



Ikebana International
March 2021

Asheville, Chapter # 74

. From the President, Lynn Forbes

What a wonderful beginning to our Ikebana International 2021 year! We had a very special cultural program by Laura Felt and DeDe Walton of the Ikenobo School in February using Japanese items in various creative ways in both our homes and in fashion that they had gathered on trips to Japan while visiting flea markets and other interesting shops during their travels. Special thanks to you both and Emiko for a great Zoom presentation for us to begin our Ikebana year!

We are so excited beginning this year for two important reasons. Our vaccines to protect us from Covid 19 are now available so we can return to normal soon, and we are seeing more and more

signs of spring appearing. We are always happy to see wonderful buds and flowers popping up to reflect springtime is on its way in beautiful WNC and inspiring us to practice our ikebana, especially this year!

We are continuing to have our programs presented via Zoom for now. Registration will be a two-step process on Zoom for extra security and safety for all. You must register on the link that will be sent your way on Friday before the meeting along with your Agenda. Then you will be sent your personal link to enter the meeting on the 23rd. Please remember to enter the meeting on MUTE and turn your video to OFF before the video begins. This gives us extra bandwidth so we will have less interference during the video presentation.

Valerie Eccelston will be joining us in person to say a few words before the video and to answer any questions after the viewing for our March 23rd program. I hope everyone will join us to “welcome” Valerie to our chapter’s viewing.

An “At Home Workshop” will follow to be posted on our ikebanaasheville.org website.

Deadline for submitting your photos for the workshop will be April 13th. We hope all our members will participate.

Although several exhibition venues are cancelled in June and July due to Covid concerns the Black Mountain Center for the Arts will be having their Art in Bloom Invitational this year on July 8,9,10 while safe distancing will continue to be in effect. We hope to have 11 ikebana designers participating along with 11 floral designers. More information will be available as we get closer to the event date.

. From the Vice president, Sue Grier

Please join in the ZOOM presentations for our upcoming meetings in March and April:

. [March 23, 2021 Program Via ZOOM](#)

ZOOM Presentation – Valerie Eccleston, Ichiyo School

Demonstrations from the 18th North and Central American Regional Conference Presented by NCAR Advocate Committee 18th NCARC 2019 in collaboration with Ikebana Iwaya Fund



. At Home Workshop:

Valerie encourages each of us to make an at-home arrangement using baskets, a container so many of us have, yet seldom use.

. Upcoming April 27, 2021 Program Via ZOOM

**ZOOM Program – Emiko Suzuki and Laura Felt
Ikenobo School**

“Miniature Freestyle”



**. From the Bonsai Exhibition Chair, Carol Stangler
Ikebana International at the NC Arboretum Bonsai
Expo:**

The annual II Exhibition and demonstration at the N.C. Arboretum Carolina Bonsai Expo, scheduled for June 12-13, 2021, has been cancelled, due to ongoing public safety concerns of the COVID-19

pandemic. Regretfully, this is the second year we will not have our members' exhibit or planned demonstration and public program with Emiko Suzuki.

. From the SHCG Exhibition chair, Nancy Gettys
The Southern Highland Craft Guild Ikebana
Exhibition this year, usually scheduled in mid- July at the US Cellular Center, has once again been cancelled due to public safety concerns over Covid 19.

. From the Recording secretary, DeDe Walton
See the attached February, 2021 Minutes attached.

. From the Treasurer, Elizabeth Clark
See the attachment below of the March Treasurer's report.

. Mark Your Calendar!

. March 23, 2021 Via Zoom
NCAR Video Program with Ichiyo Executive Master, Valerie Eccelston from the Washington DC area.
"Using Baskets and basket like constructions in Ikebana."

. April 7, 2021
Ikebana International Board Meeting at 1:00
Via Zoom.

. April 13, 2021

Deadline for submitting photos to Patti Quinn Hill for publishing on our website for our At Home Workshop, “Using Baskets in Ikebana.”

. April 27, 2021 Via Zoom

ZOOM Program – Emiko Suzuki and Laura Felt, Ikenobo School.

“Miniature Freestyle”