



# Southeastern U.S. Ohara Chapter

Newsletter Spring 2019

Welcome Spring!

As I look out my window, I can see the crocus, snow drops and early daffodils blooming. The flower shops are filling with lovely budding branches and I'm shaking off winter and jumping into spring arrangements. 2019 looks to be another year of transitions for our chapter. As many of you have heard, The Stone Lantern will be closing its doors in October. We will truly miss this ardent supporter of both ikebana and our Southeastern chapter in particular. We were notified of the passing of Grand Master Tomita, one of our chapter's legacy senseis. Sibbie has written an article in tribute for our newsletter.

Our membership renewal period has resulted in a total of 33 members including 4 new members. We hope they will be able to join us at our seminars this year. Thirty three members is less than we had during our previous membership renewal period in 2017. Much of the loss has been attributed to aging out. To keep our chapter healthy and vibrant, I encourage you to invite friends and students to join.

Our first seminar in July will be taught by José Salcedo, First Degree Master. Mark your calendars for July 25-27. We encourage as many members as possible to come at noon on July 24<sup>th</sup> to help us set up the seminar and to cut/condition the plant material. If you don't have much experience in plant conditioning, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn. In addition, it is a great way to get to know fellow members or renew friendships. If you didn't have an opportunity to join us in 2018, the Highlands Community Center received an interior facelift with new paint and flooring making it a nicer environment for our lessons.

I have secured a great room rate of \$145/night at the Highland Inn Lodge for members attending the seminars. (below market rate). Call and ask for Diana and tell her you are with Southeastern Ohara. You will not have to stay for both weekend days to get this rate. I suggest calling ASAP to get a room.

In September Associate Professor of the Council of Ohara Professors Akihiro Nishi and our translator Kay Stork return for the Autumn seminar. Dates are Sept 26-28<sup>th</sup>. Same room rates apply at Highland Inn Lodge.

Thank you for your support of the chapter. See you in July,

Beth Bowers-Klaine, President

## In Memory of



Grand Master Mutsuo Tomita  
Born: July 14th, 1934  
Died: March 5th, 2019

The Ohara School of Ikebana, Ohara School of Ikebana Chapters and indeed the world of ikebana have lost an artist of renowned imagination. His interpretive abilities of nature were gifted.

Our Chapter was first introduced to Master Tomita on July 21st, 1997, at our summer seminar in Highlands, North Carolina. Many of you may remember this seminar held in the basement of the Highlands Inn. Betty Taylor introduced us to Master Tomita and was his assistant during this seminar. The beauty and life force in his teachings and arrangements inspired all of us. We felt the love and understanding he had of nature and how he could hold and create nature in an ikebana container. It was truly magical.



July 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 1997  
Summer Seminar

Moribana - Landscape - Realistic Method - Near View - Summer  
By: Grand Master Tomita



November 4th, 2000  
Workshop Washington, D. C. Chapter

Moribana - Landscape - Realistic Method - Near View - Autumn  
By: Grand Master Tomita



Grand Master Tomita  
Washington, D. C. Demonstration in March 2004

Rimpa



September 15th, 16th, 17th, 2005  
Autumn Seminar  
Highlands, North Carolina  
Community Bible Church

Moribana - Landscape - Realistic Method - Near View - Summer  
By: Grand Master Tomita

Many of you will remember the cutting and conditioning of the Lotus Leaves and Lotus Pods from Perry Water Gardens in Franklin, North Carolina that year.

Master Tomita's artistry of creating this summer landscape was magnificent. While creating this master piece you could see the joy and love of nature in his face and hands as he demonstrated Ohara School of Ikebana Landscape Arrangement.



July 18th, 19th, 20th, 2013  
Summer Seminar  
Highlands, North Carolina  
Highlands Community Building

Sculptural  
By: Grand Master Tomita

Our Chapter enjoyed nine seminars of the Grand Master's teachings. This beautiful creation was during the last seminar he was with us.



Participants of the Summer 2013 Seminar

Master Tomita loved to travel and he was at home in the world no matter where he was. We got to enjoy his reminiscing of these travels. He loved his garden and weeds were not allowed to grow there. He was always adding new plantings. He loved New York City.

His accomplishments in life were so many. He represented the Ohara School of Ikebana all over the world. One of the highest awards he received in 2010 from the Ohara School of Ikebana the "Award of Honor" Meiji Ichijikam. With this award his name was written on the Memorial Stone at the Ohara School Headquarters in Kobe.

I will always remember his smile which lit up his whole being. His teachings stay with me always.

I will miss this gentle, kind soul. I am so thankful to have known him.

He will be laid to rest this spring during a private ceremony in a place of his choosing in Vermont near lifelong friends.

To Jim Brophy and his Sister, Yoshiko Ito our sincere sympathy.

