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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PAT KUBO



Aloha Everyone! It was so nice to see so many of our members at the New Year's Luncheon at The Pig and the Lady, in January. Thank you so much to Karen Kirk, Debra Lau-Shiroma and Jennifer Shintani for organizing the luncheon. We all enjoyed the delicious food and fellowship. Thank you also to Charmaine Yee-Hollison, Joyce Nakamura and Valerie Wong for recruiting members to do the exhibits and centerpieces. Also, a special thanks to Lisa Lee for providing the Lion Dance. I hope all those who fed the lion will have good luck and prosperity in 2025!

I would like to remind you that our membership fees to Ikebana International will be due soon. Our membership year starts on July 1st and runs until June 30th. We start collecting dues in March/April so that we can send our dues to the Ikebana International Headquarters in Japan by June. Please encourage your friends to become a member of our chapter. They just need to love flowers and do not have to belong to an Ikebana school. They could become a local member for one year and explore our membership benefits, newsletters, luncheons, and workshops. If they feel that they would like to become an official member after their first year, we would sincerely welcome them.

Several members of our Honolulu Chapter will be traveling to Japan for the Ikebana International World Convention. This year it will be held in Kyoto, Japan during April. This convention is held every five years and is attended by Ikebana International members from around the world. Some of our Honolulu members will be participating in the Ikebana exhibition. Hopefully you will see pictures of their arrangements in our next newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon at 3660 on the Rise. Until then – Remember our motto – “Friendship through Flowers”. Enjoy making beautiful arrangements and sharing them with others!



Figure 2: Sogetsu Emotion of Love by Soo Boo Tan

Figure 1: Sogetsu Emotion of One-sided Love by Yukari Sato



Ikebana International Honolulu Chapter 56



May Flowers Luncheon

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025

Ways & Means

Time: 10:30am – 2:00pm

Door Prizes welcome, (venue requests no plants)

Place: 3660 on the Rise

Parking: \$5.00

3660 Waialae Ave.

Buffet Luncheon

Honolulu, HI 96816

Program: **Taisaku (Large Works)** also a **Silent Auction**

***I.I. May Luncheon* R.S.V.P. by April 25, 2025 (No walk-ins or refunds after this date)**

Name: _____ Guest: _____

G. _____ G. _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of attendees _____ X \$75.00/person = Total \$ _____

Check payable to: I.I. Chapter 56

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

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

CAROL MURAKAMI

I'm Carol Murakami, the membership person for the next two years. I'm sorry I'm doing this so early, the dues are due June 1st, but the next newsletter comes out in June, which will be too late.

Because this is so early, I probably won't be calling you, to remind you to renew your membership, until end of April or beginning of May.

If you can't find your form, because it was sent out so long ago, let me know and I can email you another or snail-mail you one but remember you need to let me know a couple of weeks before the deadline. I will try to be at various Ikebana events with forms. When you send your dues in, I will email or call you to let you know I have received it.

Sensei, if you let me know, I can send you 3-4 copies of the Registration forms for you & your students.

Please look over the form, Arlene did a great job of revising it last year. There is now a line where if you **can't help** at all, you could check it, otherwise if you volunteered previously for something we have kept it on the roster that goes to various committees, so they might call you.

If you think you can help in ways not listed on the form, write a note on the back of the registration form and I'll try to see how it might be used.

This brings me to one of the points I want to make. If you're able please volunteer to help with various jobs in the organization. Like the newsletter which originally had 3 people doing it, which meant each person had to do only two newsletters a year. Then there were only two people doing it, so they each did 3 newsletters a year. But because poor Barbara Tinus is doing the newsletter by herself, she's doing 4 newsletters a year, one every three months, along with the Website, teaching her class and representing us at NCAR. (When does she have time to sleep). We are also looking for people to fill other vacancies like storage and community service.

I understand lot of us are at that age where we are babysitting grandkids or elderly relatives, you may have skills and can do things during your down times. The organization really needs your help.

Thank you for reading this. Friendship through flowers



Figure 4: Ohara Landscape Moribana by Grace Sekimitsu



Figure 3: Ikenobo Shoka Shimputai by May Hiraoka-Tomita

Ikebana International, Honolulu Chapter 56 2025-2026 Membership Application

SELECT MEMBERSHIP LEVEL, COMPLETE FORM AND SIGN BELOW*

- Renewing Member (Indicate any changes below) \$85.00**
(Renewing members fill in changes inside the box. Please fill in the rest or your previous response will be kept.)
- New Member \$85.00
- Local Only Member (Only New Members for one year Only) \$40.00
- Associate Member (Out of State member of I.I. Chapter _____) \$25.00
(will receive Chapter newsletter & can participate in Chapter activities)

PLEASE PRINT Dr. ___ Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Miss ___ Mr. ___

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Contact: _____

E-Mail: _____ Birth Month/Day ____/____

Ikebana School(s) _____ Flower Name(s) _____

Name of your Sensei (if applicable) _____

NEW TEACHERS: Do you wish to be listed as an Actively Teaching Teacher in our 2023-2024 Directory?

Please indicate by circling: YES NO Are you accepting new students? YES NO

Note: You must be sanctioned/authorized by your Ikebana school and receive verification by a Master Flower Advisor of your school.

