

2023
Happy New Year!



Director's message

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Hello Membership,

Wishing you a Happy New Year, and hoping the year ended with Holiday Cheer.

We will be welcoming Ms. Misei Ishikawa, in just 2 weeks. If you have not gotten your reservations in, please do so ASAP.

Registration form on the last page. She is considered one of Headquarters top Master Teachers, and will be doing a wonderful demo and workshop. We will do our best to accommodate last minute request, but it is helpful to know and order in advance what we will need for the demo and workshops.

A couple of housekeeping items: Our Website will be down January 14 - 21.

We will also need to form our Nominating committee this month. Next Board Meeting will be early February. I will be contacting you further about forming this committee.

SPECIAL EVENT
HOSTED BY SOGETSU DALLAS BRANCH
Master Instructor, Sogetsu HQ

Misei Ishikawa



SATURDAY
JANUARY 14, 2023

FRIDAY
JANUARY 13, 2023

STA-A WORKSHOP

Book 5 lesson 14.
Composing a structure
with branches, and
adding an arrangement
to the structure.

HYATT
PLACE
Dallas-North/
by the Galleria

10am - 12:30pm

GENERAL WORKSHOP

Composing Midillino with
flowers. Make a structure
with Midillino, and add a
small vase and flowers to
your midillino structure.

SHERATON
Dallas Hotel

9:15 am - 3:30 pm

*SIGN UP! See details
on Registration Form
on the last page.*

*Already registered?
See attachment for
updated information.*

Sogetsu New Year Cultural Exhibition (Hatsu-Ike) is scheduled on Sunday 1/15/23

You are invited to participate in the **Sogetsu New Year Cultural Exhibition** at the **Oak Point Center** in east **Plano** for the first time ever. Master instructor **Misei Ishikawa** has extended her stay in Dallas so that she will officially open the exhibition and also honored to have the Honorary Consul General in Dallas **Mr. Sam Shichijo**.

Here's some additional information:

- One day Exhibition
- Open to the public
- Set up time is 10 am and take down at 4 pm.
- Grand opening of the exhibition is at 11 am
- You may use your previously

composed arrangement from workshops on 1/13 or 1/14 for the exhibition or create one on your own.

- Origami display and live Calligraphy demonstration.
 - Location: 6000 Jupiter Rd., Plano, TX 75074
 - Please contact **Amira Matsuda** by TEXT at 214-202-7640, or email: amira.matsuda@yahoo.com to sign in.
 - Good day to invite a friend for a fun free day!
 - Participation will not be accepted after 1/10/23.
 - Will receive more details on 9th or 10th once you sign in.
- Thank you in advance for your support. - **Amira Matsuda**

December 8, 2022 Program of the Month MEMORIES

PHOTOS BY AMIRA MATSUDA AND PATRICIA O'REILLY

Start/Restart/Refresh - Beginner's workshop arrangements taught by **RIJI Amira Matsuda** (pictured right) on switching Basic Upright & Slanting to Gyakugatte (shown top left and top centered.) See more photos of the regular workshop on the next page.



