



Southeastern U. S. Ohara Chapter

Newsletter Spring 2023

Dear SEO Members,

Spring came early to the southeast. We held our breaths in March hoping a late frost would not damage Japanese maples that leafed out early due to warm weather. It looks like we are home free even though we had a few consecutive nights of near freezing temperatures.

We are rejoicing that Sibbie Wilson is now at home and recuperating amazingly well after suffering an aneurism early in March, but saddened by the unexpected death of Dr. Judith Melton in February. SEO VP Karen La Fleur-Stewart who was Judy's academic colleague, longtime friend and Ohara student represented SEO at the memorial service at Clemson University.

Lesson plans for our Summer Seminar with Sensei Jose Salcedo are nearly complete. It will be a challenging set of lessons for us all. Co-chairs Karen LaFleur Stewart and Ellen Weston will give you some ideas of what to practice in their announcement letter. I am in discussion with the Highlands Inn Lodge about discount rates. If they are finalized, I will notify you with a group email, but don't wait to reserve your room as the Lodge is nearly full, and is not accepting block reservations. Summer 2023 Seminar dates are June 22, 23, & 24.

As always, come early if you can and help with the set-up the day before. We need your help, and if Sensei Jose Salcedo is true to form, he will also

come early to help condition the materials - you will learn tons from him if you can be there. I may be able to persuade him to give the helpers a lesson on folding and securing aspidistra leaves the night before they are used - the effect is lovely.

I have been working with the Chicago Chapter to bring Professor Nishi to Highlands next summer to help celebrate our 50th anniversary. Our plans are stalled at the moment as all of Japan has been stunned by the sudden loss of the Headmaster's aunt, Wakako Ohara. Wish me well on working this out sometime soon.

After bringing the Martha Neese garden up to speed, Susan Mitchell is stepping down as our contact person. Under her management the Hudson Library of Highlands arranged for cleanup and pruning of the maples and juniper, and Lee Havron assessed the condition of the garden and repaired the fence. Total expenditures in 2022 were \$420 leaving a balance of \$149. As donations come in from members, we will continue to contribute to the Hudson Library for maintenance but will not have to bear responsibility for initiating overall care. So, Susan has made a complicated situation much simpler to manage, and we are much indebted to her. We still need a just in case contact person, so if you are interested, let me know.

One last thing. Our website now features a way to download a form for making donations in honor of or in memory of fellow members. Look for the donate option at SEOhara.org.

Many of you give me a heads up on happenings and also a word of advice now and then, both of which I appreciate more than you know.

Julia VanHuss
Chapter President

Seminar Schedule 2023

Summer

JUNE 22, 23, 24, 2023

Highlands, North Carolina

Instructor: Jose Salcedo,
First Degree Master



Autumn

SEPTEMBER 28, 29, 30, 2023

Highlands, North Carolina

Instructor: Ingrid Luders, Grand Master



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



New SEO Associate 2nd member Takako Feygin made bento lunch boxes for Marcia Wright and Julia VanHuss at a southern show exhibit prep meeting.



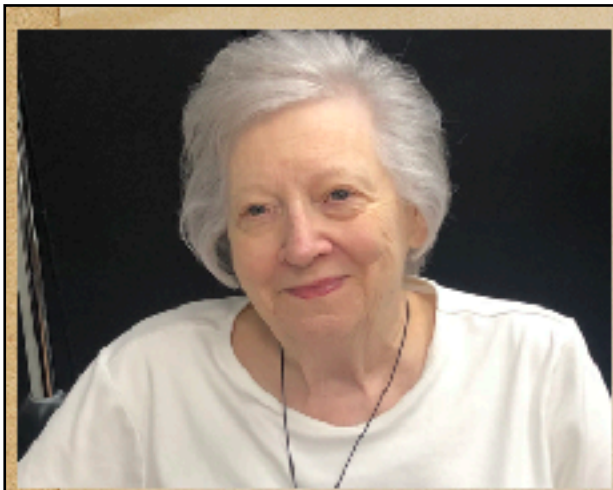
“Basket and Blooms” was the theme of St Petersburg Ikebana International Chapter #65 Exhibition. Susan Thorpe created 3 arrangements.



A New Year Celebration created by Ellen Weston for the Ichimura Japanese Garden, January 2023



Ellen created two large sculptural designs. The one on the left was for the Emperor's Birthday Party celebration at the Consulate General's Home in February 2023 and the design on the right with Ellen was for the Asian Culture Festival at the Ikebana International Chapter of Miami in March 2023.



Judy Melton...
1941-2023

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demonstrating



Presenting at Asheville Ikebana
International with Diane Harker



Teaching



Ikebana officialdom....

- President 1992 - 1994 Southeastern US Ohara Chapter (SEO)
- Appointed Southeastern US Ohara Chapter Advisor 1994 - 2017
- Established Martha Neese Garden in Highlands 1997
- Co Chair NAOA Conference (SEO Host Chapter) 2009
- President of North American Ohara Teachers Association (NAOTA) 2010-2014





- ◆ NC - She saved SE Ohara from extinction during hard times
- ◆ Ohio - incredibly efficient; introduced me to Clemson blue cheese
- ◆ NC - So friendly; arranged for Clemson artist to make tea bowls for NAOTA Conference!
- ◆ Tx - Impressive ability hidden behind unassuming demeanor
- ◆ GA - only for Judy would we cut native laurels and rent van to haul them to conference
- ◆ SC -enjoyed ceremonial tea after lessons with Grand Master Taylor

- ◆ Bright shells of Judy's arrangements
- ◆ Gentle warmth of friendships
- ◆ Sweet refrains of Judy's laughter
- ◆ Shared beauty and joy of ikebana.....
 - ◆ Judy's legacy... beautiful things that remain....



Headstone, Carmathen, Wales, UK

“The tide recedes but leaves bright sea shells on the sand.

“The Sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land.

“The music stops, yet it echoes sweet refrains.

“For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.”

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

APRIL 2023

April 5, 2023
Susan Thorpe, Demonstration
Ikebana International Naples #160

April 29-30, 2023
Ohara Workshop
Ohara School of Ikebana New York Chapter
Hotel 50 Bowery, Conference Room 2nd floor
New York, New York. 10013
Instructor: Ingrid Luders, Grand Master

JUNE 2023

June 22,23,24, 2023
Southeastern US Ohara Chapter Summer Seminar
Highland, North Carolina
Instructor: Jose Salcedo, First Term Master

SEPTEMBER 2023

September 28, 29, 30, 2023
Southeastern US Ohara Chapter
Autumn Seminar
Highland, North Carolina

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Lagniappe: A little something EXTRA

I thought I would leave you with a list that has been circulating on the internet of the many foibles of proof reading. I hereby present you with my last newsletter. See you at the workshops! Elizabeth Clark

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

**In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS...**

**In an office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN. -**

**In an office:
AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.**

Outside a second-hand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.

**Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.**

**Notice in a farmer's field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.**

**Message on a leaflet:
IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.**

**On a repair shop door:
WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK.)**

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead