

## Message from Director Amira Matsuda

Dear members and friends of SDB,

🍊 On behalf of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana Dallas Branch and the Ikebana International Dallas Chapter #13, I would like to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation to Master Instructor Mrs. Misei Ishikawa Sensei for her kindness performing Ikebana demonstration and workshop virtually from Japan to our Ikebana members.

In spite of the ongoing Pandemic, we had 23 in-person participants and 45 virtual participants from different parts of the United States and Canada. It was not easy to manage the time difference between Japan and US time but it worked out very well. Thanks to Ishikawa Sensei for her cooperation. Even though it was 7 am in Japan, Mrs. Ishikawa Sensei kept the beautiful smile on her face all throughout the time for more than 4 hours.

She created four beautiful compositions and showed us how to use the Mizuhiki strings, explained the cultural background of using it and some common ways on how and when to use by making variety of ties and knots.

Our topic was on how to complement color/shape of the container, color contrast, showing total balance, arranging with flowers only and how to emphasize the white bleached branches (Mitsumata). Not only that she critiqued every arrangement which participants made on September 23rd but also she kindly critiqued the rearranged work past that date.

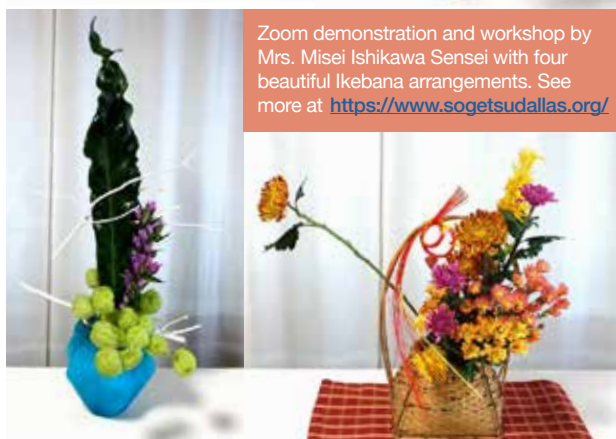
It was great learning experience for all of us, we all so enjoyed the virtual program, we had received so many positive and rewarding feedback from our participants and viewers.

Thank you Mrs. Ishikawa Sensei we are all so lucky to have this memorable event and one of a kind here in Dallas. Most of the photos of the demonstration and workshop has been posted on sogetsu website. Big thanks to Miss Risa our website manager for taking the time to come on the day of the event straight from work and for the outstanding professional photos.

🍊 Husband of our dearest Helen Levinson recently passed away, his services was through zoom with family members. So sorry for their loss, may God be with the family and May he Rest In Peace.

🍊 Sogetsu directory has been sent to every member, please notice on page 5 some important rules are listed and asking you to kindly abide by in order to ensure smooth and successful meetings. Please keep in mind that we are here to serve you, working hard for your enjoyment and seeking every possible way to create good learning environment. So please observe the rules.

🍊 The success of every organization depends on its members, so please HELP us to create traffic on Sogetsu website, Follow us on social media, suggest friends to follow us on <https://www.sogetsudallas.org/> Sogetsu Instagram and Facebook page.



Zoom demonstration and workshop by Mrs. Misei Ishikawa Sensei with four beautiful Ikebana arrangements. See more at <https://www.sogetsudallas.org/>



