

September 2016 Newsletter



The date of the next meeting is 9:00 am Monday,
September 19th, at Chapel on the Hill Church
12601 Park Blvd. Seminole, FL 33776

St.Petersburg, Florida Chapter #65
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President's Message

I didn't enter...
But I stopped
In reverence
Autumn Leaf temple...



Buson

Dear Members,

Welcome back to Ikebana; it's the Fall of 2016! We have a brand new website, thanks to Mary Levenson, our new webmaster, and we are planning small venue, very fun, fund raising events coordinated by Monique Noujaim. We have fresh new programs of Ikebana related arts and for our special event we have a demonstrator from the Wafu School of Ikebana coming from California. Our September program's speaker Kyu Yamamoto is first generation Japanese from Nagoya, Japan and is a well known artist in St. Petersburg. We have a whole year of new activities planned by our program chair, Barbara Goss. I look forward to a year of sharing and increasing our knowledge of Ikebana and related arts and the friendship that comes with it.

Friendship Through Flowers,
Jeanne Houlton

Program

Chapel on the Hill, 12601 Park Street, Seminole
9:30 Meet & Greet 10AM Program followed by General meeting.
Bring your own sandwich lunch and afternoon classes by schools
Programs this year will feature Arts of Japan.

We are so fortunate to have Kyu Yamamoto, noted artist and sculptor, present a program on Lacquerware.

He is a native of Nagoya, Japan and a graduate of Aichi Fine Arts University. Kyu moved to Nashville, Tennessee in 1982, then established his studio in St. Petersburg in 1992. He is known for his contributions to public art, is a faculty instructor for the Morean Arts Center, Dunedin Fine Arts Center, Ringling College of Art & Design and The Penland School of Craft.



Lunch

Bring your own sandwich. Dessert & Drinks will be provided.

Ginza

The Ginza will be open 9-10 am and at lunchtime.

Just a heads-up for the November 21st meeting. Members may bring items they wish to sell, give 25% of their profits to the Ginza which will be given to the Exhibition Committee for the March Exhibition, be cleaned up by 12:45 and take home anything that did not sell. For more information or to sign up for this event, contact Bet Groshong 727-254-7513 or bgroshong79@gmail.com

Banmi Shofu

Laurel Fooks will conduct the classes. Deshi need to bring their own flowers and containers that are lacquerware, bronze or clay – ranging from very plain to very sculptural. Be ready to use dramatic line materials with singular flowers and driftwood.

Ichiyō



Our workshop will be the contrast form from the Secondary Course Vol. 2 using leaves. Please bring any container (kenzan if needed) and leaves and coordinating flowers to your leaves. There will be a demonstration on changing the form of aspidistra (cast iron plant) so if you have those leaves, you can practice changing the forms of these leaves and then make them into a contrast arrangement. I welcome all members of our chapter from all schools. You can learn some new techniques. Please email Jeanne Houlton houlton2@gmail.com if you are attending this class and I will send you more information.

Ikenobo

Ikenobo Ikebana workshop October 3rd at 10:00Am, Largo Community Center.

Shoka styles will be studied.

Call Virginia Overstreet for reservation. [813 238 1029](tel:8132381029)

Ohara

There will be a class at Park Station on Friday, September 9. If you are interested in attending please contact me at shthorpe@tampabay.rr.com.

I will be at an Ohara seminar in Highlands, NC on September 19, so there will be no class following our meeting. You may want to take materials to practice or you might enjoy observing another class. I look forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting.

Sogetsu

The lesson is Variation 2 slanting style reversed . Please bring a wide mouthed moribana Container, and line material/flowers of your choosing. For questions call [727-442-0537](tel:7274420537).

Yearbook

The Yearbooks will be available for pickup at the membership desk at the September meeting.

Gerry Bourlon

Website

Our New Website Has Launched!

Our new Chapter #65 website is now live at the same address:

<http://www.ikebanastpetersburg.com> If you had saved the prior website as a "Favorite" previously, you'll need to delete that link, go to Google and establish a new link.

If you have any problems with this, we'll be glad to help.

The new website is intended to be an educational and informational resource for us all, both Chapter #65 Members and the General Public. We are hoping that the site will be useful and handy for you as well as spark interest and attract new members from the Community. The educational leg will grow with time and any contributions or ideas you have are certainly welcome!

For the immediate future, the website is a resource for current Members to find information about Programs, activities, exhibitions and much, much more. The Members pages are Password Protected. The first time you sign in, you'll need to enter the password: **kenzan** (case sensitive) Some computers will remember this and not require a password on the future visits. Other computers will require password entry on every visit. Please let me know if you have any questions.

The current plan is to post our Newsletter and images of our Members, their achievements, and their designs on the password protected Member pages for our internal Chapter information and enjoyment. In addition, you will find a link to the Prior Website in the Introductory Message on the Members Page, so our history is preserved and protected. I know you join me in thanking Mary Sharrow for her many years of stewardship and support as our original Webmaster!!

The Website will be only as useful as we make it, so your thoughts and ideas are very important. Please help us make this better by submitting your suggestions and/or glitches to **Mary Levenson at morganlevenson@aol.com**.

Membership

Each issue of our newsletter will include a couple of brief bios of our members. We decided to begin with our most recent new members and add photos when possible to facilitate recognition.

