



Ron Kodo Brown began his studies in Sogetsu Ikebana in 1979. He studies with Kika Shibata and holds the rank of Komon.

Following his retirement, Ron has been actively pursuing his passion and love of Ikebana as a second career. In addition to regularly teaching ikebana classes in Sonoma and Marin Counties, he has demonstrated and exhibited often for many groups throughout California and beyond. His travels have taken him to Panama City, Panama; Sao Paulo, Basil; Ashville, North Carolina; Arizona and Florida.

In 2017 Ron attended the 90th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Sogetsu School where he received the Akane Teshigahara Overseas award. In 2022, he received a Certificate of Commendation from the Consul General of Japan, Hiroshi Kawamura, for deepening the understanding and friendship between Japan and California.

Ron has been a member of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31 of Ikebana International for over 40 years and is currently Co-President. He is the Director of the Sogetsu San Francisco Bay Area Branch and a member of the Sogetsu Teacher's Association in Tokyo. He is also a member of Ikebana Teachers Federation.