HELP: We depend on our volunteers. Please indicate where you can assist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach (teach/assist in schools) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibiting arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting where needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone/Email Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to help at this time |

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- I authorize photo reproductions. I DO NOT authorize photo reproductions.

*PRINT NAME: _____ *SIGNATURE: _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$85.00 (Renewing/New) Local (\$40) Associate/Out of State (\$25)
DUE BY: June 1, 2025

Checks Payable & Mail to:

Ikebana International – Honolulu Chapter 56
Attn: Carol Murakami, Membership
47-533 Pulama Road
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Your cancelled check is your receipt. Thank you for your support.

FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE USE ONLY

NEW YEAR LUNCHEON

KAREN KIRK

Chapter 56 welcomed the year of the snake in superior style at The Pig and the Lady Restaurant in China town. There were 47 fortunate attendees. Exhibitors were Elaine Dichiara, Earl Shimabukuro, Barbara Tinius, and Charmaine Yee. Centerpieces were created by: Marsha Curnyn, Patricia Kubo, Sherrill Morichika-Balbirona, Sue Shimabukuro, Caroline Abe, and Joyce Nakamura.



A four-course meal created by James Beard Award Semi- finalist Chef Andrew Le was served. This was followed by a Lion Dance sponsored by Lisa Lee. I.I. President followed the protocol of li-see feeding the Lions using a bamboo stick attached with greens and a red envelope. Pat played with the Lions using her stick to entice the hungry lions to grab the greens and her red envelope. The enchanted audience gratefully fed the two Lions their monetary good luck wishes.

Throughout the luncheon participants were gifted with door prizes by generous members. Following the membership meeting conducted by President Kubo, participants were gifted with a calendar created by Joyce Nakamura's Sumi-E sensei and a tea bag created by program member Jennifer Shintani.

Amazingly, there were no snake members attending to receive the beautiful snake statue. All the same, participants experienced a Chinese New Year's celebration like none other.



The Japanese word “*Okeiko-goto* (お稽古事)” means taking private lessons of various subjects such as piano lessons, *soroban* (abacus), the formal Japanese dances, gymnastic lessons, etc. for the children. Taking Ikebana classes and tea ceremony lessons are usually for adults.

In Japanese Society it is considered the higher education and more certificates you have the better person you are.

Since olden times, it is said that in order to get a rich and good-looking husband, a lady should have skills of cooking, sewing, arranging flowers and tea ceremony. The arranged marriage is still common in Japan.

It used to be that the matchmaker of arranged marriage usually looked into individual personality, education, skills and family background because a marriage is not only the connection of two people, but also of the families.

Question: Nowadays, one more skill is usually required for the bride for a good marriage. What is it?

- A) Judo skills
- B) Driver’s license
- C) Good singing

Now Japan has become an automobile-society, so the answer is B) driver’s license

Some regions of Japan are still old-fashioned style requiring more skills, education and certificates for a good marriage; however, the time has changed, in current society, the young are freer to get together, even against their parents and relatives wishes just like Americans.



Figure 5: Sogetsu Drama by Charmaine Yee-Hollison

Figure 6: Sogetsu Emotion of Love by Geri Takata

Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Honolulu 45th Anniversary Celebration



Luncheon and Demonstration

Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom

June 14, 2025

Check-in from 1100

Buffet lunch starting 1130

Followed by Demonstration

Featuring **Senko Ikenobo**,
46th Headmaster Designate



Registration & payment (\$100 per person) must be received by May 15, 2025. More information and Registration form will be available on <https://ikenobohonolulu.org/> or contact ikenobohonolulu@gmail.com.

Supported in part by:



CREATING HARMONY Ikebana Exhibit

Ala Moana Hotel, Garden Lanai
June 14-15, 2025 10am-3pm daily
Admission is free!





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PHOTO GALLERY (CONTINUED)



Figure 9: Sogetsu Wishful Love by Tim Donahue

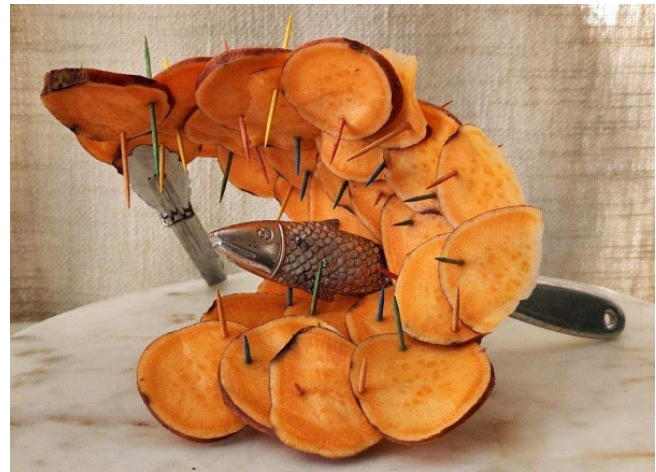


Figure 7: Sogetsu Vegetables and Kitchen Tools by Shannon Teves

Figure 8: (above) Ikenobo wall-hanging Rikka Shimputai by Barbara Tinius