

President's Report 2021-2022

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The elected officers for 2022-2023:

First Vice-President:	Marjorie Bauman
Second Vice-President:	Melissa Siegel
Third Vice-President:	Darzell Paz
Recording Secretary:	Bruce Wilson
Corresponding Secretary:	Victoria Melzer
Treasurer:	Shahla Butler
Assistant Treasurer:	Linda Ely
Historian:	Diana Cull
Nominating Director:	Elizabeth Biddle

Dues: \$85.00

Operating Budget: \$51,463.00

August

Participated in Otakon, a convention of Japanese Pop Culture held in Washington, DC: Ichiyo School and Saga Goryū Schools of Ikebana each exhibited an arrangement and conducted a demonstration.

September

Sakura Event: Luncheon and Demonstration by Iemoto Naohiro Kasuya, Ichiyo School of Ikebana, held at Hilton Mclean Tysons Corner, McLean, VA

November

General Workshop: Demonstration by Motoko Hattori, Kieka Kazan School of Ikebana, "Natural Scenes from Colorful Fall to Quiet Winter"; held at Church of the Covenant, Arlington, VA

February

General Workshop: Zoom lecture by Frank Feltens, PhD, Associate Curator of Japanese Art, Smithsonian National Museum of Asian Art, "Painting Flowers: The Art of Ogata Korin"

March

Founder's Day and 65th Anniversary Luncheon with demonstration by David Komeiji, Saga Goryū School of Ikebana, "Mado (Window): View into the Universe"; held at Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, MD

Because Covid-19 restrictions prevented the U.S. National Arboretum buildings from re-opening in time for the usual Annual Exhibition indoors in April, the Annual Exhibition was held in two parts. The first part was outdoors and the second part was indoors when the Arboretum buildings re-opened.

April

Annual Exhibition: Part I - Outdoor Exhibition; Nine large outdoor arrangements created by six schools of Ikebana were displayed over two-weekends on the North Court outside the main Administration Building at the U.S. National Arboretum.

April

Presented Ikebana arrangements and Chapter information in a booth in Arts & Culture section of Sakura Matsuri, street festival portion of the National Cherry Blossom Festival

- April** Ikebana Workshop held for students living in the Japanese House at University of Maryland
- April – May** Exhibition of arrangements of seven schools of ikebana at Japanese Information and Culture Center (JICC) over eight weeks during JICC’s exhibition “Exploring Hiroshige and his Influence on Social Media.”
- May** General Workshop: Lecture and demonstration by MinhChau Truong, “Sumi-e and Ikebana Art: Presenting Bamboo and Pine”; held at the Church of the Covenant, Arlington, VA.
- June** Luncheon with demonstration by Katsuko Thielke, Sogetsu School of Ikebana, held at Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA
- June** Annual Exhibition, Part II: Indoor exhibition of arrangements in three installations over ten days in Bonsai & Penjing Museum at U.S. National Arboretum along with three demonstrations by Chapter members and a workshop for kids.
- June** Ikebana workshop held for elementary school class in Washington, DC.