



IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

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President's Message

Ethel Aotani



Welcome to the year of the Dragon! What a delightful New Year's Luncheon to usher in 2012 at the Waiālae Country Club. We were treated to a visual feast of the lovely and intricate Japanese Textiles from the Honolulu Academy of Arts collection. Sara Oka, the textile collections manager, presented us with interesting information about this wonderful collection.

Special thanks to Karen Kirk, Charmaine Yee-Hollison and Grace Kam for working out the details for this special luncheon. The arrangers, Elaine Arita, Dolly Kochi, Karen Kirk, Monette Gilding, Gail Atwater, Betty Tanaka, Esther Sanborn, Betty Takakawa, and Bertha Tottori, were asked to create arrangements using Japanese textiles from their collections. Their arrangements exhibited the creative talents of our arrangers. Our tables were enhanced by the lovely centerpieces donated by Marilyn Howard, Wendy Umino, Diana Salansky, Cora Buenconsejo, Sandra Peltzer, May Liu, Jonna Otto, Jean Marutani, Sunny Corey, and Shizuyo Kikuta.

At the Luncheon, Darryl Tagami, our Historian, distributed the 5 year booklet which covered the history of the past 5 years, from 2006 to 2011. The wonderful cover was designed by talented Gail Atwater. Thank you Darryl and Gail for a job well done; they were assisted by Jane Aquino and Bette Uyeda.

The Board is heading into the last quarter of their terms of office. The nomination committee is diligently working on completing the slate of to-be-elected officers. When the nomination committee has completed their slate of officers, the President-elect will be asking some of you to serve on the Board as standing committee chairs. The list of the nominated officers will be published in the April newsletter and the general membership attending the May luncheon will vote them into office. If you would like to nominate anyone or you would like to serve on the Board, please contact Charlotte Muraoka.

The Ikebana International Board in Tokyo has submitted their revised Bylaws to their government for approval which they hope will be soon. At that time, all Ikebana International members will be asked to ratify the new Bylaws by sending in their proxy votes to approve the new Bylaws and approve the membership dues at \$60 per year; by proxy votes they mean voting in absentia. You will be receiving from Ikebana International Board a packet containing (1) proposed revisions of the International Bylaws, (2) explanation of the revisions, (3) notice of convocation of the general meeting and the (4) proxy forms. Currently we have an ad hoc committee reviewing the new Bylaws to be certain that it does not jeopardize our chapter's IRS 501 (c) 3 status. I am grateful to chair Elaine Arita and her committee members Susan Hirate, Karen Kirk and Diana Salansky, who have been plowing through various documents. When you receive your packet, we request that you send them to me, Ethel Aotani at 1517 Makiki St. #1504, Honolulu, HI 96822 at your earliest convenience, hopefully by March 30, 2012.

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IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS*Ethel Aotani***Proxy Vote for Ikebana International Bylaws**

Ikebana International has submitted a new set of Bylaws to conform to Japan's laws; they are currently awaiting approval from the government. At the General Meeting at World Convention in May, we're supposed to vote on the ratification of these new Bylaws. There are two issues involved which are:

1. Setting the Membership Dues at 6,000 yen per year (\$60)
2. Approval of the proposed revision of the International Bylaws.

Please take the time to cast your proxy ballot to vote on this issues. International needs 2/3 of all its worldwide members to ratify these two issues. I would sincerely appreciate it if you would mail me your ballot (saving you international postage, US postage is now 45 cents) by March 30, 2012 to **Ethel Aotani**.

If you do not know your I. I. membership number, Ethel has the list and will fill in your number for you.

If you would like to read about the Extraordinary General Meeting and/or the explanation about the new proposed Bylaws go to the I. I. website.

