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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PAT KUBO

Congratulations to Charmaine Yee-Hollison and her committee (Joyce Nakamura and Valerie Wong) for organizing an amazing and beautiful Splendors! Congratulations also to all the members who participated in sharing arrangements which were loved by so many visitors. We loved Patricia Kimoto's arrangement and the fact that at the age of 104, she is still doing Ikebana! We also loved Brennan Yamaguchi's arrangement because at the age of 17, he is showing us the future of Ikebana!

The use of fans in the arrangements was so interesting. We saw fans made of fresh plant materials, folded paper and even metal. Everyone's creative juices were flowing!

Let me remind you of things that are coming up. We will be having a membership meeting in May. New board members will be elected at this meeting. It is never too late to volunteer to work as a board member or on one of our committees. We will also be doing a workshop on origami.

If you are unable to volunteer, you can also help by making suggestions on places to hold meetings/luncheons or workshops that you would like to have us organize. If you have any contacts or names, we would appreciate you sharing them with us! Lunch venues are getting very expensive and any ideas for keeping the cost down would help. If you can teach a workshop, please let us know!

Let me know your suggestions. I hope you will consider volunteering to work with us on the board. You can always reach me at kleimamo@hawaii.rr.com.

Friendship Through Flowers!

Patricia Kubo, I.I. Honolulu Chapter 56 President



Money Lei Origami Workshop

Kaimuki Public Library

1041 Koko Head Avenue, Honolulu

Sunday April 19, 2026

1:00 – 3:00 PM Cost: \$20.00



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Check # _____ \$20 X _____ Total: _____

Registration deadline: **April 10, 2026**

Make check payable to: I.I. Chapter 56

Mail form and check to: I.I. Chapter 56, P.O. Box 61306

Honolulu, HI 96839-1306 Att.: Karen Kirk

Ikebana International, Honolulu Chapter 56 2026-2027 Membership Application

SELECT MEMBERSHIP LEVEL, COMPLETE FORM AND SIGN BELOW*

- Renewing Member (Indicate any changes below) \$85.00**
(Renewing members fill in changes inside the box. Please fill in the rest or your previous response will be kept.)
- New Member \$85.00
- Local Only Member (Only New Members for one year Only) \$40.00
- Associate Member (Out of State member of I.I. Chapter _____) \$25.00
(will receive Chapter newsletter & can participate in Chapter activities)

PLEASE PRINT Dr. ___ Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Miss ___ Mr. ___

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Contact: _____

E-Mail: _____ Birth Month/Day ____/____

Ikebana School(s) _____ Flower Name(s) _____

Name of your Sensei (if applicable) _____

NEW TEACHERS: Do you wish to be listed as an Actively Teaching Teacher in our 2026-2027 Directory?
Please indicate by circling: YES NO Are you accepting new students? YES NO
Note: You must be sanctioned/authorized by your Ikebana school and receive verification by a Master Flower Advisor of your school.

HELP: We depend on our volunteers. Please indicate where you can assist:

___ Community Service Committee	___ Outreach (teach/assist in schools)
___ Program Committee	___ Hospitality Committee
___ Exhibiting arrangements	___ Assisting where needed
___ Telephone/Email Committee	___ Unable to help at this time

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$85.00 (Renewing/New) Local (\$40) Associate/Out of State (\$25)
DUE BY: June 1, 2026

Checks Payable & Mail to: **Ikebana International – Honolulu Chapter 56**
Attn: Carol Murakami, Membership
47-533 Pulama Road
Kaneohe, HI 96744
Your cancelled check is your receipt. Thank you for your support.

FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Save the date !

Sunday, May 17, 2026

3660 On The Rise

Mark your calendars for our Aloha Spring luncheon. Don't miss this opportunity to renew friendships, enjoy delicious food, and experience beautiful ikebana.

WAYS & MEANS

Please contact Ailyn Lum if you can help at the May 19 vase sale at JCCH.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Please let Caroline Abe know if you can help with the Tanoshii program at JCCH on July 24.

