

I.I. ASHEVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 24, 2017

Dear I. I. Members,

GREETINGS! This will be my final newsletter for this calendar year. We had the most incredible exhibition by our members at the North Carolina Arboretum just a week ago at this writing. Wow, every arrangement was unique and wonderful! Thank you. Suzanne Dillingham's demonstration was so creative, innovative and fabulous. We thank you for all your hard work and effort. To all docents, you deserve a round of applause. You did great. And to those of you that helped with set up and take down, we could never do the event without you.

Thanks and regards. Susan Cano

From Terri Todd, Blue Spiral Coordinator:

Lynn Forbes will make an arrangement for the October 26th opening at Blue Spiral 1. This is the end of the third year of making arrangements to promote Ikebana Asheville in downtown and we will continue as long as our teachers are willing to share their time and talent. Thanks to all who have responded to the opportunity.

From Lynn Forbes, Exhibition Chair

Special thanks to all participants who exhibited in Ikebana International's exhibition at our wonderful Bonsai Expo. Your arrangements were beautiful and inspiring to all who viewed them. This year we had arrangements throughout the upstairs level, which added to our exhibition space and beauty viewing for all. Our docents and team that did set up and breakdown are gratefully appreciated. Thanks for your time, energy and commitment to making our exhibition the very best that it can be. A special thank you to Suzanne Dillingham who wowed us with her beautiful demo on Saturday, This was a special treat for the sixty people who attended. Kudos to all for a job well done!

From Sue Grier, Program Chair

October 24, 2017 II Program

"The Joy of Baskets" – Three Schools of Thought: Ohara, Ichiyo and Sogetsu

Presented by Diane Harker of the Ohara School, Sue Grier of the Ichiyo School and Susan Cano of the Sogetsu School.

Using fall materials, the arrangements that will be created for the October program will celebrate the colors and textures of the season. The choice of

bamboo baskets will prevail. In the Fall, generally dark baskets are recommended along with wild berries and vines. Also, it is said that the combination of a bamboo basket and autumn flowers and grasses makes for quintessential ikebana arrangements.

The Ohara School emphasizes seasonal qualities, natural growth processes, and the beauty of natural environments. The Ichiyo School seeks to give the viewer an experience with nature that is unexpected, stimulating and profound. The Sogetsu School believes that anyone can arrange ikebana anywhere, and with anything.

Susan Cano – Riji in the Sogetsu School

Sue Grier – Associate Master in the Ichiyo School

Diane Harker – 2nd Degree Master in the Ohara School

From the Ikebana International web site:

Bamboo Basket

Seasonality is the primary consideration in choosing floral materials and their basket containers. Bamboo baskets are most commonly used during the warm months, from April or May to October. Light-colored or bleached bamboo baskets are used in spring and summer, usually with pastel or light-hued floral materials. Dark baskets are for fall and winter arrangements, which often include wild berries and vines. The plants and flowers commonly arranged in baskets include grasses, especially ones found typically growing on hilly terrain. Aquatic plants are never used, and tropical blooms are very difficult to use with basket holders since they lack seasonality. The arrangements should be kept soft and loose, so as to accentuate the basket's delicate qualities. When using a bamboo basket, you cannot use a kenzan, but must use a hand-fashioned flower holder.

The I. I. Asheville Chapter #74 will not meet in November. We will have a holiday potluck luncheon on December 1, 2017. Laura Felt will graciously welcome all our members to her beautiful home beginning at 11:00 a.m. At the meeting on Tuesday, there will be a sign up sheet to attend and what you will bring to share.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE EMAIL ME smcano@bellsouth.net and LET ME KNOW THAT YOU WANT TO COME TO THE LUNCHEON AND WHAT YOU WILL BRING.