Raffle arrangements



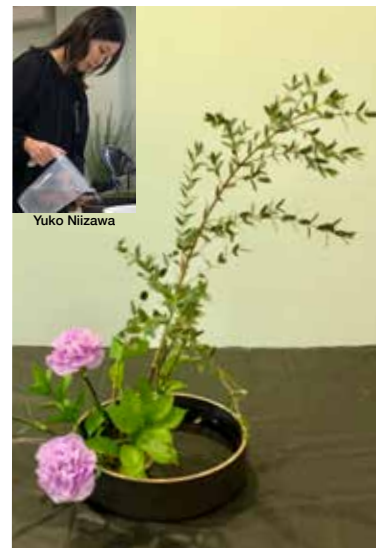
Jewel Williams



Barbara Michaels



Helen Levinson



Yuko Niizawa



Russ Bodnyk

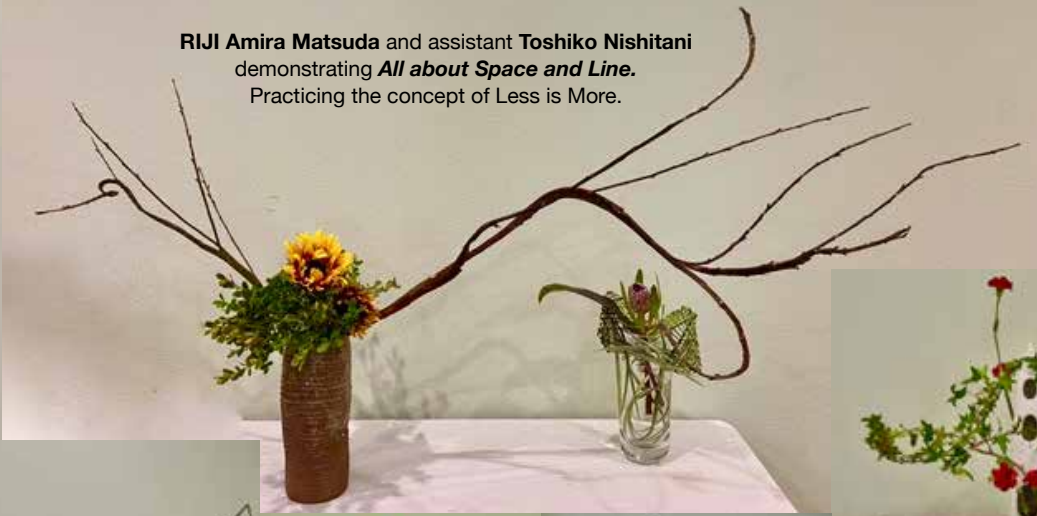


Mitsuho Nishio



Alesya Kulesh

RIJI Amira Matsuda and assistant **Toshiko Nishitani**
 demonstrating *All about Space and Line*.
 Practicing the concept of Less is More.



Brian Dalton



RIJI Amira Matsuda created 8 beautiful
 ikebana arrangements.



Janet Koechel

Sue Smith



Karen Murrell



Sudha Ramakrishna



Miyoko Fukaya

PHOTOS BY PAULA BREHM AND AMIRA MATSUDA



Ngoc Truong



Cecilia Manouel



Kumiko Toyama



Misei Ishikawa Event Planning Meeting 1/3/2023

Dear Planning Committee,

This is a reminder that we have our **final Planning Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 10:00 am. Please try to be there.**

Location: **Clubhouse at 2601 Marsh Lane.** If you can not make it, please send someone in your place with your report and be sure you get a meeting briefing from them.

If you want any of your team helpers to attend (like Workshop assistants for set up and clean up), they are very welcome; just let me know their names, and please provide them with the address and gate code.

Please note that we still need some transportation assistance:

1. Possibly getting bundled wood from Mia's to Amira's (40 bundles), then getting bundles to Hyatt Place (along with workshop flowers from Amira's) to Hyatt Place.
2. Getting demo and afternoon workshop materials from Amira's to Sheraton Dallas Hotel.
3. Transporting a few guests from place to place (I am still determining how many - maybe 8 - 10.) Hyatt Place/Sheraton/Blue Mesa

Please let me know if you or someone you know (spouses?) can be volunteered as transporters.

We need one or two more people for the registration table (check-in, name tag, etc.) and to take registration for the Sayonara Dinner (name, phone, \$35 cash, check, or Zelle.)

I will leave for Phoenix on the evening of January 9 and return with Sensei on the evening of January 11.

Thursday, January 12, is an all-day workday (8:00 am) at Amira's for those working on the Demo and Workshops.

Friday, January 13, is the morning STA Workshop;

Friday, January 13, is the afternoon work day at Amira's

Saturday, January 14, is the morning demo

Saturday, January 14, is the afternoon Workshop

A sayonara dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Blue Mesa Grill, 14866 Montfort Dr. Addison. (guests are welcome) (\$35 pp tip included)

A detailed day-by-day calendar for the event will be distributed at the January 3 Planning Meeting. If I need to be aware of something, please let me know beforehand.

