

Outreach by Sachiko Kohatsu and Sharon Bristow representing Ikebana International San Diego Chapter #119

"2026 - Summer Japanese Brush Painting Exhibition and Sale"

Sachiko Kohatsu and Sharon Bristow participated in the Friends of Sumi-e 2026 Summer Japanese Brush Painting Exhibition and Sale.

Sachiko created two arrangements for the Welcome Table and for display and Sharon created one arrangement for display. Sachiko and Sharon are both members of the Friends of Sumi-e San Diego Chapter and are honored to share ikebana during their exhibitions.



Sachiko Kohatsu



Sharon Bristow



Interesting Facts about Ikebana

What is Ikebana?

Ikebana's history began in 6th-century Japan as Buddhist altar offerings, evolving into a structured art form by the 14th-15th centuries. There are four main schools in San Diego: Ichiyo, Ikenobo, Ohara, and Sogetsu.

Sachiko is affiliated with the Ikenobo School of Ikebana.

What is Ikenobo?

The Ikenobo School of Ikebana is headquartered in Kyoto, Japan and is one of many ikebana schools worldwide. Ikenobo School was founded in 1462 and is the first and oldest school of flower arrangement.

Ikenobo Classes in San Diego County

Group classes are held once a month on the first Wednesday at the Japanese American Cultural Center (JACC) in Vista and on the second Thursday at Casa del Prado in Balboa Park from Fall to Spring. There are no group classes held in the summer at these locations. Group classes are not openly available to the public as walk-ins. Please consult with a teacher before attending.

First class in Vista begins the first Wednesday in September.

First class at Balboa Park begins on the second Thursday in September.

All teachers offer small group and private lessons at different locations in San Diego. Please refer to their individual websites for more information on what they offer.

Visit the Ikenobo School website at <https://www.ikenobosandiego.org>.

Visit the Ikebana International San Diego Chapter #119 website at

<https://www.ikebanasandiego.org> for information about the organization and ikebana schools in San Diego.

Sharon is affiliated with the Sogetsu School of Ikebana.

What is Sogetsu?

The Sogetsu School of Ikebana is headquartered in Tokyo, Japan and is one of many ikebana schools worldwide. Sogetsu School was founded in 1927 by Sofu Teshigahara, who was interested in the traditional form of ikebana but with the addition of more creativity and expression.

Sogetsu Classes in San Diego County

Sogetsu classes are taught by instructor (Sensei) Yumi Rakers at the San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden and Museum (SDFGM) every Tuesday morning. Visit the SDFGM website at <https://www.niwa.org/> for additional information and cost.

Visit the Sogetsu School San Diego Branch website at www.Sogetsu.space/ for information and a list of Sogetsu teachers in San Diego County.

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