



**December 2016**

## **NEWS FROM THE DIRETOR**

**Iemoto Akane Teshigahara's New Book:** In commemoration of the Sogetsu 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Iemoto Akane Teshigahara will publish a collection of her works this spring. The book, entitled **AKANE TESHIGAHARA**, will have representative works from the past 10 years and including new works created just for this book. The Branch has received a preorder form for the book. Cost is \$55.00 which includes shipping. As a privilege for ordering through the branch, the book will be autographed by the Iemoto. I need to place the order by the end of February, so please let me know if you would like me to include you in the order.

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Tokyo and I.I. World Convention:** A number of our Branch members will be attending the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at the Sogetsu Kaikan, April 5<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. Following three days of workshops, including a Book#5 training session, Iemoto Akane Teshigahara will present an Ikebana Performance on April 9<sup>th</sup>. After the events in Tokyo, we travel to Okinawa for the Ikebana International 11<sup>th</sup> World Convention April 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Miss Akane will be demonstrating as will the heads of all the major schools. As with the Sogetsu 90<sup>th</sup> celebrations, people from all over the world will be attending these events. I will report on both of these events in the May newsletter.

### **Future Programs:**

**January 28, 2017** – Come celebrate the year of the Fire Rooster at our annual New Year's Luncheon. The event will be held at Agenzen Japanese Restaurant in Millbrae. Agenzen is a wonderful restaurant with exceptional food. The price for the luncheon is \$45.00. Family and friends are invited. Festivities begin at 11:30 with a no host bar. Welcome and Ikezome is at noon followed by lunch. We will have our annual raffle featuring gift items and vases, including containers from the estate of Gina Hook. The program announcement containing the reservation form is being sent with this newsletter. Please print a copy and send in with your payment.

**March 25, 2017** – The March program is our Annual General meeting. We will review the past year's activities and preview plans for the coming year. Our senior teachers will present a demonstration covering various topics from the new Text Book #5. This should prove to be an exciting and educational program. The meeting will be held at the Alameda Buddhist Temple. We are grateful to Jane *Suiei* Naito for her efforts to secure the Alameda Temple for a number of our programs. Further details concerning our March program will be announced later.

**May/June program** – Plans are in the works to have a Branch field trip the latter part of May or the first part of June. If you have suggestions for the trip, please let me know. Suggestions for future programs are always welcomed.

I also wish to express my thanks to Yoshiko *Hogetsu* Williams for getting the San Mateo Japanese American Cultural Center for our use and to Yoshi *Hokei* Hollis for obtaining the use of the Buddhist Temple of Marin.

**Upcoming demonstrations and workshops by Branch Members** – This a new portion of the Newsletter that is devoted to programs given by our Branch members for I.I. Chapters and other flower related organizations.

Jane Suiei Naito will present a demonstration for the Sacramento Chapter of Ikebana International on Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>. The noon program is at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento.

Elan *Soshun* Rosenquist and Ron *Kodo* Brown will demonstrate at the Men's Day program for the San Francisco Chapter of Ikebana International on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The noon program will be held at the San Francisco County Fair Building, corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park. James Crowther and Mits Hirano will exhibit.

Many of our members will be participating in the Ikebana International San Francisco Bay Area Chapter biennial flower show, March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Show hours are from 10am to 4 pm daily. This the one of the largest Ikebana International flower shows in the country.

If you are able, please attend one or all of these programs and support our Branch members.

We face many challenges and opportunities in the coming New Year. While we live in uncertain times, we can spread joy, beauty and hope through our Ikebana. Let us strive to create spaces and places where the spirit of Ikebana shines for all to see.

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