



# IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

San Diego Chapter #119  
www.ikebanasandiego.org

November 1, 2025



A fallen blossom	<i>rakka eda ni</i>
Returning to the bough, I thought--	<i>kaeru to mireba</i>
But no, a butterfly	<i>kochō kana</i>
Arakida Moritake (1472-1549)	

**Board Meeting** – November 12, 2025 via Zoom – 10:00AM

**General Meeting** – November 19, 2025, Room 101 Balboa Park Casa del Prado  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday vs 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**



## Japanese Fall Festival (Akimatsuri) –

**November 1 11AM-6PM** - 1735 Hancock St., San Diego 92101. Free for Seniors, \$5 for other visitors. Free parking. The Sponsor, Kiku, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to support the Nikkei community in San Diego, California and the surrounding areas. Our Chapter will have a booth as part of our outreach efforts.

**Akimatsuri**  
Admission: \$5  
\*Free Admission for Seniors and Children Under 12

2025 NOVEMBER 1ST 11 AM TO 6 PM  
SATURDAY

JULEP Venue  
1735 Hancock Street, San Diego, CA 92101

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## General Meeting November 19 –

Please join us for a fun workshop learning ways to manipulate Aspidistra leaves for ikebana arrangements. There are only 2 spaces left, so contact Deborah Warriner by email ([dswarriner.sd@gmail.com](mailto:dswarriner.sd@gmail.com)) or text (619-665-3563) to reserve your place. You will each receive 3 leaves and instructions on manipulating techniques. Workshop theme: Manipulating Aspidistra Leaves for Ikebana Arrangements. Suitable for all Schools and student levels.

Instructor: Deborah Warriner, Master - Ichiyo School

Maximum participants: 24 (Free for Chapter #119 members/\$5 for non-members).

Priority given to Chapter members on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants must bring: a container, floral scissors, kenzan or other support, and one flower (any type/color).

Workshop will provide: Aspidistra leaves (3 per participant), Instruction handout, demonstration of manipulation techniques, backer boards for photos.

**FREE ADMISSION**

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Wednesday, November 19, 2025  
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Room 101, Casa del Prado  
Balboa Park

**Deborah Warriner**  
Master Ichiyo

**Program:**

- Brief Business Meeting
- Ikebana Demonstration by Deborah Warriner Ichiyo School
- Workshop by Deborah Warriner using Aspidistra Leaves
- Raffle

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## Festival of Trees December 4,5,6 - The

San Diego Floral Association's Guild has invited I. I. to participate in their Festival of Trees. This event is part of the City's December Nights in Balboa Park. We are offered places for seven arrangements. [The SDFA Guild also has seven arrangements.] Their theme this year is "Rooted in

Wonder” which should give ikebana arrangers a wide choice. The event is in Room 101, Casa del Prado. Installation is between 9:00 am and noon on Thursday, Dec. 4. Take-down is Sunday morning, Dec. 7. Please let Rose Tyson [[ratyson45@gmail.com](mailto:ratyson45@gmail.com) or 619-876-8034] know if you would like to participate. It is great fun and good public outreach as the event draws about 30,000 visitors.



**Holiday Showcase December 17 –**

**Showcase Arrangements** – All members welcome to display. Register with Winnie Davis [[davis91977@gmail.com](mailto:davis91977@gmail.com)]

**Potluck Luncheon** – Bring something yummy!

**Donations** – Children’s Toys or cash (all Salvation Army donations stay in San Diego).

Ikebana International Iwaya Fund: All donations benefit our Chapter and are matched to benefit Iwaya Endowment Fund to benefit various Ikebana projects and education.

<https://www.ikebanaiwaya.org/donations.html>

**Special and Ways & Means Sale** – Buy, buy, buy!



**Report on Sogetsu School San Diego Branch 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition** – View the video: [Sogetsu San Diego Branch 35th Exhibition](#)



**Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum**

Tokonoma photos from October: Please contact Debbie Warriner at [dswarriner.sd@gmail.com](mailto:dswarriner.sd@gmail.com) for information.

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

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



**Report on General Meeting October 22 –**

Our meeting featured a demonstration by Jackie Zhang (Sakura Chapter of Ohara School), followed by a Sumi-e workshop with Joe Cross.



Anna Noah





Eileen Kelley



Judy Clifton



Pui Lan Ng



Akiko Bourland



### **Board Nominations and Volunteerism**

– We will nominate a slate of new board members in April. Our amazing chapter needs your direct talents and time! Yes, this is a call for nominations (or as most know, the call “to put yourself forward”)!

The best part is the people that come forward to serve will be joining an experienced, vibrant group that works hard to keep the formalities to a minimum while delivering great learning through ikebana programs and adventures to our members.

One final reason to entice you is that our board members have enjoyed deepening their chapter “friendships through flowers”.

***Some of you will say “but I already served” or “I am too new”.*** Each of us benefits from the dedication of previous leadership, so it is time to step up (maybe again). Small volunteer powered organizations, like ours, rely on one another to take membership “up a notch”. Besides, the same creative impulse that led you to join the Chapter is exactly what will also ensure your success in a leadership position! Check out: “Jobs for All Members to Consider” at <https://www.ikebanasandiego.org/> and contact Valli Reed at [earnest3.t@gmail.com](mailto:earnest3.t@gmail.com) with your questions.



### **Video of 13<sup>th</sup> World Convention in**

**Kyoto** – Available until November 26. View at: [https://ikebanahq.org/archives/news\\_members/the-commemorative-video-of-ikebana-international-13th-world-convention-will-be-available-streamed-online-for-two-months](https://ikebanahq.org/archives/news_members/the-commemorative-video-of-ikebana-international-13th-world-convention-will-be-available-streamed-online-for-two-months)



### **Japan Elects Female Prime Minister** –

[<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/japans-parliament-elects-ultraconservative-sanae-takaichi-as-nations-first-female-prime-minister>TOKYO (AP)] — Japan’s parliament elected ultraconservative Sanae Takaichi as the country’s first female prime minister Tuesday, a day after her struggling party struck a coalition deal with a new partner expected to pull her governing bloc further to the right.

Takaichi replaces Shigeru Ishiba, ending a three-month political vacuum and wrangling since

the Liberal Democratic Party’s disastrous election loss in July.

Ishiba, who lasted only one year as prime minister, resigned with his Cabinet earlier in the day, paving the way for his successor.



Takaichi won 237 votes — four more than a majority — compared to 149 won by Yoshikoko Noda, the head of the largest opposition party, the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan. The vote took place in the lower house, the more powerful of Japan’s two chambers of parliament and the one that chooses the prime minister.

As the results were announced, Takaichi stood up and bowed deeply.

### **A first, but not a feminist**

While Takaichi made history by becoming the first leader of a country where men still largely hold sway, she has not promoted gender equality or diversity.

An admirer of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Takaichi is among the Japanese politicians who have stonewalled measures for women’s advancement. She supports the imperial family’s male-only succession and opposes same-sex marriage and allowing separate surnames for married couples.

And despite a pledge to drastically increase the number of women in the Cabinet, she appointed only two women ministers — Satsuki Katayama as finance minister and Kimi Onoda as economic security minister.




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