



What is Ikebana?

Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging, is one of the traditional arts of Japan. The origin of Ikebana has been traced to the 6th century and is believed to have evolved from the Buddhist practice of floral offerings placed on an altar honoring Buddha. The practice of Ikebana allows us to live in the moment and appreciate aspects of nature often overlooked in our busy lives. Ikebana inspires us to feel close to the ever-changing natural world.

What is Ikebana of Richmond?

Ikebana of Richmond is a cultural non-profit organization, whose objectives are to stimulate, cultivate, and perpetuate the study of Ikebana and the related arts and culture of Japan. Ikebana of Richmond is comprised of approximately 140 members who usually meet on the first Thursday of the month at 10a.m. at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden from September to May. Monthly programs feature regional, national, and international lecturers/demonstrators, who are certified teachers from various schools of Ikebana. Hands-on workshops often follow the programs. Certified teachers offer classes throughout the year. The Ways and Means Committee orders containers and other supplies that support the practice of Ikebana. These are displayed and may be purchased at the monthly meetings.

Although many of our members participate in garden clubs, Ikebana of Richmond is not a garden club and does not promote competition. The motto of Ikebana of Richmond is: *Friendship through Flowers*. Ikebana of Richmond is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

Philanthropic Partners

Ikebana of Richmond is fortunate to have long-standing relationships with the Japanese garden at Maymont Park and Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. Both gardens offer Ikebana of Richmond opportunities to participate in special exhibitions and other activities.

How Do Members Participate?

Members are encouraged to attend programs and participate in workshops, classes, and other activities. Ikebana of Richmond is an all-volunteer organization. In order to keep it as vibrant as it is today, members are expected to contribute by becoming involved in hospitality, fund-raising, or other ways that support the functioning of the organization. The Volunteer Coordinator will assist with matching members with their interests.

How to Become a Member

Membership is open to all interested in the art of Japanese flower arranging and related cultural arts. To become a member, fill-out the attached form, make a check payable to Ikebana of Richmond, and send it to the Membership chair as listed on the website. Annual dues are \$75 for the September through May program year. If joining after December 31st, dues are prorated at \$38 for January 1st through May 31st.

IKEBANA OF RICHMOND 2024-2025 NEW MEMBER FORM

(please print clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (Please print clearly) _____

I give permission to Ikebana of Richmond to print my address, phone number, and email address in the IOR newsletter and yearbook Yes No

The Newsletter will be sent to you by email at the address specified above, unless you do not have access to email. If you do not have email and request a paper copy of the newsletters, check here: _____.

Have you previously studied Ikebana? Yes No

If yes, what schools have you studied? _____

Are you a certified teacher/instructor? Yes No

Ways I Want to Contribute to Ikebana of Richmond:

Hospitality Program Demonstration Workshops Publicity

Silent Auction Ways and Means Other:

How did you hear about Ikebana of Richmond?

Website _____ Social Media _____ Member _____ Other _____

Membership Dues

Annual Dues \$75.00 _____

Remainer of Year Dues \$38.00 _____

Make checks payable to Ikebana of Richmond. Send this form and your check to:
Shelley Rhea, 4766 Wormley's Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Signature _____

Date _____