



Southeastern U. S. Ohara Chapter

Newsletter Spring 2021

Greetings Southeastern US Ohara members,

As I type this letter, the snow in southwestern Ohio is mostly melted and the cold temperatures are easing. Unlike the last few years, we had measurable snow that didn't melt the next day. Many places have been harder hit with brutal cold, ice and power outages and now flooding. I hope none of our members have been adversely affected.

The pandemic has made keeping in touch with friends and family challenging. Several members have had significant life events. Please reach out to Susan Flanagan and Mary Wellford who, we learned during the membership renewal process, lost their spouses in 2020. If you have attended our seminars, you will remember Jack Flanagan who was a true ikebana husband, always helping out and a friend to everyone. I have not had the opportunity to get to know Mary Wellford and her husband John. Mary is a life member of our chapter. Louise Bennett had COVID requiring hospitalization for pneumonia. She is at home now recovering. On the happier side, several of us welcomed new grandchildren.

The Zoom presentation by Sensei Jose Salcedo in November was very well received. The board decided to sponsor 4 virtual presentations in 2021. To date, 2 are scheduled. The first will be aired on April 17th with our own Associate First Degree Master Sibbie Wilson as Sensei. These Zoom demonstrations will be in addition to our scheduled seminars in Highlands and will be free to our members. We will share links to other virtual presentations as we are made aware of them.

The Board made the difficult decision to cancel the June 2021 seminar in light of the ongoing uncertainties caused by the pandemic. Preparation of each seminar requires many months of planning and financial commitment. At present, vaccines are not readily available and CDC recommendations about gatherings haven't been eased. We feel that it is best to abide by the scientists at CDC to guide how we run our seminars so that each participant can feel confident about attending. We will schedule a Zoom demonstration around the time that our Summer seminar was due to take place.

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We are proceeding with our plans for a 4-day Autumn seminar in September. This seminar will be a memorial to Grand Master Betty Taylor. We have a request in for Associate Professor Nishi to be our sensei and are waiting to get confirmation from Ohara Headquarters.

We are planning to hold a virtual exhibition similar to those done by NAOTA in 2020. We will be sending out more information in the coming month. Karen LaFleur-Stewart will receive your photos and assemble them into a PDF presentation.

I end this message with a photo of a landscape I recently arranged using dried fennel for trees, thistle representing evergreens/bushes and white waxflower as snow.

Beth Bowers-Klaine
Chapter President



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Fay Charlesworth was awarded her 2nd Degree Masters' last year

Alice Buch
Received her 2nd Degree Masters' Certificate



With Our Deepest Sympathy:

To Susan Flanagan on the loss of her husband, Jack Flanagan and to Mary Wellford on the loss of her husband, John Wellford.

Members in the News

ZOOM DEMO



Julia VanHuss Using Zoom to present a demonstration to her Charlotte II Chapter on January 7, 2021. Hana-isho Basic Rising Form Low Bowl Variation using Mitumata, Dark Pink/Yellow Bi-color Chrysanthemum, Fatsia Leaves

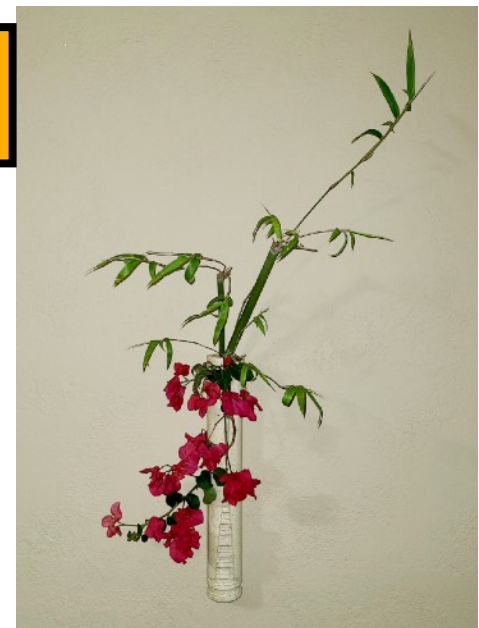
ZOOM WORKSHOPS

Marjorie Davanzo participated in Rochester Ikebana International's virtual Ohara workshop in August with Saskia Eller. Instructions were sent, students made their arrangements and sent photos of the completed lesson and the chapter made a slide show of the arrangements to share during their zoom meeting. Majorie used Xanadu philodendron and curcuma flowers



VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

Susan Thorpe participated in the Ikebana International Sarasota Chapter #115 virtual exhibition this spring. The theme was Bamboo and Blooms. The arrangement on left is Calla lilies and variegated alocasia. The wall scone on right is bamboo and bougainvillea



Seminar News

Summer Seminar

June 11 -14, 2021

CANCELLED

Highlands, North
Carolina

Autumn Seminar

September 23, 24, 25, 26, 2021

Highlands,
North Carolina

In Honor of Betty Fuller Taylor

Instructor: TBD

Upcoming Events & Programs

APRIL 2021

April 17, 2021

1:00 PM

Zoom Presentation

“Home Sweet Home It Is”

Sibbie Wilson,

Associate First Degree Master

Link will be emailed to members closer to event

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TBA. June 2021

Zoom Presentation

Jose Salcedo

First Term Master

More Information to COME

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September 23, 24, 25, 26, 2021

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Autumn Seminar

Highlands, N.C.

Instructor: TBA

OCTOBER 2021

October 12, 2021

Demonstration by Sibbie Wilson

Associate First Degree Master

Ikebana International Asheville Chapter #74

Annual Luncheon

Reservations for Lunch

www.ikebanaasheville.org

October 13, 2021

Two workshops by Sibbie Wilson

Associate First Degree Master

Ikebana International Asheville Chapter #74

Folk Art Center, Asheville, North Carolina

Registration Information found at

www.ikebanaasheville.org

October 23, 2021

Zoom Presentation

Stephen Coler

First Degree Master

More information to COME

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Lagniappe: A little something EXTRA

ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING

SUGGESTED BY YUKO WAIN

OHARA DEMONSTRATIONS BY PROFESSOR AMI KUDO

1. Traditional Landscape with sword ferns:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVsyB0GF0uQ&t=34s>

2. Realistic Landscape with viburnum branches:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LESrybhEGDU&t=77s>

More of her demonstrations can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM7RYiHwQcu-L01fCFfDFWA>

She is only speaking Japanese in it, but it is nice to watch her making arrangements step by step.

A note to all from Jane Newman

Last week I received many items from Sensei Taylor's ikebana collection. The delay in vacating Sensei's condo for so many months was due to Coronavirus restrictions, all activities were limited at the Goodwin House as well as many other retirement facilities.

I have spent the past weeks going through Sensei Betty Taylor's many boxes of papers, books, photos, photo albums and remaining ikebana articles. After reviewing volumes of papers, I wanted you all to know that it is evident that the members of Southeastern Ohara were very, very special to her. She loved being in Highlands, working at the Stone Lantern, teaching weekly and giving or helping with the summer seminars. Her dedication and thorough organizational skills were amazing. Every lesson topic, often including plant material, was researched, diagrammatically displayed and organized by style. She had more than three file boxes of reference and teaching materials and copies of all past SEO seminars given or attended.

Most importantly, she saved every one of the cards you gave to her, celebrating her birthdays, notes of seminar success, get-well wishes, and general notes of friendship and admiration. She treasured the photos given to her. Thank you notes from her past years of demonstrating and teaching all over the country were kept as well as the instructions and plans for presentations to chapters, garden clubs and other organizations.

She loved each contact made through ikebana, no matter the school, she loved those who shared her enthusiasm and appreciation of this art. Members of the Southeastern U.S. Ohara Chapter were at the very top of her list for achievement in ikebana practice, interest, energy and enthusiasm. I wanted each of you to know how meaningful and treasured your friendships were.

In friendship through flowers,
Jane Newman

