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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOYCE KANESHIRO



Happy Spring 2024!

The month of March is busy: spring begins March 19, on March 17 St. Patrick's Day we wear and grow green. Finally, Easter falls on March 31. Most important news members and friends: before these other dates are the Splendors of Ikebana from March 8 and 9 at the Japanese Cultural Center from 9am to 3pm in the Ohana Room. The theme this year is Miniatures and Small Vases. Please encourage your family and friends to attend. On Saturday March 9, Chapter 56 Ways and Means will be selling ikebana treasures in the courtyard at JCCH. Please volunteer to help and support our co-chairs Ailyn Lum and Dawn Sur.

Four ikebana schools were represented at an exhibition at Watanabe Florist on February 23 and 24. Many thanks to the participants: Gwen Nagata – Ohara, Grace Sekimitsu – Ohara, Gale Kobayashi – Ikenobo, and Maki Takushi –Sogetsu. Each was given a generous stipend to purchase flowers from Watanabe to use in their arrangement. This event was coordinated by Joyce Kaneshiro and Charmaine Yee-Hollison. These very happy and inspiring arrangements were enjoyed by many.

Cherry Blossoms bloomed early in February in Wahiawa. Hopefully some of you were able to enjoy them. Others were blessed to view the early Sakura in Japan as well as the gorgeous red Camellias. This is the time of year when our minds happily turn to flowers and hope for a joyful new year.

Our next workshop on Saturday, April 27 is a Kokedama workshop from 10am to noon instructed by Pat Kubo. Kokedama is a poor man's bonsai. This is the art of binding plants into green, mossy orbs. See the flyer in this newsletter. It will fill up fast!

As we know, our Chapter 56 family has lost many special friends, most recently, Betty Tanaka. She has been a long-time member and former president from 2004-2006. She encouraged many classmates and students to join Honolulu Chapter 56. Betty's gift to Ikebana International was her commitment to teach children the art and joy of ikebana.

Please share our Aloha and prayers with those members who need us and family who have lost our treasured members. Make a phone call, pay a visit, or send a card. May you all have a blessed spring and look forward to our busy months ahead. Thank you for bringing Peace, Love, Happiness, and Joy through flowers to your community.

Have a blessed Spring Season! Enjoy life's blessings with spring flowers and blooming plants in Hawaii.

I love You All! Friendship through Flowers,

Joyce

(photo credit: Charmaine Yee-Hollison)

Ikebana International Honolulu Chapter 56



Kokedama Workshop

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Place: 1639 A Makuahine Street
Honolulu, HI 96817
(Close to Kam Shopping Center)

Parking: Street parking

Cost: \$20.00/person

Registration required prior to event

Event limited to 20 participants

R.S.V.P. by April 13, 2024
(No refunds after this date)

Pat Kubo will conduct a workshop to teach participants how to make their own “kokedama”, a Japanese word that, simply translated, means “moss ball”. Sometimes called the “Poor Man’s Bonsai” or “string gardens”. The art of binding plants into green, mossy orbs dates back centuries to the Edo era in Japan (around 1600 A.D.). We look forward to seeing you!

For more information, please contact Pat Kubo (kleimamo@hawaii.rr.com).

I.I. 2024 Kokedama Workshop

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cost: \$20.00/person

Check payable to: I.I. Chapter 56

Mail form and check to: I.I. Chapter 56

Pat Kubo

P.O. Box 61306

Honolulu, HI 96839-1306



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New Beginnings



Date: Sunday, May 26, 2024
 Registration: 9:30 am
 Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Place: 3660 on the Rise
 3660 Waialae Avenue
 Honolulu, HI 96816
 Parking: \$4.00/vehicle for 5 hours
 Please bring correct change
 Attire: Green
 Program: Installation of new officers
 Ways & Means sale and ceramic vendor
 Menu: Ono buffet
 Cost: \$70.00/person
 Event limited to 50 attendees
 Registration required prior to event
 R.S.V.P. by April 26, 2024
 (No refunds after this date)

For more information, please contact Charmaine Yee-Hollison (charh@hawaii.rr.com).

I.I. 2024 New Beginnings Luncheon

Name: _____

Guest(s): _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of attendees: _____ x \$70.00/person = Total \$ _____

Check payable to: I.I. Chapter 56
 Mail form and check to: I.I. Chapter 56
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NEW YEAR LUNCHEON

Forty-nine members and guests of chapter 56 celebrated the Year of the Dragon at Natsunoya Tea House. Emcee Joyce Nakamura's debut established her as a natural and entertaining host. Pat Kubo, assisted by Marsha Curnyn, provided members with fortune telling. After a sumptuous buffet lunch, multi-talented Pat Kubo taught everyone how to create their own ribbon holder and some movements for the ancient Chinese Ribbon Dance. This dance proved to be a joyful and lively exercise for all. Lisa Lee kept everyone excited and amused with her delivery of the door prize giveaways. There was a grand door prize donated by Joyce Nakamura. Her calligraphy sensei, Hideko Usami, created stunning green dragon calligraphy. This went to a lucky person born in the Year of the Dragon.



