

Karen Napoli, Master in the Ichiyo School of Ikebana

Karen was introduced to the Japanese culture and the art of ikebana when she and her family relocated to Japan for 10 years. She has been involved with Ikebana International and the Ichiyo School since 1993. Karen served on the Board of Ikebana International (I.I.) for 32 years either at the HQ level or Chapter level in Tokyo or Rochester, NY. Karen was appointed Director of the Ichiyo Ikebana Branch of Rochester the same year that she received her Master Certificate, 2012.

Karen teaches ikebana on Tuesdays: morning, afternoon and evenings. Ichiyo has a set curriculum where everyone advances at their own pace. She has given demonstrations, workshops and has exhibited in 7 States and 5 countries. Karen enjoys sharing with all ages her interests in this art.

Medical and later, education was her employment background. Besides ikebana she became a Master Gardener in 2019 volunteering for Monroe County, belonged to the same book club group of 14 ladies for 30 years, active in her church arranging altar flowers, prayer support, launder linens, help cater funerals, and hosting Coffee & Donut Sundays. Family takes up a great deal of pleasant time as well with the enjoyment of travel.

Karen says that ikebana creates a centering of oneself and has helped give her freedom of mind. Nature has become a heightened state through all senses.