

May 2026



FREE
ADMISSION



Ikebana Day Showcase

Wednesday, May 27, 2026
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Room 101, Casa del Prado
Balboa Park

Program:

- Brief Business Meeting
- “Ikebana Day” is an exhibition showcasing our member’s arrangements featuring the “Agapanthus”
- Raffle

This year’s featured flower, **Agapanthus**, selected by the Japan Ikebana Art Association is celebrated on June 6, 2026



Cecilia Carrick, who has been President from 2024, welcomed everyone, thanked everyone for carrying on while she was out of town. Announced our current events, today’s topic “Ikebana Day”, and remembered three diseased members, Cris Bugarin, Jean Morioka and Fontaine Laing

May is our last General Meeting of our fiscal year. June will feature our Annual Luncheon, Installation of New Board Members, President pins will be exchanged, and our 2026-2027 Honorary Member: Sharon Bristow, will be presented with a Certificate

29
Members
&
9 Guests

Welcome your new 2026-2028 Elected Board Members



L-R Patricia, Winnie, Sharon, Cecilia, Ginger, Laura, Sachiko, Judi, & JoLea (not present: Carole)

President: Jo Lea Von Herzen

First Vice President: Judi Bowes

Second Vice President: Chair Sachiko Kohatsu

Second Vice Presiden Co-chair: Laura Hoffman

Recording Secretary: Carole Scott

Treasurer: Ginger Truschke

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Bristow

Nominations Director: Cecilia Carrick

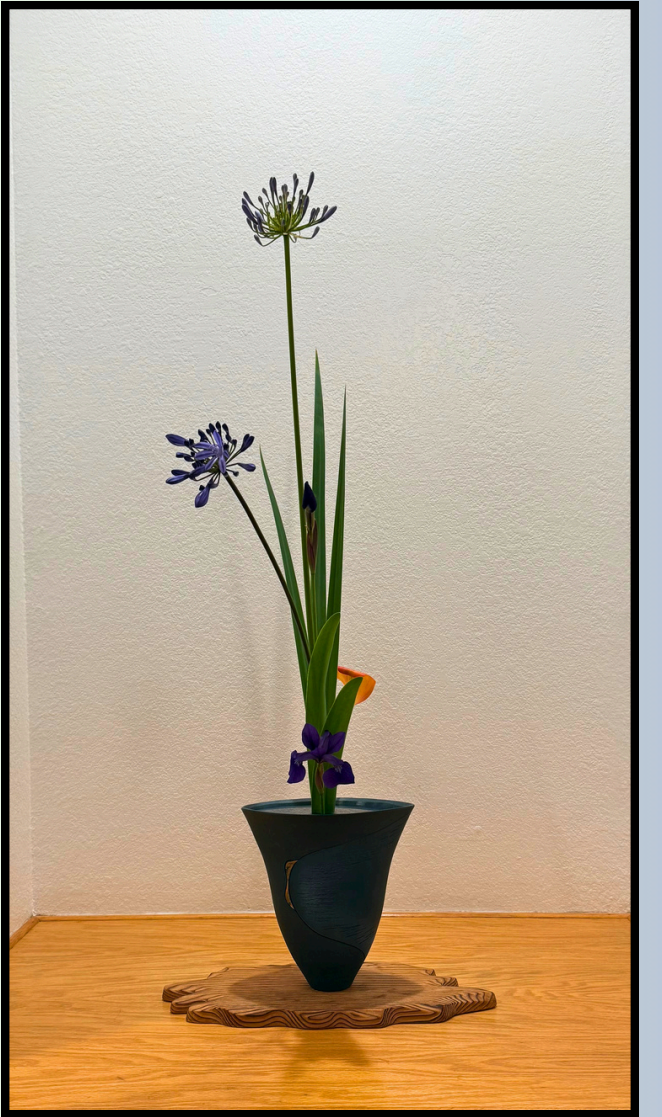
Membership Director: Winnie Davis

Historian: Patricia Ann Fuchs

Ikebana Day Showcase Arrangements













A lovely Ohara
arrangement
was created by
Ginger
Truschke



Cris Bugarin 1944-2026

A treasured member
since 2003 and
I.I. President 2009-2011,
Cris Bugarin passed away on
April 19.

Some history written by Cris:

"My mother loved to refer to me and quoted this idiom phrase: "You're jack of all trades and master of none"—how true she was! I have always enjoyed joining organizations, clubs, and meeting new friends and keeping friends (BFF).

In 2003, I met Mimsie Gaskin who was the President of Ikebana International San Diego Chapter #119 and invited me to attend the general meeting. Of course, without hesitation, I attended my first-time/first-day general meeting. Then I became President of the San Diego Chapter in 2009-2011.

As time went by, I became more interested and inspired to take an ikebana class. Chin Astad introduced me to Grand Master Akiko Bourland. Also, Sumiko Lahey and Rose Itano approached me to take classes from them. Since I experienced the Sogetsu and Ichiyo styles of ikebana, I wanted to learn another new school of ikebana. I started to take classes from Mrs. Bourland. I was very impressed with her class and joined the San Diego Chapter of the Ohara School of Ikebana. Akiko sensei nurtured my interest in Ohara ikebana. I was mesmerized by the beauty of the Ohara ikebana styles. The Ohara school of ikebana has become my long-term therapeutic hobby. As years went by, I was appointed by Headmaster Hiroki Ohara to become the president of San Diego Study Group which became San Diego Wabi Chapter of the Ohara School of Ikebana and again appointed to be the first president. I hold a 2nd Master degree from the Ohara School of Ikebana."

San Diego Wabi Chapter
Ohara School of Ikebana
2nd Master Degree
Sensei: Grand Master Akiko Bourland



Sharon Bristow
created this
stunning Sogetsu
arrangement in
memory of Jean
Morioka



Jean Morioka
1933-2025

Chapter Member since 1984
and
Certified Teacher
of the
Sogetsu School of Ikebana

Jean was a foundational pillar of Ikebana International San Diego Chapter #119. For over 41 years she was highly dedicated and a long-term member of our chapter joining in 1984.

She spent decades volunteering in helping organize local exhibitions, flower arrangements for civic displays, and public cultural workshops.