NOTICES:

1. *A pair of ikebana scissors was left on table 5 at the Waialae Country Club New Year's luncheon on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Please contact Karen Kirk.*

2. *Sogetsu San Jose-South Bay Branch presents Master Shinobu Okazaki, "Harmony with Fresh & Unconventional Materials" March 30-April 1, 2012 at San Jose, CA. For more information contact Carol Sakata.*

PHOTO'S FROM NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON

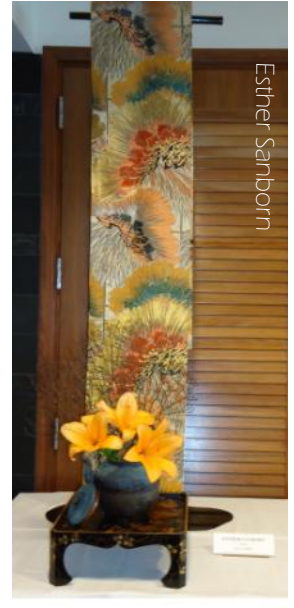
Courtesy of Jane Aquino and Ethel Aotani



Betty Tanaka



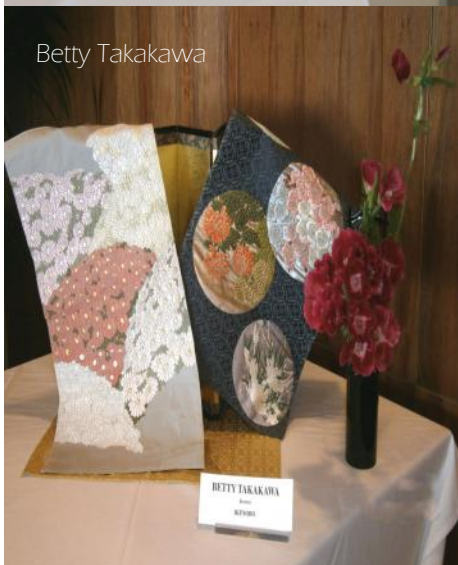
Gail Atwater



Esther Sanborn



Bertha Tottori



Betty Takakawa

BETTY TAKAKAWA
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KYOBU



Monette Gilding



Elaine Arita



Dolly Kochi

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from
KYOBU



Karen Kirk

PROGRAMS

Karen Kirk, Charmaine Yee-Hollison

Areca Palm Weaving Workshop Rescheduled!

The very flexible program committee needs to rearrange our program for the remainder of our term. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide the Obi wall hanging workshop. We are moving up the areca palm weaving workshop to Sunday, February 19, 2012. This workshop was filled by I.I. members who attended the New Year's luncheon on Sunday, January 29, 2012.

Talented Sogetsu instructor, Mitzi Taura will teach us how to artistically weave areca palms. Some of you may remember the elegant wall display of areca palm weavings at the 50th anniversary exhibition at Linekona created by Juliette Ling.

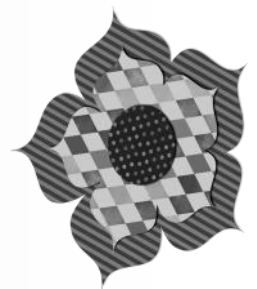
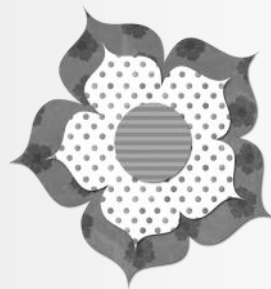
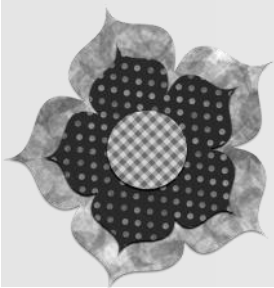
For those members who did not have an opportunity to sign up for this workshop, we apologize. Please let next year's program committee know if you want this workshop repeated. They are Diana Salansky, Darryl Tagami, and Wendy Umino.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Elaine Arita

The Community Service's term of office is gradually coming to a close. We were involved with many projects throughout the two years ... and, there are a few activities still ongoing, namely:

- 1) **Liliha Library** – volunteer arrangers for odd months of the year. Gwen Nagata has arranged ikebana for the month of January. The C.S. Committee's Liliha Library coordinator, Gwen Nagata mentions that volunteer arrangers are needed for the remaining months of March and May. She will welcome any member who can arrange ikebana, call her to schedule a date.
- 2) **MCC Mothers' Day Centerpieces in May** – Dolly Kochi, coordinator. Volunteers needed to create centerpieces using oasis ... no kenzans. There will be many members attending the I.I. 10th World Convention in Tokyo during this same date so please mark your calendar to join the MCC Mothers' Day Centerpieces project by calling Dolly Kochi.
- 3) **Tokai University's Summer Hands-on Workshop** usually scheduled in June is on hold. We are awaiting word from Dr. Overton. Pres. Aotani has asked the CS chair to assist the next administration's CS chair with this project as the "change-over" of responsibilities will take place after the new board is installed in May, 2012.