### Welcome New Members

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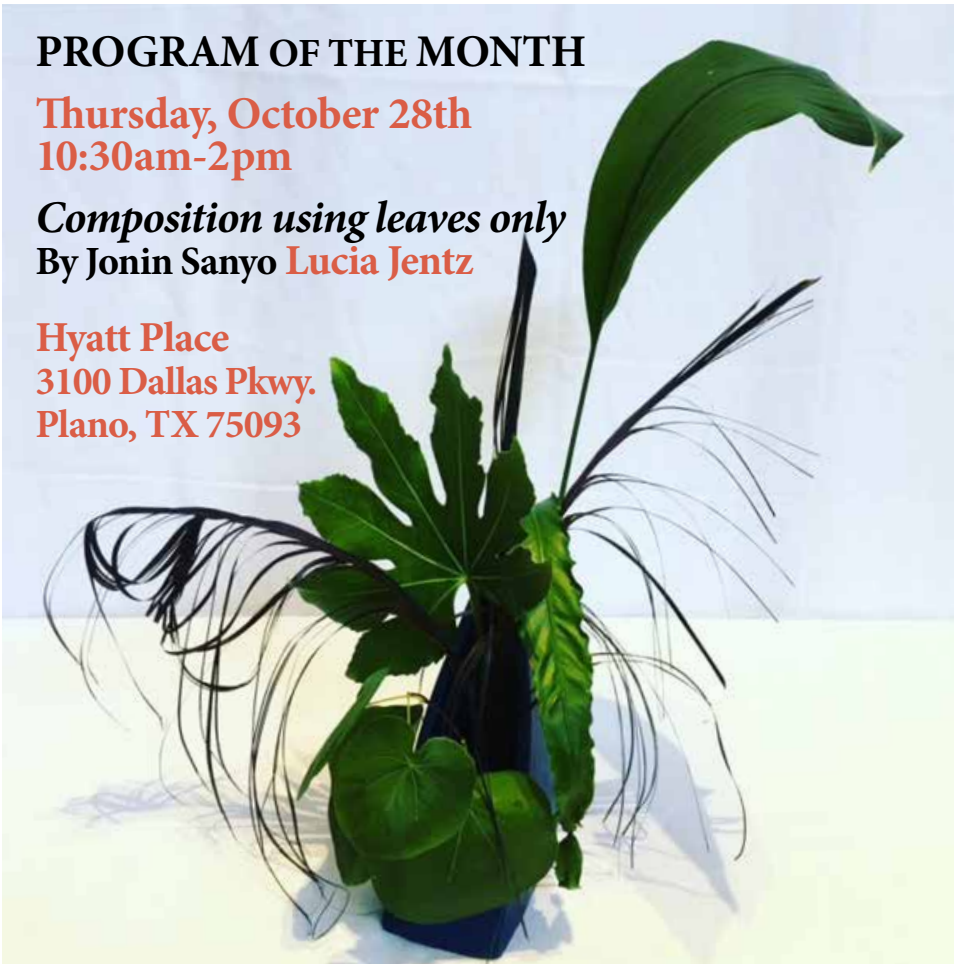
**Sogetsu Massachusetts Branch**  
celebrating 50th Anniversary on  
**September 21-25, 2022**  
in Boston at the Hyatt Regency  
with **Akane Teshigahara Iemoto**  
of Sogetsu School of Ikebana.  
Event information along with  
registration form is attached.  
**Registration deadline is April 22, 2022.**

## PROGRAM OF THE MONTH

**Thursday, October 28th**  
**10:30am-2pm**

*Composition using leaves only*  
By Jonin Sanyo **Lucia Jentz**

**Hyatt Place**  
**3100 Dallas Pkwy.**  
**Plano, TX 75093**



Lucia requests you to bring the following:

1. Your choice of unique or simple containers that represent the leaf characteristics.
2. Two to four different kinds and shapes of leaves.
3. Hasami and Kenzan if needed
4. Glue dot
5. Small towel and cutting bowl.

Please contact **Amira Matsuda**  
214-202-7640, Register online: <https://www.sogetsudallas.org/> to reserve your spot. Materials for the workshop will be provided based on reservation.



### Upcoming STA-A workshop and Container Sale

(Sogetsu Teachers Association and Advanced Students - Book 4 and above)

**DATE:** **Saturday, November 6**

**TIME:** **10am -12 noon** STA-A workshop, **12-12:30** lunch,  
**12:30-2** I.I. Dallas Chapter 13 selling the remainder of the  
Betty Erickson vases from the 70s and 80s, some mid-century.  
Most made in Japan. Anyone interested is welcome to come.

**LOCATION:** **2601 Marsh Lane - Clubhouse** (located directly in front of  
entrance) you must enter on Marsh Lane.

**THEME:** **Using extra large leaves** in your design, 2 feet+ size

**LESSONS:** **Book 3:** Lesson 14 Surfaces of leaves;  
**Book 4:** Lesson 2 with leaves only.

**TEACHER:** **Yasuko Robinson**, assisted by teacher students.

**COST:** **\$10.** Bring your own container, mechanics, and materials (leaves etc.)

10-10:30 Demonstration

10:30-11:00 Assemble your arrangements

11:00-12:00 Critique

12-12:30 Bring your own sack lunch; water and dessert provided

12:30-2 Sale of Betty Erickson's containers

**RSVP:** [sue.c.smith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sue.c.smith@sbcglobal.net); Checks payable to: Sogetsu Dallas

#### SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE LEAVES:

Monstera large size (available at Central Market), elephant ear or similar,  
palm leaves, banana leaves,

