THE ART IN CARVING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Monday, November 16, 2015 at 12:00 Noon
Doors open for our Chapter at 11:30 AM

Shepard Garden & Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA

Demonstration and Workshop - Program by Kim Grate
Tea table refreshments will be served

Guests and prospective members welcome

This month we welcome Kim Grate who will present a demonstration on carving fruits and vegetables into beautiful shapes to decorate our food plates. Following her demonstration, we will have a workshop where we can practice this art ourselves.

Born in Vietnam, Kim loves nature, enjoys gardening, arranges flowers and carves fruits and vegetables for decorations. She has been an active member of the Sacramento Floral Design Guild for over ten years. She also is a member of the Sacramento Rose Society, the Sacramento Bromeliad and Carnivorous Plant Society.

Please invite your friends and family to attend this informative program with you. Fruits and vegetables for the workshop will be provided by the Chapter. There is no charge for members; however, there will be a $5.00 materials fee for non-member guests.

Rhody Vallejo, Program Vice-president

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CO-PRESIDENTS’ MESSAGES

• From Bonnie …

Dear members,

This year is off to a busy start. In September we celebrated our Chapter’s 56th anniversary with a potluck luncheon and Wafu School demonstration by Sharon Krawetz. She did a fabulous demonstration for us with lots of fall flowers. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day very much.

Then it was time for the Fall Plant Sale at the Shepard Center. We had beautiful weather and lots of plants to sell. Many thanks to all who helped and especially to Judy Lawson who was in charge and saw us through the sale weekend without the usual assistance of Candy Davidson, who was away.

Many thanks also to Frances Brookey for once again being our liaison with My Sister’s House. On October 3, she, Marie Le Donne and I attended their annual High Tea which raises money for My Sister’s House and also promotes awareness of domestic abuse. Marie and I donated ikebana arrangements. It was a beautiful day and we met many interesting people. The young people who did the serving were a delight.

I know we are all busy people. However, we have some committee openings that still need to be filled - exhibition, publicity, and nominations. Interested? Please contact me or MJ.

I look forward to seeing you in November and December. Come and have fun with us.

Enjoy your flowers and plants, Bonnie

• From MJ …

Dear Members,

I was sorry to miss our September Chapter meeting that occurred while I was on vacation. I have heard so many good comments about Sharon’s program.

Food appeals to the eye as well as to the stomach. I enjoy cooking and serving food that is as appealing as possible to family and guests. So I am excited to have Kim Grate do our November fruit and vegetable cutting demonstration/workshop. I hope her wonderful presentation will encourage you to use some of her wonderful ideas for your Thanksgiving Dinner table. I feel that food cutting is one of my favorite Japanese arts. The creatively crafted fruits and vegetables accents not only express beauty, but also let the dinner guests know that the meal was prepared with love. Plan to join us for this exciting program and workshop.

Bonnie and I look forward also to welcoming you all to a Christmas Season luncheon at my house on December 7th.

Warmly in Friendship Through Flowers, MJ
CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH A PARTY

Monday, December 7, 2015 at 2:00-4:00 PM

MJ Kelly’s Home
3575 Garden Highway, Sacramento, CA

Guests and prospective members welcome

Welcome December with its myriad of special days to celebrate. Enjoy the warmth and company of friends and family. Co-presidents MJ Kelly and Bonnie Lopez invite all Sacramento Ikebana International Chapter members to a festive Christmas holiday party at MJ’s home on the Sacramento River. A late lunch will be provided for your enjoyment by MJ and Bonnie. Spouses, partners and guests are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to MJ at 916.929.3541 or email her at mjkelly72@yahoo.com to let her know you are coming and how many guests you will be bringing. Your RSVP by December 1 will be appreciated. If you need driving directions, please ask MJ.

OUR WEBSITE IS ACTIVE

Our Sacramento Chapter website is up and running. Please check it out! Tell your friends and family to look at it also. On it you will find a capsule description of our programs for the year, photos from past Chapter programs and activities, a brief history of Ikebana International and of our Chapter, newsletters, and membership and contact information. Thanks are due Bonnie Lopez and Sue Bordner for writing the narratives on the website and to Dalt Bordner who formatted the material properly and designed the website. And very special thanks to Michiko and Koichi Takamura for taking the lovely photograph of our California State Capitol.

FALL PLANT SALE REPRISE

The Shepard Garden & Arts Center annual Fall Sale was held the weekend of October 3-4, 2015. Our Chapter raised about $400 before expenses. Thank you to everyone who donated items to sell and/or helped set up, sell, or cleaned-up. Co-Chair Judy Lawson was in charge the entire weekend. Chapter members participating included Sue Bordner, Frances Brookey, Adrienne Chattot, Candy Davidson, Jan Goehring, Norma Jennings, MJ Kelly, Molly Kimura, Marie LeDonne, Margaret Lee, Natasha Liu, Bonnie Lopez, Jane Matteson, Elise Mattison, Ellen Nishimura, Michiko Takamura, Helen Tashima, and Kim and Ung Vu.

THANK YOU …

Sacramento I.I. Chapter #26 appreciates and thanks Tamiko Hanashiro for her generous donation to our Chapter’s general fund.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS
Please remember that we welcome new members throughout the year. Bring friends and neighbors to our meetings and encourage them to join us. The ability to purchase floral supplies from local wholesale houses is an added reason to join our Chapter this year.

If any of your contact information changes during the year, please let me know so we can make the needed corrections. My email is: fbrookey@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Frances Brookey, Membership Vice-President

**MARK YOUR 2016 CALENDAR! PLAN TO ATTEND!**

- **FLOWERS AND PROVERBS.** January 18th, 2016. Chapter meeting and demonstration by Helen Tashima and Rhody Vallejo.

- **LEAF IT TO US.** March 21, 2016. Chapter meeting and workshop on leaf manipulation led by Bonnie Lopez and MJ Kelly.

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