



Director's message

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As I look back over this last year I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the support you have given Sogetsu. As I look forward, we are excited about celebrating our 50th year. I hope you will all join in celebrating with us. We have an awesome event planned. See flyer below.

Please be mindful of our discounts. I insisted that members get a discount and part of that is the early registration. It is also helpful in planning to know our numbers.

Thanking you again for your invaluable commitment to Sogetsu Dallas branch.

Wishing you and yours the very best in the coming year!



On Saturday, **January 13**, the Sogetsu Dallas Branch will have an enjoyable fundraiser for our 50th Anniversary event. For a minimum **\$25 donation per person**, you can enjoy some Spanish-inspired food, watch a performance of Spanish-inspired dancing (tango, flamenco, etc.), and enjoy a profusion of tulip arrangements.

To register, go to sogetsudallas.org or also register by contacting Nancy Griggs (nancjg@hotmail.com).



**Important Message
about the 50th Anniversary
of Sogetsu Dallas**

(See details on the last page)

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 AMIRA MATSUDA, AND KUMIKO TOYAMA



Holiday Showcase
 December 14, 2023

Demonstration and
 workshop by
 RIJI Amira Matsuda,
 She created seven
 beautiful ikebanas.



PHOTOS BY NANCY GRIGGS, YOKO MAZZA,
AMIRA MATSUDA, AND SUE SMITH

Holiday workshop



Nancy Griggs



Ngoc Truong



Yvette Keats



Emily Akiyama



Yoko Mazza



Liz Lee



Sue Smith



\$10 - General | \$5 - Members & Children 6-12 | free - Children 0-5

On Sunday, **January 14**, the Sogetsu Dallas Branch will join Ikebana Dallas Chapter 13 in an Exhibit at the Japan America Society of DFW Mochitsuki New Year Celebration. We want a few (three??+) arrangements from each organization. After a several-year hiatus, the event will be a fresh start for JASDFW in its new location on Central Expressway in Plano (see flyer attached). Want to get in for free? Be a volunteer: you can assist us during the 2 - 5 pm event with either an arrangement, doing a demo, or helping with our "children's table and photo booth." Other volunteer opportunities are listed on the JASDFW flyer.

Contact Patricia O'Reilly: ikebanabypatricia@gmail.com or 214-680-9986

SOGETSU MONTHLY MEETING

Will feature **MINA KELLY**, a long-time SDB member who now lives in Missouri.

Mina will demonstrate arrangements that are

"Expressions of Love for St. Valentine's Day."

Bring your container and materials that carry out this theme. **Heart-shaped red anthuriums** are a fitting addition to any "love" arrangement. If you would like **to order any anthuriums**

for your arrangement, please **contact Patricia O'Reilly before January 15.**

You can pay at the meeting.

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Thursday, January 25, 2024

North Haven Gardens

7700 Northaven Rd. Dallas, 75230

10:45 - noon:

\$10 Beginners-

Introduction to Ikebana

1-3 pm:

**Meeting, Demonstration,
and Workshop**



Important Message

50th Anniversary 1974-2024

Sogetsu Dallas

Only 2 weeks left for the Special Discounted Rate; price goes up on January 15. Thank you to all those who registered. Still, many we have not yet heard from. The majority of those who registered are from out of town. Your support is very much needed in every possible way. Progress in the planning is underway; more details are to be announced in the near future. Meanwhile, we need your help with the following:



1.

Please email / text me photos of your **unique containers to be used** for the demonstration on 4/13 by our guest presenter Mrs. Nishiyama.

2.

Please **support our fundraising activities**, our team members are working hard to offer you unique and fun programs, be sure not to miss!

3.

Reserve your hotel room if you wish to stay during the event while rooms are available.

4.

The door is open for any one who might be interested to **place an ad in the event program booklet**. There are 3 prices: **full page \$100** (5.5" x 8.5"), **half page \$50** (4.25" x 5.5") and **quarter page** (4.25" x 2.75") \$25, you may place a business card or just simply say the word congratulations.

Our publicity chair Marilyn Calley is kindly willing to help you if your ad is not print ready.

5.

We have so many areas where **your help is needed**, **please make your registration early** so we can contact you for volunteering.



Thank you,

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