

WORKSHOP by VISITING PROFESSOR at US & CANADA CHAPTERS



Workshop at Lake Washington

Mr. Makoto Fujii, the first visiting professor of 2015 arrived in the U.S. on February 2nd and held workshops and demonstration energetically for 2 months in Honolulu, Hawaii-kai, San Francisco, Sun Coast, South Florida, San Diego, San Gabriel, Arizona, Los Angeles, Lake Washington, Vancouver, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, a total of 14 chapters. His cheerful and accurate advice was very favorable. He values communication with flower and people and those brought laughter every time.

At Lake Washington chapter, demonstration of Shoka and Rikka were held on the 1st and 2nd day. The member joined the workshop of Matagi –Kubari in the afternoon. Using sports shoes and cocktail glasses, they enjoyed new type of free-style arrangement.

Los Angeles chapter had a general meeting and social gathering at Little Tokyo on Feb. 8th. 200 participants were fascinated in Mr. Fujii's technique and speech during one hour session. For the beginning of the year of the 70th anniversary of Ikenobo, the head of school, chapter president Akamatsu greeted and addressed that we further share the spirit of Japanese beauty through Ikebana. The 2nd chapter exhibition is going to be held in June.



Tulip 2 shu-ike at the Demonstration, Los Angeles

San Gabriel Valley Chapter will invite the Headmaster and celebrate their 5th anniversary on October 27.

The chapter president is a strong leader and now the chapter president counts more than 110 members and 12 professors.

It was wonderful opportunities for both the professor and the members. We hope Mr. Fujii has further success in the future.



Members of San Gabriel Valley Chapter

SPRING EXHIBITION at TORONTO



Toronto chapter hosted their Spring exhibition at Kobayashi hall in the cultural center on March 29th and garnered good reputation. About 40 Ikebana works were exhibited and more than 200 people joined the demonstration of Shoka Shimputai and Shoka 2 shu ike. Professor Fujii arranged Taisaku (Rikka) with herikonia (photo).

From Left:
 Mrs. Shizuko Kadoguchi,
 Founder and President of Toronto, Prof. Fujii, and
 Mrs. Sadame Muromoto, long-time member *PHOTO BY Andy McCraw

IKEBANA EXPERIENCE for STUDENTS



40 Students who study Japanese culture at Washington High School in San Francisco visited Ikenobo America Headquarter office on April 8th. After learning about

Ikebana and 5 basic elements: surface, dot, line, quality, and color, they tried arranging their own Ikebana.

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JAPAN STUDY TOUR

The tour will be held from October 29 to November 8, 2015. This year's tour will come at the perfect time to visit and enjoy the beautiful autumn season of Japan and also Tanabata exhibition at the Headquarter.

At the Official Banquet Dinner you will be able to catch up with the former Special Visiting Professors to North America and to enjoy meeting many Japanese Ikenobo Members.

We provide several classes for various levels of the students. New Rikka Curriculum is introduced during the WORKSHOP II .

●**WORKSHOP I** : October 31 (Sat) to November 3 (Tue)
@Kyoto Headquarter

●**WORKSHOP II** : November 6 (Fri) to 8 (Sun)
@Ikenobo Junior College

Please contact for more detail of the workshop to Ikenobo Office.

For your Tour registration, please contact Nippon Express Travel USA, INC. Ikenobo Japan Tour Desk, Max Kogure
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SPECIAL WORKSHOP 2015

May 28 & 29 **Texas Anniversary Special Workshop**

*New Rikka Curriculum will be introduced

May 30 & 31 **Houston Workshop for Special Members**

June 27 & 28 **San Francisco Special Workshop**

*Sunanomono will be introduced

September 27 & 28

San Gabriel Anniversary Special Workshop

*Headmaster will demonstrate Ikebana at workshops above

October 16 **Hawaii Honolulu Special Workshop**

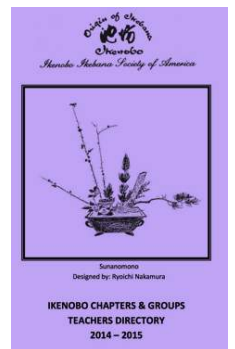
*New Free Style Curriculum will be introduced

IKENOBO DIRECTORY

We distribute Chapters & Groups Teachers Directory 2015 for Ikenobo Members.

It includes 2015 Visiting Professors Itineraries.

If you would like to have one, please contact to your chapter's president.



JAPANESE CULTURE CENTER OPENS IN HENDERSONVILLE



A member of Blue Ridge Chapter, Emiko Suzuki and her husband Manabu opened a Japanese cultural center in the center of Hendersonville, North Carolina. Many dignitaries including the Hendersonville Mayor, Barbara Volk, Japanese Consul General Kazuo Sunaga from Atlanta and Ryo Nagasaka, co-president of the Japan America Society of South Carolina as well as the current president of I.I. of Asheville, Susan Cano and several I.I. past presidents (Sally Robinson, Patti Quinn Hill and Terri Ellis Todd) attended for the opening reception. In addition, the president of the Blue Ridge Ikenobo chapter, Beverly Barbour, and the Naples FL chapter president, Stephanie English, were in attendance. Emiko is planning for the center to be more of a classroom. She intends to teach ikenobo and tea ceremony at the center in addition to other Japanese art forms.

From Left,
Mr.Sunaga (Japanese Consul General), Barbara Volka (Hendersonville Mayor), Emiko Suzuki, and her husband

NOTIFICATION FROM IKENOBO AMERICA

●Please send us your chapter's news. We look for Ikebana related event announcement and report for our website & news letter.

●Condolence: Toshiko Shimoura (Michigan Chapter President)
Ikka Nakashima (Chicago Chapter)
Ruriko Kobata (Northern California Chapter)
Lois Horton (Kittery Point Chapter)
Dr. James Skog (Los Angels Chapter)

NEW TEXTBOOK (English) & VASE for NEW RIKKA CURRICULUM

Special member who takes Special Workshop at Texas and Japan can buy.

- 1: Text Book for Professor
-----\$50.00
- 2: Text Book for Student
step1, step2 ----- \$30.00 each
- 3: Vase + Kenzan
-----\$150.00