IN MEMORY OF BETTY TANAKA

KAREN KIRK



Long time Chapter 56 Board Member, Betty *Watei* Tanaka passed away on February 15, 2024. Betty was a Chapter President 2004-2006, and last served as Master Flower Advisor from 2011 through 2016. Known for her boundless energy, Betty headed the Chapter’s Youth Program beginning around 2000. She taught her young students basic forms and more importantly, ikebana etiquette and values. The second installment of Sowing Seeds featured Betty and her students in the Ikebana International Magazine, Volume 56 Issue 3, 2011-2012. Betty also taught adult classes in Millilani and Pearl City.

Like many others, retirement afforded Betty the opportunity to study ikebana. Quickly, it became her passion which she pursued to the *Komon* level. She also was president of Sobei Kai Study Group founded by Sogetsu Sensei Betty Hsu. Betty was an indispensable aide to Hsu Sensei.

For 10 years, Betty was the treasurer for Sogetsu Hawaii. She attended many annual Sogetsu Exhibitions at the Takashima Department Store in Tokyo.

Funeral services at 5:00pm at Nuuanu Memorial Park. Visitation at 4:00pm on April 1, 2024, which would have been her 102nd birthday. Casual attire, no koden or flowers. The family requests that donations be given to Honolulu Chapter 56.



WATANABE DISPLAY

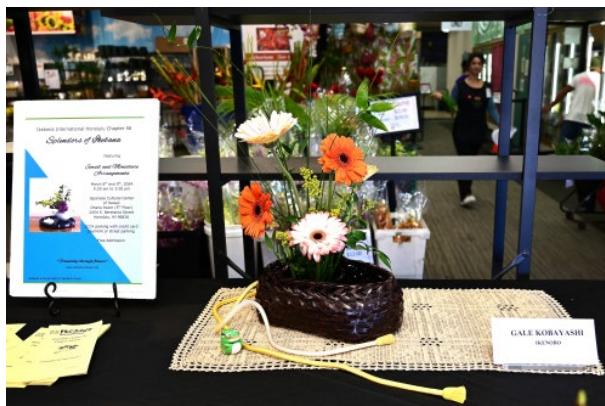


Figure 1: Gale Kobayashi, Ikenobo



Figure 2: Maki Takushi, Sogetsu

Each nation has its social discipline which varies according to country.

In one country it is all right for people to litter in the public street whereas in another country they can be fined.

In Japan normally no trash can be seen in the public areas (streets, parks, department stores, stations, in the train etc.) This is not because of fines but because of the trait of cleanliness of the Japanese people.

It seems both school and home education are the core of discipline of Japanese people.

I went to a private school from 1st through 12th. As I noted in Japan wizard # 12, mandatory education in Japan is from 1st grade through 9th. Unlike Hawaii, kindergarten is not included in any elementary school. When I was in the 6th grade, some of us went to the first grade classrooms to clean. All students from the 2nd through 12th grade cleaned our classrooms, hallways, bathrooms and outside school yard for 15 minutes every day. We wore uniformed aprons provided by the school. This was a part of the curriculum before going home. Arriving at school we had to change from outside shoes to inside shoes at the shoe changing room. Every one of us had a small cubby for the shoes. Therefore, not only visible trash but dust was hardly seen in the school. All the public school students cleaned their own classrooms as well.

At home, we take off outside shoes or slippers before entering the house, a traditional Japanese custom.

A native Japanese MLB player, Otani Shohei was picking up trash at the ballpark. When Mr. Otani was a high school student, his coach told him that picking up trash was like picking another person's good luck. Also, when Mr. Otani was snacking on sunflower seeds with other team members he was the only one holding a cup to spit dregs out. The rest of them spat them on the ground.

At least we were educated not make any litter both in our private property and public spaces because we like cleanliness.




Figure 3 from L to R:
Earl Shimabukuro,
Jennifer Shintani, &
Laura Noda; Yukari
Sato on cover; all
are Sogetsu using
washi paper





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IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER 56

VASE SALE & JAPANESE GOODS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024
9 AM - 1 PM

JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER (JCCH)

Bring your own boxes & carry bags.
Come early to get the best choice!
Accepting cash and check only.
New batch of merchandise!

Parking at JCCH is \$2 per half hour - payable by credit or debit card, no cash accepted.
2 hour validation is given with minimum \$10 purchase in the gift shop.

Needing helpers to tabulate & wrap items.
Call/text Ailyn Lum at (808) 226-1228 or email lumt013@hawaii.rr.com

