



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. Our yearly December Holiday display and our Spring Flower Show in March are highlights, and we invite all our members (except starter members) to participate. Let us know if you are participating by contacting the person in charge (also found 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 on the opening page that will take you to some basics, including a map of the park, our meeting room location, nearby parking areas, and closest restroom location.

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.

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 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. which also has a very informative website, ikebanancar.org. Two of our San Diego members are board members there so we have lots of input.

In Friendship through flowers,
Josephine (JoLea) Von Herzen, President

