



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Aloha everyone!

Ikebana International Honolulu Chapter 56 is very blessed to have so many active and energetic members who do so much for our organization. We are so thankful for all the ways they have taken charge of our volunteer and community service activities.

I would like to recognize members like Caroline Abe and her committee who recently worked to present children workshops at Mo`ili`ili Japanese Language School and Sacred Hearts Academy. We are also thankful for all the work Charmaine Yee-Hollison has done in organizing Splendors and for Susan Hirate and her committee who have worked hard to arrange our luncheons and programs. Behind the scenes are members like Barbara Tinius who maintains our webpage besides serving as an editor of this newsletter. Thank you also to Yukari Sato who is our treasurer, Carol Murakami who is busy working on membership, and Karen-Kirk and Debra Lau-Shiroma who serve as recording secretaries.

Thank you also to all those who without hesitation, volunteer to do arrangements for exhibitions, donate centerpieces and door prizes, and volunteer to assist at various events. Thank you also to Helen Furuya and Lincoln, her husband who donated shelves for our storage area and their time to install them. Ikebana International would not be as successful without the help from all these special people. I would like to offer a special "MAHALO!" to all our volunteers!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Time flies when you're having fun, and its already time to renew your I. I. membership! The due date has been moved back to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Last year we moved the due date up to May 1<sup>st</sup> in hopes of getting our membership cards by July. It didn't work!

The renewal form is included in the newsletter. If you have a friend who wants to join I. I. please let me know on my cell phone (text is OK) or email me and I'll either email or send you the New Member form ( let me know which you prefer). I'll be sending all active teachers a new member form in case they have students interested in joining. If you are an active Ikebana sensei and want a new member form and I don't send you one please let me know.

If anyone needs an Associate Member form (this is for those who belong to another I. I. chapter, but would like to receive our newsletters and join us in some of our events) I can send that along also. Please remember when emailing or leaving a message on my phone make sure you identify this is in regards to I. I., give me your name and contact info, otherwise I might accidentally delete it (too many unsolicited ads)

DON'T WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE or I'll be forced to send you reminders.

Carol Murakami, Membership Committee



### Ikebana International, Honolulu Chapter 56 2019-2020 Membership Application

#### SHORT FORM – FOR RENEWAL ONLY

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX, COMPLETE THE REMAINING ITEMS AND **SIGN BELOW\***

Keep the same information as in the previous (2018-2019) Directory

OR

Make changes to the 2018-2019 Directory information inside the box below

<b>PLEASE PRINT</b>
Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Ikebana School(s) _____ Flower Name(s) _____
Name of your <i>Sensei</i> (if applicable) _____

**NEW TEACHERS:** Do you wish to be listed as an Actively Teaching Teacher in our 2019-2020 Directory?  
Please indicate by circling: YES NO

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

HELP: 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   |   |

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

**\*PRINT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$85.00  
DUE BY: June 1, 2019  
Make checks payable to: ***Ikebana International – Honolulu Chapter 56***

Mail to: ***Ikebana International – Honolulu Chapter 56***  
Attn: Carol Murakami, Membership  
P. O. Box 61306  
Honolulu, HI 96839-1306

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

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Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Check: \_\_\_\_\_

### WAHIAWA BOTANICAL GARDEN: A TROPICAL RAINFOREST IN CENTRAL OAHU

Twenty four I. I. members and friends gathered for a tour of Wahiawa Botanical Garden on a cool, sunny day in March. A very friendly and knowledgeable volunteer guide named Ernie walked us through the garden and shared his enthusiasm for the tropical flora that thrives there. Everywhere we looked, there was something fresh, green, colorful, and unusual!



After the tour, we spent another half an hour or so freely walking through other parts of the unique 27-acre garden.



We then enjoyed a delicious lunch in the spacious multipurpose room, along with roasted sweet potatoes, spam musubi, fresh fruits, andagi, peanut butter brownies, cookies and Ishihara senbei.



After lunch, our own Bernie Cunningham led the group in ti-leaf lei making, which resulted in over 20 lei that are to be distributed to graves on Memorial Day.

It was a pleasant and fun event for all who participated!





### COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT OF IKEBANA CLASS AT SACRED HEARTS ACADEMY



On February 4 two Ikebana sessions were held at Sacred Hearts Academy. The first session consisting of 12 third year students was conducted by Charmaine Yee-Hollison with assistance from Gale Kobayashi and Susan Hirate and the second session consisting of 13 advanced Japanese Language students was also conducted by Charmaine with assistance from Caroline Abe and Joan Sasaki.



The program began with an introduction to Ikebana and short histories of the Ikenobo, Ohara and Sogetsu schools. This was followed by a demonstration by Charmaine with explanation of general concepts of line, color, mass and space that make up an arrangement. The theme was "Valentine's Day" and the materials used were two red anthuriums, five sprigs of bear grass and two stems of baby's breath in a water bottle with a red ribbon around it. When the students completed their arrangements they were given a choice of either gold or silver origami paper to fold into a valentine to add to their arrangement.

Sensei Nami Grafia noted that the students had the same materials but the arrangements all looked different. Students commented that the sessions were great, fun and really enjoyable and relaxing that they want to do it again. On comments on improving the class, most said that it was perfect just as it is with no improvement necessary while others indicated that the class was well organized and easy to follow. All were pleased to take home a nice arrangement.



Thank you to Charmaine and her Assistants for a job well done!



### WAYS & MEANS

Please contact one of the following person if you have donations for the W/M committee and would to have them picked up: Earl Shimabukuro, Helene Furuya or Maile Wilkerson.



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## NEWSLETTER

Please send input for the June newsletter to Barbara Tinius by the end of May, and input for the August newsletter to Linda Tanaka by the end of July.

