



Southeastern U. S. Ohara Chapter

Newsletter Spring 2022

Winter is slowing, easing its grip and the days are getting longer. Here in southwest Ohio, my daffodils and crocus foliage are emerging, a sure sign that spring isn't too far off. Members in the south have been enjoying the beauty of camellias. I know we all look forward to the azaleas and rhododendron blooming. I think of spring as "Heika season" with an abundance of branch materials readily available. Sibbie Wilson has graciously written an article for our newsletter about conditioning blooming branches.

We will be continuing to offer Zoom demonstrations to our membership this year. We've included photos from Sub Grand Master Satsuki Palter's demonstration in December 2021 in the newsletter. By the time this issue goes out, we will have enjoyed another Zoom demonstration by First Term Master Jose Salcedo.

Plans are well underway for the summer seminar. We are working closely with Ohara Headquarters to bring Professor Nishi to lead our seminar. He has been promoted to full Professor effective March 1, 2022. COVID-19 restrictions continue to complicate our planning but we will endeavor to keep you informed of any changes.

Now is a great time to make hotel reservations for both the summer and autumn seminars. There is a very popular Highlands motoring event that runs concurrently with our summer seminar so rooms may be harder to come by. The Highlands Inn Lodge is offering 10% off for rooms during the June/summer seminar with a 4-night stay. For the autumn seminar in September, rates will be \$145 for a standard and \$165 for a patio/balcony room. Make sure to say you are with Southeastern Ohara to get the rates.

2022 is the year for officer elections. I would like to thank our Nominating Committee chair, Jennie Johnson, for recruiting an outstanding slate of candidates. We will hold elections at the annual meeting during the summer seminar.

Sibbie Wilson and Susan Mitchell led the way in finding a gardener for the Martha Neese Garden. He will be working with the Highlands Library to continue to spruce up this lovely area.

Karen LaFleur-Stewart is spearheading the procurement of logo towels for the chapter. More information in this newsletter.

As my time as your Chapter President draws short, I would like to commend the current board for their flexibility and willingness to guide the chapter through the uncharted challenges of maintaining a vibrant chapter during a pandemic that seems to never end. I also want to thank all the chapter members for their support.

Beth Bowers-Klaine

Chapter President



SEO Scissor Towels: Ready for Summer Seminar

At this coming summer seminar, you will be able to purchase attractive white towels to use to rest your ikebana scissors and, if you happen to make them, confine spills. The small fingertip/tea sized towels that are on order will be white, with the Ohara logo imprinted on one side. Nearly encircling the logo image, *Southeastern US Ohara* will be printed to remind viewers of both our school and our chapter. Both the logo and letters will be printed in color-fast black on cotton towels.

The SEO Board has not set a selling price; the cost will possibly be somewhere between \$10 and \$15.

Not only will the towels be lovely additions at our workstations to quiet falling scissors, the towels will be identifiers. In Japan, at other Ohara seminars, or at Ikebana International events, the towels will immediately identify your home chapter and your general geographic location. The towels also could make thoughtful gifts for your outstanding students when they complete certificates

Slate of Officers - Election at June Meeting

President: Julia VanHuss
Vice President: Karen LaFleur-Stewart
Secretary: Marjorie Davanzo
Treasurer: Alice Buch
Immediate Past President: Beth Bowers-Klaine

IN MEMORY



Susan Haywood Collins

A long time member with the chapter she passed November 28, 2021. She was an accomplished flower arranger and shared her talents with many. Susan Thorpe today is using the Sodeshi that once belonged to Susan Collins. Friendship is passed on through art.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Ikebana International St. Petersburg Chapter #65.
Annual Exhibition
Susan Thorpe



Ikebana International Charlotte Chapter
Remodeling Show, Charlotte, North Carolina
February 25-27, 2022



Julia VanHuss



Marcia Wright



Susan Mitchell

SAVE THE DATES

SUMMER SEMINAR

JUNE 9, 10, 11, 12, 2022*

Highlands, North Carolina

Instructor: Akihiro Nishi, Professor of COP
(Note additional day added)