Tropical Centerpiece Workshop

Watanabe floral artist Joyce Kaneshiro has graciously agreed to teach us how to make a beautiful centerpiece arrangement using tropical flowers. Joyce is an I.I. member and studies with the Sogetsu school. She will be providing tropical materials and oasis for this workshop. Participants are welcome to bring their own greenery and small suibans or small Moribana style vases.

Date: Sunday, April 15, 2012

Place: Moiliili Community Center Room 105

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Fee: \$20.00

This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to properly use oasis and create a stunning centerpiece. Register early to assure your reservation!

Tropical Centerpiece Workshop Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

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Attendees _____ X \$20.00 Total enclosed: \$_____

(Please make checks payable to **Ikebana International Chapter 56**)

Please mail completed registration form by **April 5, 2012** to:

Wendy Umino

If any questions, call **(808) 949 4051**.

EXHIBIT

Betty Tanaka



2012 *Splendors* OF IKEBANA EXHIBITORS
Mahalo for Your Participation

Please keep for your information.

SPLENDORS OF IKEBANA 2012

PLACE: Honolulu Hale Court Yard

Set up date of Exhibition Hall by Eqpt. Co

Friday March 2, 2012 9 am

Dismantle date by Eqpt. Co.

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Ikekomi Monday March 5 9 am – 4:30 pm

Note: For dry and large arrangements: prep and foundation work may be done on March 2. Since City Hall is closed on weekends, ikekomi on March 2, using fresh materials is not feasible.

Exhibition dates: March 6, 7, 8 9am – 4pm

March 9 9am – 3:30pm

(Please look on next page, flyer artistically created by Gail Atwater)

Dismantle for exhibitors: March 9 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

March 10 9am-11am (Place will close after 11am)

Parking is not permitted in the driveway fronting Honolulu Hale.

Please remove your car after unloading or loading.

NOTE: *C&C and II will not be liable for any damage or lost articles, and for injuries sustained while working on exhibits. Please be responsible for your own personal belongings.*

Confirmation email or letter will be sent to all Exhibitors.

Please call or send in your reconfirmation to exhibit ASAP to **Betty Tanaka**



ARRANGEMENT BY VIVA INOUE, TOIN MISHO SCHOOL OF IKEBANA

IKEBANA
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Presents:

SPLENDORS OF IKEBANA

“A FLORAL EXTRAVAGANZA” IKEBANA EXHIBITION

MARCH 6, 7, AND 8, 2012

9 am - 4 pm

MARCH 9 - 9 am - 3:30 pm

HONOLULU HALE (CITY HALL)

530 N. King Street, Honolulu

FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION

Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 10 am

Featuring Diana Salansky (*Kogetsu*), Ikenobo School of Ikebana

INFORMATION: Email Betty at BBettytan@aol.com
or visit our website at ikebana-hawaii.org

This event was made possible by a grant from the Mayor's Office
of Culture and the Arts, City and County of Honolulu



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President's Message Continued...

Our next major event is our annual Splendors Exhibit on March 6 to 9, 2012 at Honolulu Hale. Under the skillful leadership of Betty Tanaka, I know it will be a resounding success, especially since she has very competent members on her committee. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing some exciting and creative arrangements. If you would like to be of assistance, I know Jonna Otto is looking for hostesses, so please contact her as she'll be glad to hear from you.

There will be a meeting of those planning on going to the 10th World Convention in Tokyo in May, on Sunday, February 5, at 11 a.m. at Moiliili Community Center in room 102. I sent out a notice but I may have inadvertently missed someone as I lost my 2011 list in cyber space; please let any of your friends know who are planning on attending the World Convention about the meeting.

Mahalo,

Ethel Aotani

