

President' Report - 1983-1985
Beverly Harden

The elected officers for 1983-1985:

First vice president: Georgia Hufstedler
Second vice president: Audrey Erickson

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Dues were \$30.00. Operating budget \$23,880.00.

- September** Participation in the Annual Festival of the Koi, Lilypons, Maryland.
- October** Special event with Saga Archbishop Ryokai Ajioka, Chief Abbot of the Daikakuji Temple, Kyoto, Japan assisted by Saga School Flower Masters.
- November** Federation Christmas Greens Show at the U.S. Botanic Garden with the theme of "A Capitol Christmas", ikebana arrangement representing "Restrained Elegance"
- March** I.I. Chapter I, the Art League, Inc., and the Torpedo Factory Art Center joined together for an exhibition.
- Special event featuring "Demonstrations of Different Schools of Ikebana", by members at the Jefferson Center, Arlington, Virginia
- Tour to Philadelphia Flower Show.
- Washington Flower and Garden show with 25 arrangements and a Japanese-style mini garden were provided for the exhibit at the Washington Convention Center.
- April** Participated in the Cherry Blossom Festival Luncheon at the Shoreham Hotel with 100 table arrangements.
- Garden Week in Virginia
House tour included contemporary Japanese home with members' ikebana.
- May** Annual Spring Flower Festival, Mrs. Paul Taylor, Chairman
U. S. National Arboretum
- Celebration of Maryland's 350th Anniversary and 3rd Anniversary of sister state, Kanagawa, Japan

The Office of Horticulture of the Smithsonian Institution invited our chapter to assist them in establishing a reference library on ikebana in keeping with the objectives of I.I. to stimulate, cultivate and perpetuate the study of ikebana and related arts and cultures throughout the world.

Theory of Japanese Flower Arrangements by J. Condor reprinted in book form. This was one of the first comprehensive treatises written in English on the art of ikebana in 1889. It was found by Mr. Dornheim, Executive Director of the Japan - American Society of D.C.

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- October** Board of Directors approved the organization of an evening workshop to meet in Washington, D. C.
- December** Invited by the Smithsonian National Museum to decorate tree with origami ornaments made by members.
- March** I.I. participated in the Washington Flower and Garden Show at the Convention Center.
- April** North American Regional Conference, New Orleans, LA
Special event
Demonstration by Mr. Mutsuo Tomita, Director of the Ohara Center of New York
- May** I.I. Spring Flower Festival, U.S. Arboretum.