Ikebana International

is a worldwide organization founded in Tokyo, Japan in 1956 by the late Ellen Gordon Allen. Its members are dedicated to promoting mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and other countries through ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arrangement, and other related arts of Japan. Ikebana International (I.I.) is a nonprofit cultural organization in Japan and today boasts over 8,000 members in more than 50 countries.

Ikebana International is administrated by enthusiastic volunteers of many different nationalities and ikebana schools. Some ikebana schools stress classic styles while other schools focus on creative, contemporary forms and some blend the two; while each school is different, they openly share their inspirations, styles, philosophy, history and techniques with one other. Membership in I.I. is open to all persons interested in the art of ikebana and the ideals of I.I. regardless of previous experience.







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How you can join Ikebana International

Contact a local chapter of Ikebana International in your city or region. If you have difficulty finding an I.I. chapter, contact Ikebana International Headquarters (see address on the last page of this brochure) in Tokyo, and they will advise you. For further information, see the Ikebana International website: http://ikebanahq.org or call or mail your inquiry to Ikebana International Headquarters.



Member Benefits

Ikebana International Magazine

A premier publication, issued three times a year, richly illustrated with color plates of ikebana arrangements, articles on ikebana and related arts and cultural topics.

Chapter Activities Newsletter and Sakura News

Two lively newsletters that keep members informed of what is happening at chapters and regions around the world and at Ikebana International Headquarters.

Regional Conferences and World Conventions

Regional Conferences are held periodically in various regions throughout the world for the purpose of offering educational and cultural exchange opportunities to our members close to home. Every five years we hold an Ikebana International World Convention in Japan.



Monthly Chapter Meetings

Members usually get together at monthly or bimonthly meetings to see ikebana demonstrations, hear lectures on related topics, or participate in ikebana exhibitions or other events. By reciprocal arrangement, members are welcome to visit other chapters while on their travels.

Transfer of Membership

A member may transfer from one chapter to another upon presentation of a current, valid membership card.