Sibbie

## Seminar News

### **Mark your calendars for 2019 Seminar Dates**

#### **JULY 2019**

**July 25, 25, 27, 2019**

**Summer Seminar**

**José Salcedo, First Degree Master**

#### ***SEPTEMBER 2019***

**September 26, 27, 28, 2019**

**Autumn Seminar**

**Akihiro Nishi, Associate Professor of the Council of  
Ohara Professors**



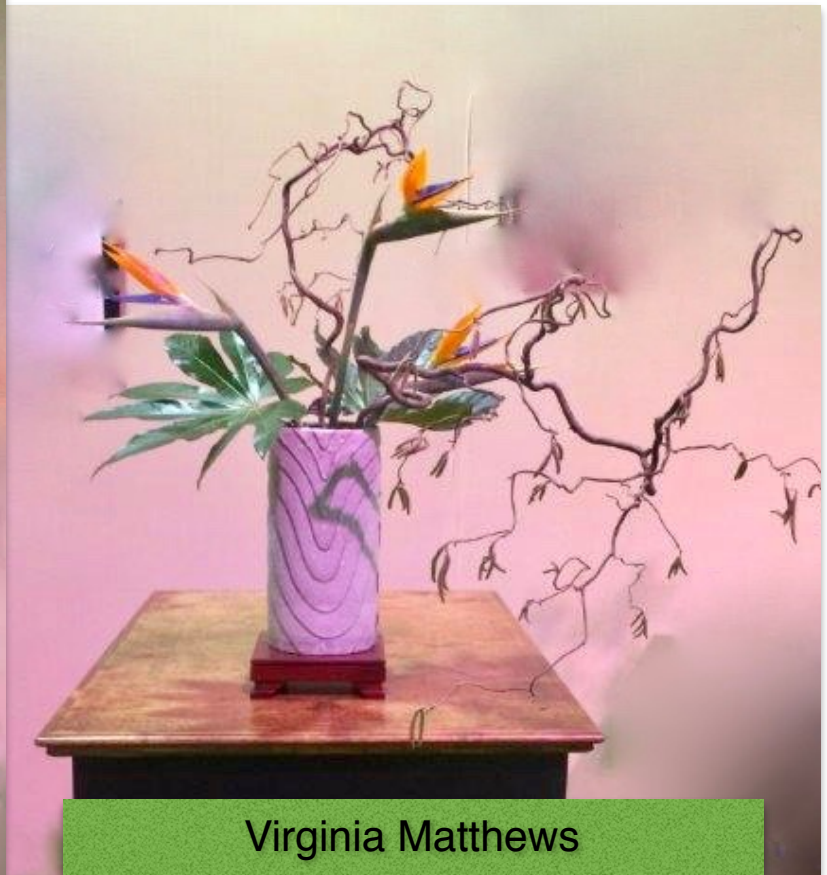
# Members in the News

*Southern Spring Home and Garden Show*

*Ikebana International Charlotte Chapter #49*



Susan Mitchell



Virginia Matthews



Beth Bowers Klaine

Beth and Louise working at the Garden Fair at the Wegerzyn Gardens in Dayton Ohio on March 23, 2019



Louise Bennett

# Upcoming Events & Programs

## 2019

### **MAY 2019**

May 14, 15, 16 2019  
Franklin, North Carolina Spring Workshop  
2019  
Two Lessons Each Day  
Lunch Included  
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### **JUNE 2019**

June 25, 2019  
Asheville Ikebana International Chapter #74  
Diane Harker, Demonstration  
*"Summer Flower Materials from the Ohara School of  
Ikebana"*  
9 Am, Folk Art Center Blue Ridge Parkway

### **JULY 2019**

July 25, 26, 27 2019  
Southeastern U. S. Ohara Chapter  
Summer Seminar  
Highland, NC  
Instructor: José Salcedo, First Degree Master

### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

September 26, 27, 28. 2019  
Southeastern U. S. Ohara Chapter  
Autumn Seminar  
Highland, NC  
Instructor: Akihito Nishi, Associate  
Professor

### **OCTOBER 2019**

October 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31 2019  
*Ikebana International 18th North &  
Central American Regional Conference*  
Dallas, TX

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## Lagniappe: A little something EXTRA

Dear Ikebana Friends in North America and Around the World,

Howdy, Y'all! We are excited to welcome friends from all over the World to the 18th North & Central American Regional Conference, hosted by Dallas Chapter 13 and Fort Worth Chapter 38. The Conference will take place Sunday, October 27 – Thursday, October 31, 2019 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, in the heart of Downtown Dallas and the Arts District!

The theme, and our mission, for the 18thNCARC is "GROW Ikebana". The word Ikebana stems from the Japanese ikeru and hana, which translates to "keep alive", "arrange flowers", and "giving life to flowers". With GROW Ikebana, our intention is to facilitate new growth in an amazing art and organization that dates back to the 7th century.

With GROW Ikebana, we will offer education in schools and scholarships to attend workshops and convention. We will cultivate and perpetuate the Art of Ikebana, the beauty and joy of creation and love for nature.

We have an exciting program planned for the 18thNCARC. Our featured Guest Ikebana Artist is Headmaster Designate Mrs. Senko Ikenobo, who will exhibit a special arrangement and present a demonstration. Professor Manabu Noda will be present to conduct Ikenobo workshops.

We will also have guest Ikebana artists representing the Sogetsu, Ohara and Ichiyo schools. Each will present a demonstration and conduct workshops.

We invite you to experience Ikebana Texas style at the 18thNCARC, and we challenge you to bring someone new to further the "GROW Ikebana" mission.

See you in Dallas in 2019!

Patricia O'Reilly, Chair

Sandra Prachyl, Co-Chair