



**Fri, May 17, 2024**

**1–2:15 pm**

**Reynolds Lecture Hall  
Free, no tickets required**

IMAGE Basic upright-style Moribana arrangement. Arrangement and photo by Libby Haynes. FLYER © 2024 Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

## **Talk & Demonstration**

### “How . . . do you make an Ikebana arrangement?”

Join members of Ikebana of Richmond (IOR) for a demonstration and a brief talk on Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement. Watch as presenters create a basic Ikebana arrangement, view designs from a variety of Ikebana schools, and learn about the history of Ikebana.

This program is inspired by VMFA’s special exhibition *Samurai Armor from the Collection of Ann and Gabriel Barbier-Mueller*. Samurai regarded Ikebana as the blending of strength and delicacy. Before going to battle, samurai often practiced Ikebana to connect with nature, improve concentration, and purify the heart and mind.

IOR is a nonprofit cultural organization whose purpose is to cultivate the study of Ikebana, related art, and Japanese culture. Organized in 1968, IOR has more than 140 members representing various schools of Ikebana across the Commonwealth.

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