



**WAFU IKEBANA SOCIETY**

***WAFU SCHOOL IKEBANA ARTISTS  
PRESENTS “AUTUMN SPECTACULAR” FLOWER SHOW***

Flower Show Will Celebrate  
42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Local Chapter

Nearly 160 ikebana floral artists will be presenting the “Autumn Spectacular” Flower Show on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2012, to celebrate the 42<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the local chapter’s establishment. This two-day weekend exhibition will be held at Cupertino’s Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road. Show hours are 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., both days.

Almost every Wafu Ikebana student of the Adult Education Program at Fremont Union High School District will be participating in the show. Highly accomplished Wafu ikebana artists will also present demonstrations of this eloquent art form, discussing the materials and techniques used. Three demonstrations per day will feature different arrangers illustrating different styles using a variety of floral materials. Demonstration times are at 11:00AM, 1:00PM, and 3:00PM., on both days.

This special event is co-sponsored by the City of Cupertino, the Fremont Union High School District, and the Wafu Ikebana Society. The exhibition and demonstrations are open to the public at no charge, but a \$5 per person donation is appreciated.

Mrs. Fusako “Seiga” Hoyrup of Cupertino founded the chapter in 1971. Under her direction and training, the California chapter has grown from a small group of students to nearly 200 dedicated and artistically accomplished members. Classes in Wafu ikebana are taught by Mrs. Hoyrup and Ms. Tova Matatyau in Cupertino and Sunnyvale; by Ms. Thanh Nguyen in Palo Alto and Menlo Park. Most chapter members reside in the Bay Area, however some live outside California and others are located as far away as Japan and Europe. The Wafu School of Ikebana is headquartered in Tokyo and has active chapters worldwide.

In the aftermath of the horrific earthquake and tsunami in Japan last year and all the suffering and atrocities happening around the world, the “Autumn Spectacular” Flower Show will be all inspiring and hope to lift the spirit and bring back a bit of beauty to every one of the visitors.

Visitors will enjoy a wide variety of floral arrangement styles, such as those created in low shallow vases (“moribana”), in tall upright vases (“nageire”), as well as suspended and wall-hung styles, and large-scale floor arrangements.

For more information about the Wafu School of Ikebana, 2012 flower show, classes, and photos of arrangements, see the Wafu Ikebana Society website at <http://www.wafu-ikebana.org>.

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