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**WAFU SCHOOL IKEBANA ARTISTS
PRESENTS AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW**

Flower Show Will Celebrate
40th Anniversary of Local Chapter

Cupertino, CA, 30 August, 2010 – Nearly 160 ikebana floral artists will present a two-day weekend exhibition on October 23rd and 24th to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the local chapter's establishment. 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.

Highly accomplished Wafu ikebana artists will also present demonstrations of this exquisite art form, discussing the materials and techniques used. Three demonstrations per day will feature different floral materials, styles, and arrangers; demonstration times are 11:00AM, 1:00PM, and 3:00PM., both days.

The exhibition and demonstrations are open to the public at no charge, but a \$5 per person donation is appreciated. All activities will be conducted at Cupertino's Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road. Show hours are 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., both days.

This special event is co-sponsored by the City of Cupertino, the Fremont Union High School District, and the Wafu Ikebana Society.

Mrs. Fusako "Seiga" Hoyrup of Cupertino founded the chapter in 1971. Under her direction and training, the California chapter has grown from a handful of eager students to nearly 200 dedicated and artistically accomplished members. Classes in Wafu ikebana are taught by Mrs. Hoyrup and Ms. Tova Matatyaou 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.

For more information about the Wafu School of Ikebana, 2010 flower show, classes, and photos of arrangements, see the Wafu Ikebana Society website at <http://www.wafu-ikebana.org>.

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