Margaret Salmon, Membership Chair

SHERRAN BLAIR

I am going to make it easy for you by passing on a tip about the name: "SHERRAN." I know it to be true because I got it from Sherran Blair herself.

Just think of the word: "SARAN" (Yes, as in the wrap). Now, add an "H" after the letter "S" and you've got it!

And we've got her! Sherran joined Chapter #65 last year when she retired from her position as President of First Community Bank in Columbus, Ohio and moved permanently to Shore Acres. Not really new to this area, she and her



husband spent nine years visiting here. He had given her a 35th anniversary gift of annual vacations in Florida.

She spent some time with Ikebana in Columbus as a student of Sogetzu and eventually devoted her passion for flowers to Garden Clubs of America where she spent many years as an avid arranger of flowers and a judge of flower arrangements. With no local 'branch' of Garden Clubs of America available locally Sherran revisited her interest in Ikebana. Last Fall she visited us and joined us and now studies in the Ichiyo School. She is impressed with the set-up and organization and camaraderie of our group. Sherran shares with us a deep love of flowers and all plants but really prefers to grow her own flowers. She is passionate about simply seeing what she can create.

We are all on the same page with Sherran in so many ways and look forward to a new year sharing with her the friendship, creative bursts, good times and potlucks of Ikebana.

MARY LEVENSON

has lived in Bellair Beach since 1982 and for 20 years of that she has known about Ikebana, attended chapter events, formed friendships with members of our group and has really, really wanted to join us. Well, then, why hasn't she, you may ask! The big problem has been free Mondays. She hasn't had any because her intensive career and mission has been in the field of Psychology and Pediatrics and her most recent position has been as Chief of Psychology for the Veterans' Administration.



Mary retired from her distinguished and demanding post in May of 2015 and suddenly found herself with a future full of free Mondays and she began last Fall to fill them with Ikebana.

For those of you who already know Mary you know that she is a student of Sogetsu joining two good friends she has known for many years. Here in her second Ikebana season she has assumed the task of Webmaster for Chapter 65. The work is already well underway and we will be given reports by Mary as it progresses. Mary says she has loved her first year with us and eagerly steps into this new role.

Now, about flowers - Mary, Mary's garden does not exactly grow. She accepts the fact that growing flowers is simply not her strong suit but she is quick to add that she is masterful at growing herbs. If the day ever comes when Basil and Rosemary become acceptable line material, she will have it made. Meanwhile, she can join all of us in the aisles of Publix and Trader Joe's or the back room cooler at Hall's.

Mary's husband is an ardent admirer and collector of everything Japanese and Mary is featured in a future Ikebana program where she will share with us some of his prized possessions and knowledge.

This multi-talented member starts her second year with us and calls the very best thing about her transition so far is being able at this point in her life to move from a challenging, atmosphere often filled with illness, sadness, stress and tension into an arena of joy, beauty, serenity and creative spirit. Welcome to Ikebana!

Library

The chapter has a wonderful library. The list of books is in the yearbook and all members are invited to become familiar with it. Any book you request will be brought to the next meeting or you can borrow a book from the changing selection available at each meeting.

Ways & Means

Hi everybody,

Letting you know that I have a new job reassignment, I am now head of Ways and Means. In other words, we will be raising money for our chapter.

Most of you have asked me why do we need so much money. Well, it costs money for our rental at the church, any activities we do, plus the exhibition is costly.

That's why we want all of you to participate in the exhibition and any fund raisers you can afford. Not only does it show case our talents and how well our teachers teach, but we try to sell whatever we can to raise money.

Our newest activities depend on you. We will have dinner and lunch parties nearly every month. You may come to only one party or come to them all; you know I'll be there.

Each party will be held by the Hostess and each party will be cultural. They will raise the much needed funds for us this year. Please be generous, come and party and have fun in the meantime.

We are still having baskets and adding a Silent Auction, which will be lots of fun. So all my friends out there; be generous this year and help Ikebana International.

Monique Noujaim

Exhibition

BIG EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR.....Our 55th Anniversary of Chapter #65, and our 10th year in Treasure Island!!! How exciting! The dates are March 10th for our Preview Party, and the exhibit on March 11th and 12th, 2017

We are pleased to announce the theme for the exhibition...CIRCLES AND SQUARES! We can just imagine what exciting designs you very talented members will create for this event!

We are planning some special activities with the City of Treasure Island to celebrate this event...so stay tuned. We will also be adding some new touches to the exhibition.

As always, we appreciate all your help and talents!

Ruth and Mary

PS.....Thanks to our crew of mathematicians and designers, we will have new black tablecloths for the exhibition!!! (Have you ever tried measuring and cutting over 200 yards of fabric into custom size cloths?)

Newsletter

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BARBARA & JACK GOSS are hosting a fundraiser for
I.I. ST PETERSBURG CHAPTER

APPETIZERS...DINNER...BEVERAGES

\$45. members \$50. guests

SUNSET included at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE!!!!

Thursday OCTOBER 20 4:30 until 7 pm

16 Gulf Blvd.*** Indian Rocks Beach

This 1920's house is right on the beach

Made for strolling and perfect sunsets

Wear your most comfortable 20's attire for fun & prizes

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