



IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

San Diego Chapter #119
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April 1, 2026



The wonder of flowers opening
and birds singing:
prayers!

*ka ya hiraki
nori toku tori no
kirabiyaka*

Gozan (1695-1733)

Board Meeting– 10AM, April 15, 2026, via Zoom

General Meeting – April 22, 2026, Room 101 Balboa Park Casa del Prado



Membership Dues of \$60 for 2026-2027

are now payable – Please pay at the April or May General Meetings or at our website <https://www.ikebanasandiego.org/memberships#membership-forms> or see attached form
Our Membership Fiscal Year is July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027.



General Meeting April 22 – Ellen Sakagawa (Ikenobo) will be featured, followed by an Origami Workshop and potluck luncheon.

FREE ADMISSION

Wednesday, April 22, 2026
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Room 101, Casa del Prado
Balboa Park

Program:

- Brief Business Meeting
- Ikebana Demonstration by Ellen Sakagawa Ikenobo School
- Origami Workshop
- Raffle

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General Meeting May 27 – Ikebana Day.

Installation Luncheon June 24 - Ikebana International San Diego Chapter #119 2026 58th Annual Luncheon

Dear friends,

Please join all your I.I. friends and non-member guests at our 2026 I.I. Annual Luncheon to be held at the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) on Wednesday, June 24th. We will meet in the Spinnaker Room located at 1011 Anchorage Lane, Point Loma at 11 a.m.

Our menu this year, is your choice of either a SDYC Cobb Salad, Southwestern Power Bowl or a Shrimp Louie. The price is \$60 per person and includes bread and butter, iced tea, dessert, tax and tip. Plus, complimentary parking. Please register before June 9th.

This year our ceramic artists Rose, Ginger, Carole and Heather will once again make gorgeous containers to be gifted to six lucky members.

We will be installing our new Board Members for 2026-2027!

I'll take reservations at the April & May general meetings.

Please see attached flyer

Hope to see you there,

Chris Jones, Luncheon Chair



San Diego Museum of Art – Art Alive April

24-26 - The 2026 event draws inspiration from the Museum's Centennial exhibition featuring its renowned collection of works by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. <https://www.sdmart.org/artalive/>



**Report on Spring Flower Exhibition
March 21-22 Ikebana International San Diego –**

We welcomed 1,628 attendees to Ikebana Rocks, our 58th Spring Exhibition—an exciting turnout for a vibrant show.

Thank you to all our talented arrangers, volunteers, hosts, and our great demonstrators. Your creativity, teamwork, and dedication made this exhibition a success.

View a video of the show, courtesy of Patricia Ann Fuchs:

[2026 Spring Show](#)



Debbie Warriner



Yumi Rakers



Jackie Zhang



Sachiko Kohatsu



Marina Khudobina



Balboa Park Paid Parking Update

<https://www.sandiego.gov/parking/balboapark>



Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum

Tokonoma photos from February: Please contact Debbie Warriner at dswarriner.sd@gmail.com for information.

