



# IKEBANA

## INTERNATIONAL

San Diego Chapter #119  
www.ikebanasandiego.org

May 1, 2026



A woman	<i>nashi no hana</i>
Reading a letter by moonlight	<i>tsuki ni fumi yomu</i>
Pear blossoms.	<i>onna ari</i>
Buson (1716-1783)	

**Board Meeting**– 10AM, May 20, 2026, via Zoom

**General Meeting** – May 27, 2026, Room 101 Balboa Park Casa del Prado, 10AM



**Membership Dues of \$60 for 2026-2027 are now payable** – Please pay at the May General Meeting or at our website <https://www.ikebanasandiego.org/memberships#membership-forms> or see attached form. Our Membership Fiscal Year is July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027.



**General Meeting May 27 – Ikebana Day** was established by **Japan Ikebana Art Association** in 2020. It was based on the ancient Japanese concept that **June 6** at the age 6, in the sixth month, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> day is a good day to start any traditional art lessons. Since then, Ikebana practitioners and enthusiasts have celebrated this special day around the world. Every year, the Association has been designating the theme flower for Ikebana Day. **This year's flower is Agapanthus.**

We would like to celebrate Ikebana Day in San Diego on May 27, 2026, by having all our chapter members create and display arrangements using the Agapanthus as their featured flower. Please reserve your space by emailing [davis91977@gmail.com](mailto:davis91977@gmail.com) and bring your containers, flowers, and scissors. Photos will be taken and a video produced.

**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.



**Installation Luncheon June 24 - Ikebana International San Diego Chapter #119 2026 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon**

Dear friends,  
Please join all your I.I. friends and non-member guests at our 2026 I.I. Annual Luncheon to be held at the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Spinnaker Room located at 1011 Anchorage Lane, Point Loma at 11 a.m.

Our menu this year, is your choice of either a SDYC Cobb Salad, Southwestern Power Bowl or a Shrimp Louie. The price is \$60 per person and includes bread and butter, iced tea, dessert, tax and tip. Plus, complimentary parking. Please register before June 9<sup>th</sup>.

This year our ceramic artists Rose, Ginger, Carole and Heather will once again make gorgeous containers to be gifted to six lucky members.

We will be installing our new Board Members for 2026-2028! And we will award our new Honorary Member for 2026-2027, Sharon Bristow.

I'll take reservations at the May general meeting.  
**Please see attached flyer**  
Hope to see you there,  
Chris Jones, Luncheon Chair

Recording Secretary: Carole Scott  
Treasurer: Ginger Truschke  
Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Bristow  
Nominations Director: Cecilia Garrick  
Membership Director: Winnie Davis  
Historian: Patricia Fuchs

*"Transcendent Beauty"*

As Ikebana artists, our creations bring beauty into the world. Our art transcends boundaries and embraces each heart

**58th Annual Luncheon**  
June 24th at 11 a.m.  
San Diego Yacht Club  
Spinnaker Room  
1011 Anchorage Ln.  
Point Loma

Guests Welcome and complimentary parking \$60 per person, register by June 9



Sharon Bristow  
Honorary Member  
2026-2027



**Report on General Meeting April 22 –**

Ellen Sakagawa (Ikenobo) created gorgeous and elegant arrangements. An Origami Workshop led by Winnie Davis attracted members and guests alike.

The following slate of Board Members for 2026-2028 was announced. Please attend our meeting on May 27 for the election.

President: Jo Lea Von Herzen  
First Vice President: Judi Bowes  
Co-Second Vice Presidents: Sachiko Kohatsu and Laura Hoffman





Marina Khudobina



**Hospitality Guidelines** – Please see attachment. We are always grateful for volunteers.



**Balboa Park Paid Parking**  
<https://www.sandiego.gov/parking/balboapark>



**Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum**  
Tokonoma photos from April: Please contact Debbie Warriner at [dswarriner.sd@gmail.com](mailto:dswarriner.sd@gmail.com) for information.  
<https://www.niwa.org/>  
<https://www.ikebanasandiego.org/gallery#tokonoma-arrangers>

Arrangers for May  
May 7-10: Eileen Kelley  
May 14-17: Mika Sawada  
May 21-24: Sue Elsayeh  
May 28-31: Rose Phuc Pham Nguyen



Carole Scott



Mika Sawada



Rena Asai




**In Memoriam** – Our treasured member since 2003 and president 2009-2011, Cris Bugarin passed away on April 19. She will be terribly missed.



A member since 1984, Jean Morioka, passed in 2025.



 **From the Editor** – If you have announcements or suggestions for the next newsletter, please email me at [gingert@san.rr.com](mailto:gingert@san.rr.com)



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### [The Other Ceramics: An Exhibition of Non-Ceramicist Pottery](https://spoon-tamago.com/the-other-ceramics-an-exhibition-of-non-ceramicist-pottery/#more-58669)

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What happens when some of Japan's most celebrated creatives step outside their usual disciplines and into the world of clay? That's the question at the heart of "The Other Ceramics," an exhibition currently on view at the BANKO Archive Design Museum in Yokaichi, Mie prefecture.



*a pair of tumblers by the artist Taro Okamoto*

Held at the [Banko Archive Design Museum](#), the show commemorates the museum's 10th anniversary with an unconventional premise: ceramics created not by ceramicists, but by artists, designers, and cultural figures better known for other mediums. From contemporary artist Yoshitomo Nara to avant-garde icon Taro Okamoto, photographer Hiroshi Sugimoto, and fashion figure NIGO, each participant brings their own perspective to the tactile, centuries-old tradition of pottery. Rather than striving for technical perfection, the works feel exploratory—sometimes raw, sometimes poetic, often surprising. A vase, a tea bowl, or a sculptural object becomes a canvas for personal

expression, revealing how these creators think when freed from the expectations of their usual fields.

What emerges is less about ceramics themselves and more about creative translation: how ideas shift when material, scale, and process change. The exhibition ultimately invites visitors to see pottery not just as craft, but as a medium open to reinterpretation by anyone willing to experiment. The museum is located in Yokkaichi, a city known for its long-standing Banko-yaki ceramic tradition.



*a cup by the artist Hiroshi Sugimoto*



*a pair of cups by the manga artist Yoriko Hoshi*



*a cup by the fashion icon NIGO*