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Input deadlines: Dec. 15, Mar. 15, June 15, **Sept. 15**. Whenever possible, the newsletter will be produced and sent out in the following month – January, April, July and October. Please send any information you want included by the input deadlines above. Future events will be emphasized.

Members of the **Asheville Chapter #74** would like to announce that the North American Regional Conference which was originally scheduled for May 2013 has been postponed until **May 18-22, 2014**, at the request of the Ikebana International World Convention Chairman.

The Asheville Renaissance Hotel, Asheville Community Theatre and Principal Headmaster Akihiro Kasuya have all confirmed that they are all available for the new dates for our conference.

The change was made because of the postponement of the 2011 World Convention until May 1-4, 2012. This will give more opportunities for more members to participate in other regional conferences, too.

Updates have been posted on the www.ikebanahq.org as well as www.ikebanaasheville.org websites.

Terri Ellis Todd,
NARC 2014 Chairman

A message to all Chapters from Patricia O'Reilly, President, Dallas #13.

Patricia is sending out an informal "Survey" of all U.S. Chapters. The "Survey" relates to Dues, Contributions, Ways & Means and other funding for a chapter's activity. All chapters who participate in the Survey will receive a summary of the "Survey" results.

When you receive the "Survey" request/form, if you are not currently the person in a position to complete the "Survey," please pass it along to the correct person.

She personally promises to share the results of their "Survey" with each of the Chapters.

Thank you for your help.
Patricia O'Reilly, President
Dallas Chapter 13

EXHIBITIONS

July 16-17, 2011, all member exhibit at Barnes & Noble at Rochester Institute of Technology. Admission is free. Rochester #53.

August 4-6, 2011, exhibition at the Wisconsin State Fair, 84th St. and Greenfield Ave., W. Allis, WI. Milwaukee #22.

September 10-11, 2011, exhibition and demonstration at the 14th Aki Matsuri at Bellevue College Main Campus. The annual Japanese Fall Festival is a two-day program of Japanese cultural and educational events for all ages. Seattle #19.

September 17-18, 2011, exhibition celebrating 50th anniversary and demonstration by Master Tetsunori Kawana, Sogetsu School at Embassy Suites Hotel, 9000 SW Washington Sq. Rd. Tigard, OR. Workshops on Sunday with lunch. For more information contact Phyllis Danielson: phyllis.danielson@comcast.net. Portland #47.

September 20, 2011, exhibition, Newbridge on the Charles, Dedham, MA Boston #17.

September 28, 2011, "Teacher's Showcase Exhibition," Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, 10-1pm. San Diego #119.

October 7-8, 2011, exhibition celebrating chapter's 50th anniversary at the Canton Museum of Art. Patrons attending the exhibit, including children, will be offered the opportunity to create Ikebana under the direction of chapter members. North Canton #54

October 23, 2011, flower show celebrating 30th anniversary at the Toronto Botanical Gardens, Floral Hall. The Sogetsu school under Gregory Williams will be hosting "Fantastic." Members from various schools will display arrangements on the theme of Fans and demonstration. For details: www.ikebana-toronto.com. Toronto #208.

October 28-30, 2011, Tower Hill Ikebana Flower Show and demonstrations, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, 11 French Dr., West Boylston, MA. Boston #17.



The Board of II Inc (Fund) has approved providing \$100 awards to our NAR Chapters celebrating their 50th Anniversary from 2011 forward. The first \$100 award has been made to the North Canton Chapter, #54.

Other awards will be made upon application by the eligible chapters. Information needed includes;

- 1) Chapter name and chapter number
 - 2) Date and type of the celebration
 - 3) Chapter treasurer's name and address
- II Inc (Fund)
Chair, Sumako Iwaya Solenberger



Calendar of Special Programs or Events

July 11, 2011, Three-teacher demonstration and historical narrative at Webster Public Library. Rochester #53.

July 13, 2011, annual picnic party at the home of Carla and Tom Imray. Omaha #60.

July 17, 2011, a fundraiser at Lyon Arboretum called, "Lyon in the Summer," with seven members donating vases and creating an arrangement from flowers and foliage gathered at the Lyon Arboretum will be auctioned off at this gala fundraiser. Honolulu #56.

September 16, 2011, "Thirty Years On," demonstration by Ron Brown, Sogetsu School at noon at the San Francisco County Fair Bldg., Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA. San Francisco Bay Area #31.

September 19, 2011, Ikenobo program presented by Shuji Ikeda of Berkeley, CA. Sacramento #26.

September 19, 2011, one-day demonstration and workshop: "Ryusei-Ha to Revitalize your Spirit of Ikebana," with visiting guest instructor, Reiko Granada from Portland, OR. Dallas #13.

September 20-21, 2011, demonstration by Sogetsu School Riji Soho Sakai, Soho Study Group, San Francisco. Workshop, Holy Nativity Church. S. Weymouth, MA. Boston #17.

