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San Diego Chapter #119
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October 1, 2025



Towering alone	<i>nyoppori to</i>
Against the autumn sky --	<i>aki no sora naru</i>
Mount Fuji	<i>fuji no yama</i>
Uejima Onitsura (1661-1738)	

Board Meeting – October 15, 2025 via Zoom – 10:00AM

General Meeting – October 22, 2025, Room 101 Balboa Park Casa del Prado



Sogetsu School San Diego Branch 35th Anniversary Exhibition – October 4-5, 10:30-4:30 Balboa Park Casa del Prado 101 – Theme is Feeling of Fall or Aki No Koyo. Demonstrations both days at 2PM.



秋月

Sogetsu School San Diego Branch Cordially Invites You to Attend Our 35th Anniversary Exhibition of Ikebana Flower Arrangements

“Feeling of Fall”
“Aki No Koyo”
秋の紅葉

Arrangement by Akiko Tsubigihara

Saturday, October 4, 2025 - 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park, San Diego
Free Admission

Flower Arranging Demonstrations:
Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm

For Further Information:
Sharon (Sharon.Silver@aol.com) or
Jo Lea Van Herzen (johv@sigmail.com), Flower Exhibition Chairpersons



FREE ADMISSION

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Wednesday, October 22, 2025
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Room 101, Casa del Prado
Balboa Park

Jackie Zhang
Sakura Chapter of Ohara School

Program:

- Brief Business Meeting
- Ikebana Demonstration by Jackie Zhang, 1st Master, Ohara School
- Workshop: Sumi-e with Joe Cross >>>
- Raffle




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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.



General Meeting October 22 – Our meeting will feature a demonstration by Jackie Zhang (Sakura Chapter of Ohara School), followed by a Sumi-e workshop with Joe Cross. Joe’s workshop is free and limited to 10 participants. Sign up with Winnie Davis at davis91977@gmail.com



Akimatsuri

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

2025 SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 1ST | 11 AM TO 6 PM

JULEP Venue
1735 Hancock Street, San Diego, CA 92101

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Report on Teachers' Showcase –

September 24 - We kicked off our new program year with this exhibition, which provided a unique experience of seeing displays of instructors of all represented schools. Participants were: Judi Bowes, Shilin Wang, Mitsuko Takeya, Pui Lan Ng, Ginger Truschke, Sharon Bristow, Josephine Von Herzen, Ellen Sakagawa, Patricia Fuchs, Sachiko Kohatsu, Judy Clifton, Inge Johansen, Debbie Warriner, Mika Sawada, Jenny Sun, Rose Phuc Pham Nguyen, Marina Khudobina.

Watch the video, courtesy of Patricia Ann Fuchs: [2025 Teachers' Showcase](#)



Laura Hoffman



Mika Sawada



Pui Lan Ng



Sachiko Kohatsu



Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum

Tokonoma photos from September: Please contact Debbie Warriner at dswarriner.sd@gmail.com for information. <https://www.niwa.org/>
<https://www.ikebanasandiego.org/gallery#tokonoma-arrangers>

- Oct. 2-5 Anna Noah
- Oct. 9-12 Pui Lan Ng
- Oct. 16-19 Eileen Kelley
- Oct. 23-26 Judy Clifton
- Oct.30-Nov. 2 Akiko Bourland



Nakaba Emtesali



Noriko McDaniel



In Memoriam – Cris Bugarin’s husband, Captain Tem Bugarin, passed away on August 30. He was the first U.S. naval officer born in the Philippine Islands to command a U.S. Navy warship, and earned a PhD and three Masters degrees. At home, he also cultivated a rose garden, a project he began to honor the memory of his second daughter, Marie. We wish Cris and her family peace, healing, and wellness.
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/bonita-ca/captain-tem-bugarin-12507057>



The Power of Flowers to Reflect Life: Naohiro Kasuya’s Depiction of the Possibilities of Free Expression – Read this interview with the Ichiyo School’s Iemoto, Naohiro Kasuya, about the relevance of ikebana. His answers could apply to any school.
<https://qianna.jp/archives/5591>



Sakura Virtual Ikebana – A virtual chapter for II members who live in areas that do not have chapters nearby or have personal limitations to attending traditional chapter events. They hope to become an official II Chapter.



Sakura Virtual Ikebana

Visit the newly formed Sakura Virtual Ikebana website: <https://www.sakuravirtualikebana.com>
Organized for people interested in learning more about ikebana from the comfort of home.



Ikebana International 13th World Convention Commemorative Video Available -
To view, go to <https://ikebanahq.org/>
Log into Members Only. Password is 1956sakura
Click on News
Click on "The Commemorative Video of Ikebana International 13th World Convention"
Be sure to watch it during the next 2 months.



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<https://www.ikebanasandiego.org/> - Remember to check the Members Only section for updates.

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From the Editor – If you have announcements or suggestions for the next newsletter, please email me at gingert@san.rr.com



Tanjiro Emerges in the Fields as Gyoda Unveils 2025 Rice Paddy Art

<https://spoon-tamago.com/tanjiro-gyoda-rice-paddy-art/>



Every summer, the city of Gyoda in Saitama Prefecture turns rice paddies into giant canvases, planting colorful rice varieties to form massive works of art. Known as *tanbo art*, these living murals stretch across nearly three hectares and can only be fully appreciated from above. Gyoda's rice paddy art holds the Guinness World Record for the largest of its kind, and each year it draws visitors eager to see what design will emerge from the fields.



For 2025, [Gyoda](#) is celebrating the world of anime with a detailed portrait of Tanjiro Kamado from *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba*. Created in honor of the upcoming *Mugen Castle Arc* movie, this year's design shows Tanjiro mid-battle with his signature determined expression, slowly coming to life as the rice plants grow in shades of green and gold.

This year, the canvas was planted with roughly 10,000 seedlings, which is a huge increase compared to the more average 6000. The artwork typically reaches its full beauty by mid-July and stays vibrant through October. Visitors can view the rice paddy art from the Observatory, which offers a 360-degree view from 50 meters above ground. It's an easy day trip from Tokyo, and admission to the observatory is just 400 yen. Whether you're an anime fan or simply appreciate creative uses of nature, Gyoda's rice paddy art is a stunning blend of tradition, teamwork, and pop culture.