



October 2020

Dear Members:

The cool weather has finally arrived and trees are beginning to change color to welcome the beautiful Autumn season.

We had a good turnout for our October Zoom meeting where we viewed our first video program entitled “Ichiyo Demonstration by Valerie Eccleston, Executive Master. We hope everyone enjoyed the Ikebana demonstration video for our October zoom meeting. Valerie provided a great insight to Ichiyo Ikebana. She successfully conveyed her personal connection to nature and ikebana style in the materials and containers she chose for each arrangement. It was a delightful and interesting program and we picked up some very valuable tips and ideas for arrangements.

For our November 15th Zoom meeting, we will watch the video Ikenobo Demonstration “Summer to Fall – Fall to Winter” by Ikenobo Headmaster Designate Senko Ikenobo. Please see her biography below. The Zoom invite/link will be emailed to you a week prior with additional information regarding the video. Please save the date!



Senko Ikenobo is Headmaster Designate of Ikenobo Ikebana School, a family whose first generation is traced back to Ono no Imoko and whose philosophy of ikebana was established in the Muromachi period (14th-16th century). She serves as Vice Head Priest of Shiunzan Chohoji (Rokkakudo) temple in Kyoto, Honorary Consul of Iceland and Guest Professor of Gakushuin Women’s College and Ritsumeikan University. Senko Ikenobo’s varied activities focus on life as emphasized through Ikenobo Ikebana. From 2012, in order to remember the sacrifice and recover from all the disasters, offering sincere prayers for the happiness and world peace, Senko Ikenobo started to take a pilgrimage to 33 temples in West Japan and performed flower offering ceremonies. She completed the pilgrimage in May 2016. In 2013, she visited Boston and New York, on the occasion of the Ikenobo Ikebana 550th Year, conducting an ikebana workshop at Harvard University and performed a floral offering ceremony at United Nations Headquarters.

I encourage you to invite your friends to join our Zoom meetings to share our friendship through flowers, and I hope to see more members participate in our monthly Zoom meetings!

Special thanks to 1st VP Katey Ho for bringing us such wonderful programs. And thanks to all of the Board members for their active participation in our Chapter's governance.

The following photos were submitted by our members for us to enjoy:



Roberta Suber – Sogetsu



Jan Abrams - Sogetsu



Hetty Shurtleff – Sogetsu



Amy Lingmei Hsu – Ikenobo



Zoltan Tokes – Sogetsu



Cindy Utsinger - Sogetsu



Valeria Brinkers - Sangetsu



Cynthia Conant - Ohara



Susan Lin – Ikenobo



Alice Chin Yun Yang – Ikenobo



Tina Fu-Ting Yang – Ikenobo



Monica Yumeu Lu - Ikenobo

If you would like your arrangement photo included in a future Newsletter, send your photos to Julie Wolfe at fullmoon560@outlook.com.

We are finalizing our 2020-2021 roster and it will be distributed by email in early November.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in our November Zoom meeting!

As always, should you need any assistance or have any concerns about membership and benefits, please feel free to contact me at **626-625-2220** or email me at jessicatang5858@gmail.com.

Take care and stay safe.

Let us have friendship through flowers,

Jessica Tang, President

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