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AUGUST 21, 2010 WORKSHOP

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A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

That pretty much sums up the Ikenobo workshop held on Saturday, August 21, at the Scottsdale Senior Center. Participants included both "new" students and "oldtimers" who had the challenge of choosing both their containers and floral materials for the session. Sensei Pat Kuffler was on hand to assist and to critique in what turned out to be a great learning experience for all involved, and, of course, studying her arrangements was a lesson in and of itself.

The participants' arrangements varied from lovely traditional shokas to freestyles and included both seasonal garden flowers as well as florist varieties. What a pleasant way to spend a sultry August afternoon!

(Arrangements by Lisa Babu, Reta Severtson and Linnéa Storm. Photo of Pat Kuffler & Lisa Babu.)



CHAPTER DAY

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
TIME: 1:00 to 4:00 pm
LOCATION: Scottsdale Senior Center (10440 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale 85258)
SENSEI: PAT KUFFLER
LESSON: FREE STYLE
COST: No cost
RSVP: To Pat Kuffler at peekphoenix@cox.net or 480-556-6406 (so she will know how many flower materials to bring to the lesson)

Pat will give us some tips for the care and handling of fresh cut flowers, followed by a lesson on the Ikebana freestyle arrangement.

"Bring anything but a vase for your freestyle arrangement. Take a stroll through Home Depot, Toys 'R Us, your own kitchen or garage for ideas. Make sure the vessel holds water. And, bring a kensan and/or oasis. Be BOLD. This will be fun. All flower materials will be supplied. Feel free to bring line material (branches, grasses, other greenery) for yourself and/or to share with others."

We'll be distributing the 2010-2011 Yearbooks also. They will contain information on all the Chapter Workshops (including the dates for the visiting professor's lessons and demonstration), plus a current Membership Directory.

***Please bring donations (containers, kensans, etc.) for the Ginza table. All sales proceeds from these items will go to the Chapter fund so we may continue events like Chapter Day. You may also bring items for the Members' Sales table (15% of sales price of these items will be due to the Chapter). Be sure to mark each item with a price and bring a list of items you will be selling.

See next page for a special books to be offered for sale at Chapter Day.

IN MEMORY OF SENSEI WINNIE DONALD

By David Payne

Winnie Donald was born in 1915 in West Texas. She graduated from university and served with the WACS during World War II. She met and married Herb Donald in 1943, and was blessed with a daughter and four grandchildren, plus several great-grandchildren.

She was also committed to all of the arts. Winnie was a qualified Sogetsu instructor when she first came to the Valley of the Sun. She began spending summers in Kyoto and changed to the Ikenobo School. Although she was not one of the founding members of the Ikenobo Arizona Chapter, she became one of their teachers in the late '70s. Her contacts with San Francisco and Kyoto, and her knowledge of Ikenobo gained for the Chapter the annual visit of the Visiting Professor with both workshops and a demonstration. Not many other Chapters have this double privilege. Winnie was the Chairman of the Chapter in the 80's and early 90's.

Winnie was not an easy teacher. She was firm and students did their work over and over, until it was right. The more you learned, the more she expected. This was her way of making sure you learned the fundamentals. After you were secure in the form, she encouraged experimentation...but always within the form. Because she knew that much of Ikenobo is choosing and understanding what material will and will not do, her students always provided their own material...basic learning.

Winnie died July 28, 2010. Services were held at Messinger Memorial Indian School Mortuary on Saturday, August 14. Interment will be at Arlington Cemetery. Donations in Winnie's memory may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85014.

WINNIE DONALD BOOK DONATIONS

Winnie Donald has contributed her Ikebana books to our chapter.

They will be available at Chapter Day, September 18.

This will be a great opportunity to pick up some wonderful books.

INTERESTING WEBSITE

Go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/otosphotos/sets/72157623034947154/detail/> to see some beautiful Ikenobo Ikebana photos from Kyoto.

NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome is extended to Reta Severtson, the newest member of the Ikenobo Society of Arizona. We look forward to see you at future workshops.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The board would like to add the directory of current members to our official website (<http://www.ikebana-ikenobo.com>), including name, address, phone number and email address. The directory would also be a part of the 2010-2011 Yearbook.

If you have any objections to publishing your information in these two places, please contact Margaret Michel, Chapter Secretary, at guahk@cox.net or 480-893-3519 by September 12.

CHANGE OF MARCH VISITING PROFESSOR WORKSHOP DATES

The March workshops with the visiting professor are now set for March 9-10, 2011.

There will be more information about all workshops in the 2010-2011 Yearbook.