

PAST EVENTS

JOHOR BAHRU CHAPTER EVENT

We were delighted to be invited by our sister chapter in Johor Bahru Malaysia, to join in the joyous celebration of ShoShun on 5 Jan 2016 - an event that gave an insight into the Japanese New Year. Mr Hideaki Fujita, principal of the Japanese School in JB, gave a brief talk on the significance of Oshogatsu to the Japanese.

Demonstrations were by Mr Chris Parry of Ohara School, who presented two theories in his arrangements and Ms Angela Kek, Vice President of the Singapore Chapter who showcased a divided variation piece and a freestyle arrangement from the Sogetsu School.



EXHIBITION AT TOKYO JEWELRY SHOW

The chapter was engaged by The Tokyo Jewelry show organizers to provide a series of displays as inspirations of the given jewel designs. This Ikebana meets Jewels exhibit was held in December 2015 at Isetan Scotts Road. We were engaged once again in The Tokyo Jewelry's show at Isetan Serangoon in NEX Mall (23 Mar - 3 Apr). This time we did a collaboration with the theme on Japanese Cherry blossom.



HOME & ART EVENT

We were invited by Paragon Shopping Centre to do Ikebana demonstrations in their Home and Art Event. Our Chapter was allotted 3 sessions for demonstrating Ikebana during the event. At their media launch, a private event on 25 Feb, Chapter President, Peggy Loh demonstrated 2 lovely arrangements using containers provided by the shop tenants. On 4th and 6th March, both member Christopher Lim and Peggy Loh's Ikebana demos, also using vases from the shop tenants, were well received by the public.



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My dear Members

The festive celebrations for the past few months had been very hectic and it is time for us to go back to our daily routine. I trust many of you had a fantastic holiday and a great Lunar New Year celebration with your family and friends. Our Chinese New Year luncheon held on 20 January was very well received. Lim Bin Chu of Sogetsu School did an interesting Ikebana demonstration incorporating the theme into her design along with the tea master who conducted a demo session on the "teochew style" tea ceremony. The God of Fortune personified by Christopher Lim livened up the CNY atmosphere.

I hope you had also enjoyed our Easter program on 17 March. Our member, Christiane Duckworth displayed creative Easter floral arrangements along with interesting stories of Easter, much to the delight of all present. It was a small but cozy and informal gathering.

The month of May is going to be very busy with the oncoming annual exhibition, election meeting coupled with II's birthday celebrations. I am pleased to announce that our Chapter will continue to hold its annual Ikebana exhibition in the Paragon Shopping Centre from 13-22 May 2016. We will also be collaborating with NUHS to raise funds for cancer stricken patients during the exhibition period. I strongly urge all our members who are Ikebanists to actively participate in this exhibition. In order to make this exhibition a success, your support is much needed as publicity is certainly important to expand our Chapter. This will certainly be crucial in promoting membership, awareness and, of course, friendship through flowers.

Again, your strong support on 25th May is very important to us. We need your presence at the Election Meeting. If you are interested in volunteering your time or joining the committee, please get in touch with me. Our Chapter also marks its 47th Anniversary with its birthday bash awaiting you. An intriguing program titled - Memories will take you down the memory lane. Join us in this celebration and enjoy an afternoon of fun and laughter.

To conclude, I would like to thank all members for your ardent contributions and participation to our organization making it an eventful year. We look forward to your continued dedication which is essential to our Chapter's growth. I greatly appreciate the many warm words of encouragement and support from members during the past year. Once again a big THANK YOU to all and I would like to wish every member good health and another prosperous year ahead.

In Friendship through Flowers
Peggy Loh



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL EXHIBITION @ PARAGON (ATRIUM)

Open to Public, Free Entry
May 13-22 2016
10.00 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Theme: Colors of Spring
OPENING CEREMONY & COCKTAIL RECEPTION
(By invitation only for I.I members and invited guests)
Date: Friday 13 May 2016 @ 6 p.m
Venue: Paragon Atrium

ELECTION MEETING cum 47th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Theme : Memories
Demonstrators : Angela Kek, Anna Kwan & Chua Lee Hong (Sogetsu School)
Date & Time : May 25th 2016 at 11.30 am -2.30 pm
Venue : Alkaff Mansion
10 Telok Blangah Green, Singapore 109178
Price : Members SGD 60 / Non members SGD 70

RESERVATIONS FOR ALL I.I. SINGAPORE CHAPTER EVENTS:

Contact hospitality: Adelin Tan@ 97990184/ adelintangl@gmail.com or Shelly Lee @ 9678 9189
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OUR DEMONSTRATORS @ ELECTION MEETING

Our trio of demonstrators having variety of experience - Angela, Anna and Lee Hong will take you down the memory lane in their upcoming demonstration at our Election meeting 25 May.