September 20, 2011, Hideko Rainey will conduct a hands-on workshop using wisteria vine to form a sculpture. Augusta #81.

September 22-23, 2011, Opening Luncheon with an Ohara School demonstration by 1st Term Master Young Yum, will be held at the Springfield Country Club in Springfield, PA at 12:30 pm. Classes will be on September 23 at 9-12 and 1-4pm. Materials will be provided. Contact Ann Perry (annsjag@aol.com.) The events are supported by the Delaware Valley Chapter of

Ohara Ikebana. Philadelphia #71.. <http://www.ikebanaphiladelphia.com/> .

September 23, 2011, luncheon at the Fairfax Country Club, Fairfax, VA. Mrs. R. Kawamura, Ohara School will demonstrate 11-2 pm.. **Washington #1.**

September 28, 2011, welcome tea, with speaker Kathy Harker Fiander, artist and poet. This event welcomes both new and existing members to the start of the Fall season. **Ottawa #120.**

September 29, 2011, first chapter meeting of the year and tea will be held at the residence of the consul-General of Japan in Seattle. **Seattle #19.**

September 30, 2011, anniversary celebration. **Wilmington #212.**

October 5, 2011, "Shokas Made Simple," Betty Magella, Ikenobo, will explain the basics of a Shoka Shimputai. Bring hasami, medium kenzan and your creativity, everything else will be provided. Meet at Moss Hall at the Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Dr., at 9 am. **Naples #160.**

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

February 21-26, 2012, 12th Asian Regional Conference, at the Lalit Hotel, New Delhi, India. **New Delhi #77.** Chairperson Aruna Kirpal: arunakirpal@airtelmail.in.

May 18-22, 2014, The 17th North American Regional Conference will be held in Asheville, North Carolina, at the Asheville Renaissance Hotel, Asheville Community Theatre, sponsored by the Asheville Chapter #74. Principal guest demonstrator, Akihiro Kasuya, Ichiyo School. Chairperson: Terri Ellis Todd.

August-September 2014, 8th European Regional Conference, Hans-Otto Theatre, Potsdam, Germany. **Berlin #246.** Chairperson: Ramona Becker.

WORLD CONVENTION

May 1-4, 2012, Ikebana International 10th World Convention, Hotel Grand Pacific Le Daiba, Tokyo, Japan. Chairperson: Nobuko Usui.

Stephanie Tomiyasu reports that there are only 700 people registered for the World Convention. If you are interested, the registration forms are in the I.I. web site, in the "World Conventions" section. The URL is:

<http://www.ikebanahq.org/conventions.php>.

On that page, you will see: Download Registration Forms Overseas: Form A, Form B. If you click on Form A or Form B, that will take you to the actual registration forms. As you know, in order for a member to register, both Form A and Form B have to be sent. The 300 or so remaining places will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI RELIEF

The NAR Japan Disaster Relief campaign has received over \$12,000 in donations and pledges from more than 120 individual NAR members, twelve chapters and three schools. It is a wonderful response to a horrific disaster in Japan that created the Ikebana that means so much to all of us. Currently we know that over 15,000 people were killed, over 8,000 people are missing, and almost 100,00 people are still living in shelters. Even today, Japanese families are being moved out of their homes and farms because of the spreading nuclear fallout from the damaged reactors at Fukushima. Your donation will help literally hundreds of thousands of devastated people.

We would like to unite through the power of "Friendship Through Flowers" and support the suffering people. The donation we each give to the I.I. Inc. (Fund) goes to the Japan Red Cross through our Ikebana International HQ as soon as this campaign ends on June 30th. If any of you have additional donations to make, we will be grateful.

Check payable to: Ikebana International Inc. (Fund)

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cumulative donors list in NAR Donations.”
Sumako Iwaya Solenberger, Chair, Ikebana
International, Inc. (Fund).



Happy Anniversary to I.I. Chapters!

30th

Toronto #208, 4/11
Wilmington #212, 9/11

40th

Montreal #155, 9/11

45th

Colorado Springs #94, 3/11
New Orleans #97, 9/11
Middle Georgia #112, 9/11

50th

Dayton #33, 3/11
Memphis Bamboo #44, 3/11
Portland #47, 3/11
Charlotte #49, 3/11
Rochester #53, 9/11
North Canton #54, 9/11
Honolulu #56, 9/11

55th

Washington D.C. #1, 10/11

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Editor's Note: Please take a moment
to review the updated Chapter Contact
List. Thank you to all of the chapters who
responded to my request for updates.
Carole

**ALL CHAPTERS IN NAR: Without
your input, this newsletter is
incomplete. Please participate by
submitting your meeting, exhibit and
other information as requested. Just
be sure to include the Chapter name
and number with your submission!
Thank you. I look forward to hearing
from all of you. Remember the next
deadline is September 15, 2011.
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