OHARA HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

SUSAN HIRATE

PHOTOS BY JANE AQUINO

On December 6, 2025, The Ohara School Honolulu Chapter held a "Holiday Celebration of Ohara Ikebana" for friends and family. Throughout the day close to 100 guests came to Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to view festive Ohara arrangements that celebrated the holiday season. While arrangers chose many different styles for their arrangements—from circular form to landscape to *heika* and free expression—all of them reflected their love of Ohara Ikebana.



Figure 1: Irene Nakamoto - Free Expression



Figure 3: Barbara Watanabe - Free Expression



Figure 2: Susan Hirate - Water Reflecting Style

NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON

KAREN KIRK

Wabi Sabi (Beauty in Imperfection) was the theme of the January 17, 2026, New Year's luncheon held in the intimate setting of the Waioli Kitchen and Bake Shop in Manoa. A brief general membership meeting conducted by President Patricia Kubo ensued. Members were urged to consider volunteering for the upcoming 2026-28 Board. Pat also presented Caroline Abe and guest Amy Young with beautiful rose lei in appreciation for their generous monetary donations to Chapter 56. Member and former president, Joyce Kaneshiro will be honored at a later date. Participants enjoyed a sumptuous brunch including baked goods for which Waioli is renowned.



In Japanese, *Wabi* refers to simplicity and rustic elegance. *Sabi* signifies beauty that comes with age and wear. Program chairs: Jennifer Shintani, Debra Lau Shiroma, and Karen Kirk distributed packets of material which they prepared prior. These contained: *washi*, ribbon, *mizuhiki*, stickers, colored card stock, tiny silk flowers, and unusual colored wrapping paper.

Jennifer donated notepads labeled *Wabi Sabi Moments ... 2026*, and a card /envelope. A quiet creative concentration overwhelmed the group as they folded, placed, and glued their materials to their cards and notepads.



Hana Tsutsumi, (flower wrapping), centerpieces created by Charmaine Yee-Hollison adorned each table. Members generously donated many items including two cases of Murakami papayas for door prizes.



SPLENDORS OF IKEBANA

CHARMAINE YEEE-HOLLISON

I156 held its Splendors of Ikebana exhibit at the Manoa Public Library 27-28 February. Forty-three members participated, plus two remote members provided photos of their works. The theme of the exhibit was FAN-tasy arrangements, and each exhibitor was asked to incorporate one or more fans. There was a wide variety of fans used in various ways showing a wide range of creativity. You can see photos of each arrangement on the I156 web site at

https://ikebana-hawaii.org/calendar/202602_Splendors/web/index.html .

Approximately 700 people attended the exhibit.



ICYMI, LOL and WWW

There are many words in the Japanese language that have been borrowed or adapted from English. Some of them are easy to recognize and have become part of everyday language in Japan. Examples include: *koohee* (coffee), *aisu kuriimu* (ice cream), *takushii* (taxi), *booru pen* (ball point pen).

Another category of borrowed words includes abbreviated words or phrases. Can you guess what these words mean in English?

1. *Depaato*
2. *Pasokon*
3. *Konbini*
4. *Sumaho*
5. *Sutaba*

Answers: *depaato* = department store; *pasokon* = personal computer; *konbini* = convenience store; *sumaho* = smart phone; *sutaba* = Starbucks.



Next, in this age of texting, the use of acronyms has become increasingly popular in both English and Japanese. English examples include ICYMI, IMHO, LOL, and LMK.

Japanese examples that use the English alphabet include:

CM = Commercial = commercial break during a program

NG = No good = something is not acceptable

WWW = ?? If you guessed that it means World Wide Web, you are wrong!

Answer: the letter 'w' is also an abbreviation in Japanese. It stands for the Japanese verb *warau* (笑う・わらう), which means "to laugh." Some use 'ww' or 'www' as well, meaning that something is REALLY funny. In other words, it is the equivalent of 'LOL.'



These kinds of words and abbreviations are constantly evolving, but when you need to find the meaning, you can always ***guguru*** it (*guguru* = to google) on your *sumaho* over a cup of *koohee* at *Sutaba*.



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PHOTO GALLERY



Figure 6: Arlene Horiuchi - Bunjin style



Figure 5: Linda Tanaka - Hana Isho



Figure 4: Jane Aquino - Heika