique art form. Bring your friends or neighbors. Plus, we have a good time.



**Wafu School – Moribana upright
Raku container created by Polly Curran**