AUTUMN SEMINAR

SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 24, 2022

Highlands, North Carolina

Instructor: Jose Salcedo, First Degree Master

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

MARCH 2022

March 10, 2022

Rekha Reddy, First Master, Ohara
Demonstration 11 AM (open to all)
Workshop 1:30 to 3:30 (workshop fee\$40.00)
Ikebana International of Richmond
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
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Richmond, VA
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March 22, 2022

Julia VanHuss, Associate Second Term Master
Demonstration and Workshop
Celebrating Spring with Color and Form
10:30 am
Ikebana International Asheville Chapter #74
Folk Art Center Blue Ridge Parkway
Asheville, NC
<http://www.ikebanaasheville.org>

APRIL 2022

April 18, 2022

Susan Thorpe, Third Term Master
Demonstration
10:00 am
Ikebana International St. Petersburg Chapter #65
St. Petersburg Garden Club
St. Petersburg, FL
www.ikebanastpetersburg.com

JUNE 2022

June 9, 10, 11, 12, 2022

Southeastern U.S. Ohara Chapter
Summer Seminar
Highlands, N.C.
Instructor: Akihiro Nishi, Professor

JULY 2022

July 26, 2022

Susan Thorpe, Third Term Master
Demonstration and Workshop
"Here and There"
[https://www.ikebana](https://www.ikebana.org) International Asheville Chapter
#74
Folk Art Center Blue Ridge Parkway
Asheville, NC
<http://www.ikebanaasheville.org>

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 22, 23, 24 2022

Southeastern U.S. Ohara Chapter
Autumn Seminar
Highlands, N.C.
Instructor: Jose Salcedo, First Degree Master

SPRING SECRETS *REVEALED*



Conditioning Blooming Branches and Spring Flowers

As I write this, ole' man winter has brought snow to the mountains. I look out my window and everything is covered in beautiful white snow. Spring will come and the return of the Robins will herald its arrival.

Many of us have blooming trees and bushes on our grounds so let's enjoy them in our ikebana arrangements this spring.

The key to conditioning plant materials is to keep them drinking water. As long as they are taking in water, they will live. This is handled by the conditioning method you use.

With most branches we use liquor and any flavor will work. I choose to use Vodka as its aroma does not knock me out of the room.

Once you have cut the branch, pound the end of the branch with a hammer. You need to do this to break the stem up a bit so it will drink. Then place it in a bucket of two quarts of water with six jiggers of liquor over night. With blooming branches you don't want to put too many branches in one bucket to protect your blooms. This method will work for *apple, azalea, cherry, crab apple, peach, pear, plum, quince*, etc.

Forsythia branches are just wonderful as they require nothing other than just placing them in water after pounding the end of the branch, if it is a thick branch.

Pussy willow branches do not need much. Just place them in water. To preserve the bloom, take the outer husk or covering off of the bloom. This you will have to do gently. Once you have removed all of the husk, spray the bloom heavily with hairspray. This will keep them from further opening and keep them beautiful for years to come.

Our spring flowers will take some care to keep them drinking water.

Allium likes the end of their stems burned a little before you place them in water.

Place *daffodils* in several inches of cold water for several hours. Submerge the leaves underwater for several hours as this will help stiffen them.

Tulips require a bit more care. First prick the stem just under the head of the flower with a pin or needle. Tulips have a habit of taking air in their stems. Pricking the stem with a pin or needle allows the air to escape from the stem and now they are able to drink water. Then re-cut the stem under water and place in water up to the bloom for a few hours. This will strengthen the stem and the leaves. If the tulip still seems to be weak, place in about two inches of water with some sugar in the water for a few hours. This may do the trick. One other thing I have learned with tulips, do not place your arrangement in front of a window as the tulip will turn to the sun.



Enjoy spring everyone and celebrate by making a beautiful spring Ohara Ikebana arrangement.

Sibbie

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ZOOM ZOOM

December 4, 2021, Satsuki Palter, Sub Grand Master



ZOOM ZOOM

March 5, 2022, Jose Salcedo, First Degree Master

