



Dear New Member,

Welcome to Ikebana International San Diego Chapter #119. Be ready to make new friends, learn, and be inspired!

Our educational meetings begin in September and are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, except November and December, when they are a week earlier. There are no meetings in July and August. The meetings are held at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room #101 and start at 10 am. A potluck lunch is part of our regular meeting tradition, and we encourage everyone to stay, socialize and bring a dish to share at your next meeting. Our yearly December Holiday display, Spring Flower Exhibition in March, and in May we celebrate Ikebana Day Showcase which are just some of our program highlights, and we invite all our members to participate. Let us know if you are participating by contacting the person in charge (also notified in our newsletter).

To keep you informed, you will receive a monthly e-newsletter, and we have a beautiful website that contains *every detail about our group and its activities*. As a new member, we strongly encourage you to visit our website <https://www.ikebanasandiego.org>

We created a New Member Orientation tab located under Membership that will take you to some basics, including a map of the park, our meeting room location, nearby parking areas, and closest restroom location. From now until the end of 2026 parking is not free in Balboa Park, this will change to become free in 2027 as indicated by the city of San Diego.

The "Members Only" page is password protected. We ask members not to share this password by email with others, only in person or by snail mail. We can share this with you at one of our meetings. Please ask for it.

To help you with your new I.I. friendships, you will find a Current Member photo gallery in our website under Membership. If you would like to submit a photo of yourself, please email it to our chapter Webmaster: Patricia Ann Fuchs, at [pfuchs47@hotmail.com](mailto:pfuchs47@hotmail.com) or if you prefer, Patricia will take your photo at our meeting and send it to you for approval before posting.

In addition, we belong to the North & Central American Regional branch of I.I. known as N.C.A.R. which also has a very informative website, [ikebanancar.org](http://ikebanancar.org). Two of our San Diego members are board member advocates there, so we have lots of input.

If you have any questions please send them to me, JoLea Von Herzen at [jlvonh@gmail.com](mailto:jlvonh@gmail.com)

In Friendship through Flowers,

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President