<https://www.niwa.org/>

<https://www.ikebanasandiego.org/gallery#tokonoma-arrangers>

Arrangers for March

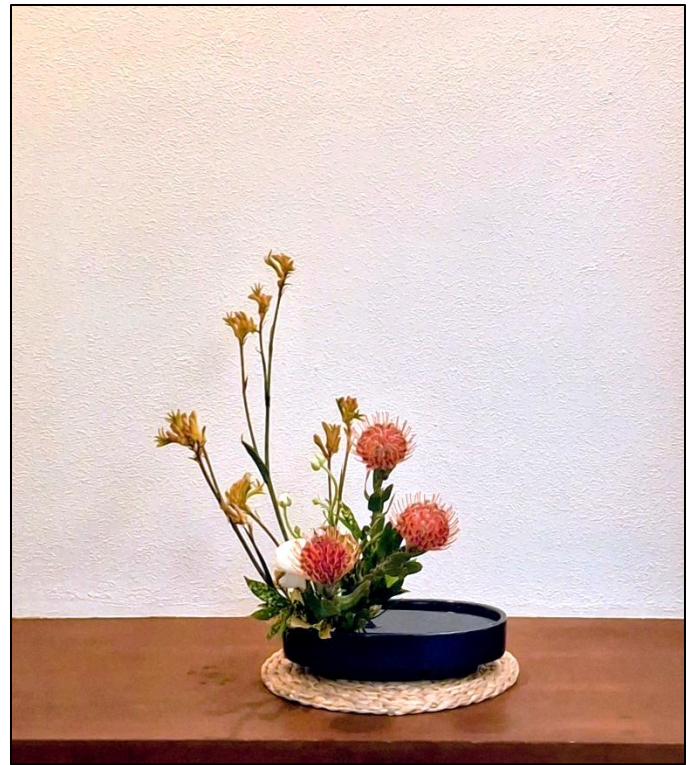
Apr. 2-5: Marina Khubobina

Apr. 9-12: Mika Sawada

Apr. 16-19: Carole Scott

Apr. 23-26: Rena Asai

Apr. 29-May 3: Nakaba Emtesali



Aya Zervas



Noriko McDaniel



Debbie Warriner



Rose Phuc Pham Nguyen



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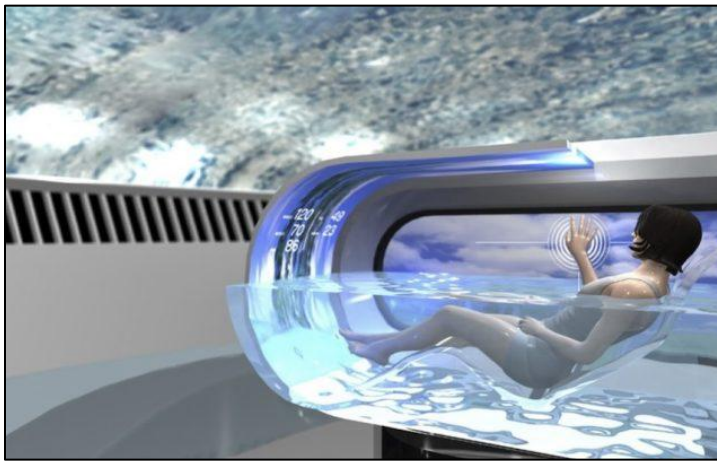
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Is the Human Washing Machine of our Dreams Finally Becoming a Reality?

[<https://spoon-tamago.com/osaka-expo-human-washing-machine/>]

If you wandered the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion at Expo 2025 and felt like you'd stepped into a retro sci-fi spa, you weren't imagining things. One of the talk-of-the-fair exhibits is a futuristic bathing pod — billed as a “Future Human Washing Machine” — that promises to wash and dry a person in roughly 15 minutes using ultra-fine bubbles, sensors and AI to adjust temperature, pressure and even the visuals you see while inside. The project is presented by Science Co., Ltd. and has been promoted as a modern reimagining of a very similar idea first seen at the 1970 World Expo in Osaka.



At Expo '70, Sanyo (later acquired by Panasonic) exhibited an Ultrasonic Bath, a large capsule that invited people to climb in and be cleaned automatically. The 1970 machine combined pulsing jets, ultrasonic mist and rubber massage balls; the pitch was a 15-minute automated wash, massage and dry routine — essentially a human carwash. It was sensational, photographic and the kind of optimistic gadgetry that defined many pavilions at Expo '70. Although popular as a spectacle, prohibitive costs kept the Ultrasonic Bath as merely a concept.

The 2025 version keeps the theatrical lineage but swaps brute-force novelty for subtler tech and a clearer use case. Instead of being a gimmick, the new pod leans on micro-bubble technology, biometric sensors that monitor vital signs and stress, and an AI layer that adjusts the cycle and projects calming imagery tailored to the user. Advocates say this makes it more than a quick

novelty: it could help understaffed care facilities offer dignified, efficient bathing for the elderly or disabled, and it folds into Japan's broader robotics + care-technology agenda.



The price of the machine has not been disclosed because its unique shape means installation costs vary greatly, but the company has said it would be roughly the price of an imported luxury car. But it seems price is not as prohibitive as it once was. The company also revealed that they had already booked orders for 6 devices, which will be installed in hotels and spas across Japan.

It seems owning one in our home is still a few years away, but we're getting closer!