

Dr. Inge Johansen

Honorary Member 2020-2021

Inge was born in Denmark and came to the US in 1964 as an ICU nurse and helped start the first Coronary Care unit at Sharp Memorial Hospital. She started Sogetsu classes in 1967 by serendipity, just walking down the street in Honolulu, Hawaii and saw a store front with classes. Inge had no idea that the Sogetsu School would fit right in with her life. She likes modern and contemporary art, having had a family history of gardening through her father and his father and she loves color.

Inge moved to Illinois and began medical school at University of Illinois. Eventually started her residency at University of California, San Diego in Anesthesiology in 1976.

Regarding Ikebana International she joined in 2000 after she started to work less and eventually retired then her son went off to college, so she had more time.

Inge loves to travel and has lived in 3 countries: Denmark, France and the USA. She also speaks Danish, with some French and German. Since she has lived in California she is not as fluent any more in French and German as she would like. Now she thinks maybe she should have taken Spanish in her youth, but who knew she would end up in California.

Inge has travelled to 26 countries and just had to cancel a trip to Kenya and Tanzania in the fall.

She has visited 48 of the 50 states and the territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Guess what are the two missing: North Dakota and Rhode Island. Along the way she has lived in 4 states: California, Hawaii, Illinois and Texas.

Inge Johansen , Ikebana International, San Diego

1. 1967 First Sogetsu Ikebana class Honolulu, Hawaii
2. 1976- 2011 Sogetsu class Sumiko Lahey, sensei San Diego
1999-2011 Sogetsu Pacifica class Sumiko Lahey, sensei
3. Workshops (she has attended numerous Workshops in the US)
 - Sogetsu North America Meeting, Florida
 - Sogetsu North America Meeting, Los Angeles
 - Sogetsu, Orange County
 - Sogetsu, Kika Shibata, sensei San Jose
 - Sogetsu, Kika Shibata, sensei Las Vegas
 - Sogetsu, Kika Shibata, sensei San Diego
4. 2012-present Secretary Sogetsu Board, San Diego (Held the position of Secretary)
5. 2015-2017 Secretary Ikebana International, San Diego Board
6. 2011-present teacher Sogetsu Pacifica class.
Achieved her #1 Somu Teacher Certificate 2016