

38th Anniversary Celebration of San Diego Chapter



Ribbon Cutting at San Diego University

The 38th Anniversary Celebration for the Ikenobo Ikebana San Diego Chapter was held on October 25th and 26th with 45th Headmaster Sen'Ei Ikenobo. The Headmaster, along with Consul General of Japan, Mr. Harry H Horinouchi, and the Director of UC San Diego, Mr. Richard Madsen, cut the ribbon to signal the start of the flower exhibition.

In the afternoon, following a video introducing Ikenobo, the Headmaster gave a powerpoint lecture and an Ikebana demonstration. Professor Noda exhibited Rei-shiki Ike with natural flowers in crane and tortoise shapes. The speech was humorous and captured the essence of Ikebana. More than 200 attendees from Canada and all over the U.S. enjoyed the celebration at the University of San Diego.

Over the luncheon, there were ceremonies to give the Karo award, as well as to dedicate funds to the San Diego Chapter.

On the 26th, about 40 people attended the general workshop. Professor Noda taught Rikka Shofutai, and Professor Komiya taught Shoka Jiyuka.

The third Special Workshop "Jiyuka curriculum" was held at the Handlery Hotel on the 27th and 28th, with about 60 Ikenobo members in attendance. Among the members, there were teachers who had participated in previous Jiyuka workshops. This instruction for teachers on Jiyuka has been very popular.



Lecture by Headmaster

Workshop by Professor Noda

50th Anniversary Celebration of Chicago Chapter



From Left: Chicago Chapter Vice Consul Ayako Yamada, Visiting Professor Toshiko Komiya, Chicago Chapter President Charles Harris, and the Director of Ikenobo America Nobu Kurashige

The Chicago Chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the Chicago Botanic Gardens on the 24th and 25th of August. The two-day celebration was open to the public and attended by hundreds of friends and visitors. Managing Director Nobu Kurashige and visiting professor Toshiko Komiya assisted the Chapter in presenting a noteworthy exhibition which included lecture demonstrations and a Rei-shiki Ike performance. The Opening Day ribbon was cut by Vice-Consul Ayako Yamada, and the festivities were joined by the Indiana Chapter of the Urasenke Foundation and representative of the Aikido International Association. The exhibition honored senior professor Ikka Nakashima, who died just two months before the 50th Anniversary of the chapter she founded in 1964.

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Foreign Minister Commendation 2014 Award



The Foreign Minister Commendation Award of 2014 was presented to Mrs. Toshiko Shimoura, with a ceremony held on September 27th.

Toshiko was recognized for her distinguished service and outstanding contribution to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U. S.



Karosho



Mrs. Oehler was awarded the supreme "Karo Shoku" by Shosho. This position is very prestigious, and Mrs. Oehler is the only person in the U.S., beside Mrs Shinbashi in L.A., who has been selected to receive this award.

Mrs. Oehler came to the U.S. in 1959, and has been devoting herself single-mindedly to the instruction of Ikebana. She has been continuously spreading Ikebana in both private and public institutions such as Ikebana International, Ikebana International San Diego, each elementary schools, San Diego State University, and various elementary schools. Her pleasant personality always attracts people and brings them together.

Ikenobo wishes her well and hopes for her further success in the future.

Schedule in 2015

-Texas Branch 50th Anniversary -----May 28th to 29th
Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Texas
Mrs. Yoshiko M. Smith, President (281)646-0424 / yoshi73@hal-pc.org

-Saint Gabriel Valley Branch 5th Anniversary
----- Sep. 27th to 28th
Ikenobo Ikebana Society of San Gabriel Valley California Chapter
Mrs. Tina Fu Ting Yang, President (626)286-5028 /
tyang@ikenobo-sgvusa.com

-Honolulu Branch 35th Anniversary -----Oct. 16th to 18th
Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Honolulu Chapter
Mrs. May Hiraoka-Tomita, Preseindet (808)781-7121 thetomitas@aol.com

-Study Tour to Japan -----Oct. 31st to Nov. 3
You can enjoy Kyu-Tanabata-Kai and official banquet with the Head master and a former visiting professor
Max Kogure at Nippon Express Travel USA, Inc. Ikenobo Ikebana Japan
Stury Tour Desk (415)4344060 / mkogure@nipponexpresstravel.us

Visiting Professors 2015

1st PERIOD



Makoto Fujii
(Kyoto Branch)

2nd PERIOD



Taichi Inoue
(Tokyo Tachibana
Kai Branch)

3rd PERIOD



Masayo Takenouchi
(Tokyo Branch)

The 2015 visiting professors have been selected from members of Ikenobo Kado. Each professor will spend 3 months in North America working to spread and promote Ikebano.

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