

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 160 members who usually meet on the first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden from September to May. The monthly programs feature regionally invited lecture/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.*

Philanthropic Partnerships

Ikebana of Richmond is fortunate to have long-standing relationships with the Japanese Garden at Maymont Park and Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. 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 to participate in workshops, classes, and other activities. In order to keep Ikebana of Richmond as vibrant as it is today, members are expected to support Ways and Means and other fund-raising activities, to help with hospitality, and to serve in other ways that support the organization.

How Do I Become a Member?

Membership is open to all interested in the art of Japanese flower arranging. To become a member, fill-out the attached form and send with check, made payable to Ikebana of Richmond, to the Membership Chair whose address is printed on the back of the brochure. Annual dues are \$50 for the September through May program year. If joining between January 1 and March 31, dues will be \$25.00 for the remainder of the program year.



Membership Form

(Please print clearly)

Name:

Name of Spouse:

Address:

Phone

Home:

Cell::

Email:

I give permission for Ikebana of Richmond to print my phone number(s) and email address in the IOR newsletter and Yearbook?

Yes

No

I want the monthly newsletter:

Emailed

Mailed

Annual Dues

(\$50)

(or) Remainder of Year Dues,

Jan. 1-Mar.31

(\$25)

Signature

Date