Anna Kwan is an active volunteer with I.I and has served in many positions in the II committee including being President of II Singapore Chapter from 2010-2012. She is Sogetsu Second Grade teacher and has participated in many exhibitions and Ikebana events both locally and abroad.



Ms Angela Kek, a 3rd Grade / Sankyu Shihan Diploma holder from Sogetsu School, is practising the Ikebana art with her sensei Riji Josephine Chia for over 5 years now. Currently the Vice President of Ikebana International Singapore Chapter 135, her experience includes participation in exhibitions and giving demonstrations. Angela is a Singaporean, enjoys movies, live concerts, operas, art, photography and she is actively keeping a photo dairy of her everyday life, as her hobbies.

With more than a decade of experience in Ikebana, Lee Hong has dedicated her creative energies to crafting floral designs that marry artistry with the best that nature has to offer. Beyond being a part of the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and the annual Singapore Garden Festival, Lee Hong is also passionate about inducting budding floral arrangers into the delicate art of Ikebana as a First Grade Somu.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 21 September 2016

OTHER I.I. & IKEBANA ASSOCIATION EVENTS

IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL 11TH WORLD CONVENTION

"A garland of flowers, A ring of hearts, Encircling the world"
Okinawa Convention Center
April 12 - April 15, 2017
Registration is now open on HQ website
http://www.ikebanahq.org/convention/11th/WC2017_brochure.pdf

SINGAPORE SOGETSU'S 50 GOLDEN YEARS CELEBRATION SEPT 28 - OCT 9, 2016

Sept 28: Advanced Floral Workshop by Iemoto Akane Teshigahara
Sept 30: Dinner & Demonstration by Iemoto Akane Teshigahara
Sept 28 - Oct 9: Exhibition @ Takashimaya Shopping Centre
For further details and reservations contact Organising Chairperson
Bernard Tay - brnrday@yahoo.com.sg / 9818 4322

MEMBERSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP

MEET OUR ADVISORS



David Lim



Marvina Low



Daisy Koh.

Farewell to H.E Haruhisa Takeuchi and Mrs Nobuko Takeuchi : Our Patron H.E Takeuchi moved to Tokyo in March. A lunch was organized by II committee to bid farewell and thank him and Mrs Takeuchi (our honorary member) for their support to our Chapter.



CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt condolences on behalf of all our members to our dear friend Jenny Chew on demise of her mother on 25th March 2016. May the departed soul rest in peace.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The membership year is from 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016. It's time to renew your membership. We will be sending the form soon to you and appreciate your continued support. For information and membership form / renewal, check our website: www.ikebanasingapore.org or contact Membership Chairperson, May Yeo @ 96710348 / may.yeo@century99.co.sg

I.I. is run by volunteers. We welcome those who would like to extend a helping hand and be a part of committee. Please contact our President Peggy Loh ikebanasc135@gmail.com

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CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH

The Singapore Chapter held an early CNY lunch with the theme "The Art of Flowers and Tea" on 20 Jan 2016. Mrs Lim Bin Chu of Sogetsu School did a great demonstration incorporating the theme into her designs, along with tea master, Mr Kang Chee Theng, who conducted a demo session on the Teochew Style Tea Ceremony. Accompanied by the God of Fortune, CNY songs and sumptuous festive food by Shisen Hanten, the event ended with a happy note for the coming Year of the Monkey.



EASTER LUNCH

Creative Easter arrangements by Christiane Duckworth were star attraction of the Eggstra Special Easter lunch organized on 17th march at Tanglin Club. Each of her arrangements was accompanied by a story about Easter and its traditions, enriching the whole experience of this Easter celebration. The informal cosy afternoon had a fun filled quiz for more entertainment and great food to the delight of the members. It was also an opportunity for our Honorary member Mrs Nobuko Takeuchi to meet our members before moving to Japan.