Thank you very much for your commitment to our Sogetsu Branch and participation in this event's activities. - **Patricia O'Reilly**, Event Chair

* Sogetsu HQ is pleased to announce it's **first live broadcast of the Sogetsu New Year's Party** on **Monday January 9th** (Japan time).

The party includes Iemoto **Akane's Hatsu-Ike** (her first public arrangement in 2023), dynamic ikebana performance by the atelier members, and the big raffle (with many prizes available only for online participants).

* In addition, the special program **"Live from Backstage!"** starts one hour before the party with **Kiri Teshigahara**, International Director as emcee. This live is filmed by a professional filming team and will have lots of inter-active communication with the live viewers. (*consecutive interpretation in English will be provided.*) The live recording is available on demand streaming until February 28th.

Date: **January 9th** (JST)

12:00 Noon - 1 pm (JST): **"Live from Backstage!"**

Live relay from backstage just before the party.

1pm - 3pm (JST) Live from

New Year Celebration Party from Sogetsu Hall

* **Sogetsu Dallas Branch will stream a video of the live New Year's event.**

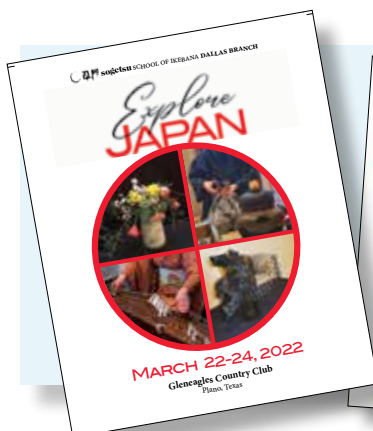
Sunday January 22, 3-5 pm. (Dallas time).

Register for Jan. 22 Zoom Video:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ-cuc--oqT0tHtSxwJNrsOL4IO2Jixvqum6>

After you register, you will receive a message from Zoom with your personal access line to the Jan 22 Zoom Video. Please save the email so that you have it ready for Jan. 22. Do not share the access link.

Thank you very much for your continued support for Sogetsu Ikebana.



We are also still selling the very nice book **Explore Japan** from our last event in March. Over 20 pages full color. Covers the 3-day event. This is a fundraiser for our Dallas Branch and dedicated to our 50th anniversary cost in 2024. Great gift for only **\$25**. Please contact amira.matsuda@yahoo.com or (c) 214-202-7640.



HOSTED BY
Sogetsu Dallas Branch

MASTER INSTRUCTOR, SOGETSU HQ

Misei Ishikawa

Schedule of Events

Friday
JANUARY 13, 2023

STA WORKSHOP
for STA members
and advanced
students.
(Student in
Book 4 or 5)

**HYATT
PLACE**
Dallas-North/
by the Galleria

5229 Spring
Valley Road
Dallas, TX
75254

(972)716-2001

10 am
Registration

10:30 am
STA and Advanced
Student Workshop

12:30 pm
Clean up

SATURDAY
JANUARY 14, 2023

SHERATON
Dallas Hotel

4801 LBJ Freeway
Dallas, TX, 75244
(972) 661-3600

9:15 am
Registration

10 am
Demonstration

12 noon
Luncheon

1:30 pm
Workshop

3:30 pm
Clean up



For our out-of-town guests: Hotel Reservations can be made at either Hyatt Place or Sheraton.
We will provide transportation between the two hotels.

REGISTRATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

- 1/13 STA Workshop \$50
- 1/14 Demonstration, Luncheon & Workshop \$150
- 1/14 Demonstration & Luncheon \$100
- 1/14 Luncheon & Workshop \$100

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Registration form online at www.sogetsudallas.org
(see button at top of website page) make payment by
Zelle, using sogetsudallas@gmail.com as recipient name.
Mail or email registration form to: Sogetsu Dallas Branch
OR send check, payable to Sogetsu Dallas Branch, with
your registration form, to:
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email: uskobayas@yahoo.com