



# Southeastern U. S. Ohara Chapter

## Newsletter Spring 2020

Dear Members,

Daylight Savings Time is upon us and spring with all its glory is just around the corner. I planted more bulbs last fall and am anxious to see the results (and incorporate into ikebana arrangements).

This is election year for our chapter. Don't worry, we won't be inundating you with campaign ads. Sibbie Wilson, our Nominating Committee chairwoman, has done an outstanding job developing a slate of candidates. We will vote at our June seminar. In addition to electing officers, we will vote on a change in our constitution to align our fiscal year with our annual IRS filings.

Your board has voted to hold a seminar in 2021 honoring Mr Tomita. I hope to have details in the next few months. In the meantime Julia and Marcia are actively preparing our June seminar. Look for more information about registration soon.

I want to thank everyone including our sensei, Jose Salcedo, for their flexibility when we had to act quickly to change our seminar dates to June 4-6 due to renovations at the Highlands Community Center. I hope you will join us then.

Beth Bowers-Klaine

# NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

**Below are my nominations for officers and members of the board of the Southeastern U. S. Ohara Chapter 2020 elections.**

Each member nominated has accepted the nomination in writing to me:

President: Mrs. Beth Bowers-Klaine, Associate Second Term Master, May 2016

Vice-President: Mrs. Julia VanHuss, Associate Second Term Master, November 2019

Secretary: Mrs. Marjorie DaVanzo, Fourth Term Master, July 2018

Treasurer: Mrs. L. Susan Mitchell, Associate Second Term Master, December 2019

Immediate Past President: Mrs. Susan Thorpe, Third Term Master, July 2019

It has been a pleasure to serve you and the board of our Chapter.

Sibbie Wilson

Associate First Degree Master, May 2016  
Nominating Chairperson for 2020 Elections



# LIFE IN BLOOM

Diane Harker

By Helen Aitken

Diane Harker from Travelers Rest, S.C., began studying Ikebana in 1989 after attending a symposium for two days in Highlands, N.C. that included five different schools.

“My choice of study was the Ohara School. It concentrates on the natural growth patterns of plants and flowers. The school is most famous for the landscape arrangement which focuses on a mountain view, valley or meadow view and the walk in the garden view. We have eleven different prescribed arrangements with specific placements of the materials and containers.”

Since then she has completed more workshops with the Southeastern U.S. Ohara Chapter, attended North American Ohara Teachers Association (NAOTA) workshops, attended an Ikebana international World Conference, and taken Master Classes with Grand Master Betty Taylor and at the Ohara School in Tokyo.

Diane Harker has also travelled widely in the U.S. to give workshops and participate in exhibitions. She has served in many capacities on the boards of the Southeastern US Ohara Chapter, Asheville International Ikebana Chapter #74 and NAOTA. Currently, she is available for Demonstrations and Lessons.



# SEMINAR NEWS

**Mark your calendars**

**2020 SEMINAR DATES**

**\*\*\*June 2020\*\*\*  
Summer Seminar**

**\*\*\*June 04, 05, 06, 2020\*\*\***  
Jose Salcedo, First Degree Master  
**NOTICE NEW DATES FOR SUMMER SEMINAR**

**September 2020  
Autumn Seminar**

September 24, 25, 26, 2020  
Hiroko Matsuyama, Sub-Grand Master

# Members in the News

On February 11, 2020 Sibbie Wilson presented Julia VanHuss with her certificate earned in November 2019

Julia now holds her Associate Second Master's degree.



Julia VanHuss & Sibbie Wilson

**Miami Valley Chapter of Ohara School of Ikebana presents a 2-day workshop**

**April 16-17, 2020**

**Sensei: Louise Bennett, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Master**

**Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, Dayton Ohio**

**4 Lessons: Radial form, Hosun, Color Scheme Moribana and Slanting Heika**

For more information please contact Beth Bowers-Klaine at [beth.klaine@gmail.com](mailto:beth.klaine@gmail.com) or 513-377-2413

## Upcoming Events & Programs

### MARCH 2020

March 13,14, 15, 2020  
Exhibition  
Community Center in Treasure Island, Florida  
Ikebana International St Petersburg Chapter 65  
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March 13, 2020  
Demonstration Rekha Reddy  
First Degree Master Ohara School  
Naples Ikebana International Chapter  
The Club at the Strand  
5840 Strand Blvd  
Naples  
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### APRIL 2020

April 15 – 16, 2020  
Two Day Workshop with Louise Bennett  
Wegerzyn Gardens Metro Park  
Miami Valley Chapter  
Dayton, OH  
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April 30 – May 1, 2020  
Ohara Workshop (4 lessons)  
Jose Salcedo  
Ikebana International Wilmington Chapter  
Wilmington Arboretum Auditorium  
Contact: Bev Maurer  
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### MAY 2020

May 26, 2020  
Karen LaFleur-Stewart Presentation  
Ikebana International Asheville Chapter 74  
Folk Art Center, 10:00 am  
[www.ikebanaasheville.org](http://www.ikebanaasheville.org)

### JUNE 2020

**June 4, 5 , 6, 2020. New dates**  
Southeastern U. S. Ohara Chapter  
Summer Seminar  
Highlands, NC  
Instructor: José Salcedo, First Degree Master

June 23, 2020  
Asheville Ikebana International Chapter 74  
Color Me Beautiful an Ikebana Floral Color Wheel  
Diane Harker representing Ohara School  
Folk Art Center, 10:00 am  
[www.ikebanaasheville.org](http://www.ikebanaasheville.org)

### SEPTEMBER 2020

September 24, 25, 26, 2020  
Southeastern U. S. Ohara Chapter  
Autumn Seminar  
Highlands, NC  
Instructor: To be announced

### OCTOBER 2020

October 12 – 16, 2020  
NAOTA 19<sup>th</sup> Conference  
Headmaster Hiroki Ohara  
San Diego, CA

October 27, 2020  
Asheville Ikebana International Chapter 74  
Views of Ohara Landscape with Karen LaFleur  
Stewart, Susan Mitchell, Marcia Wright & Julia  
VanHuss  
Folk Art Center, 10:00 am  
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# Directory of Ohara Teachers

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# Lagniappe: A little something EXTRA



Karen LaFleur-Stewart would like to share her discovery of a source for paddle wire on the internet. The website is <https://www.kadosha.co.jp/en/>. She tells me that the site is in English too which is always a plus. She says you could also google: Karaku Ikenobo Flower Shop.