

## 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. Monthly programs feature regional, national, and international 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*. Ikebana of Richmond is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

## 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. 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 check payable to Ikebana of Richmond, and send to the Membership Chair whose address is on the back of the brochure. Annual dues are \$50 for the September through May program year. If joining after December 31, dues are prorated at \$25 for January 1 through May 31.



## **Membership Form**

(Please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my 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 your email address. If you do not have an email address, you will be mailed a paper copy. Extra paper copies of the newsletter will be available at the monthly meetings.

Annual Dues  (\$50)  
(or) Remainder of Year Dues,  (\$25)  
Jan. 1-Mar.31

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Ways I Want to Contribute to Ikebana of Richmond:

- Hospitality
- Demonstration and Workshop Support with set-up and clean-up
- Silent Auction and other Fund-Raising Efforts
- Ways and Means
- Administrative tasks
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Have you previously studied Ikebana?

- yes     no

## If yes, what schools have you studied?

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## Are you a certified teacher/instructor?

- yes     no

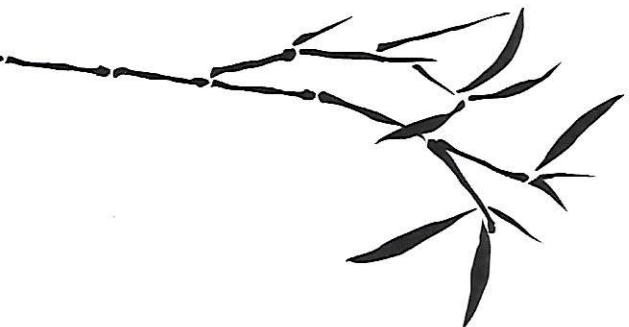
If yes, and you would like to be listed as such in the IOR yearbook, please send a copy of your certificate to the Membership Chair.

## How did you hear about Ikebana of Richmond?

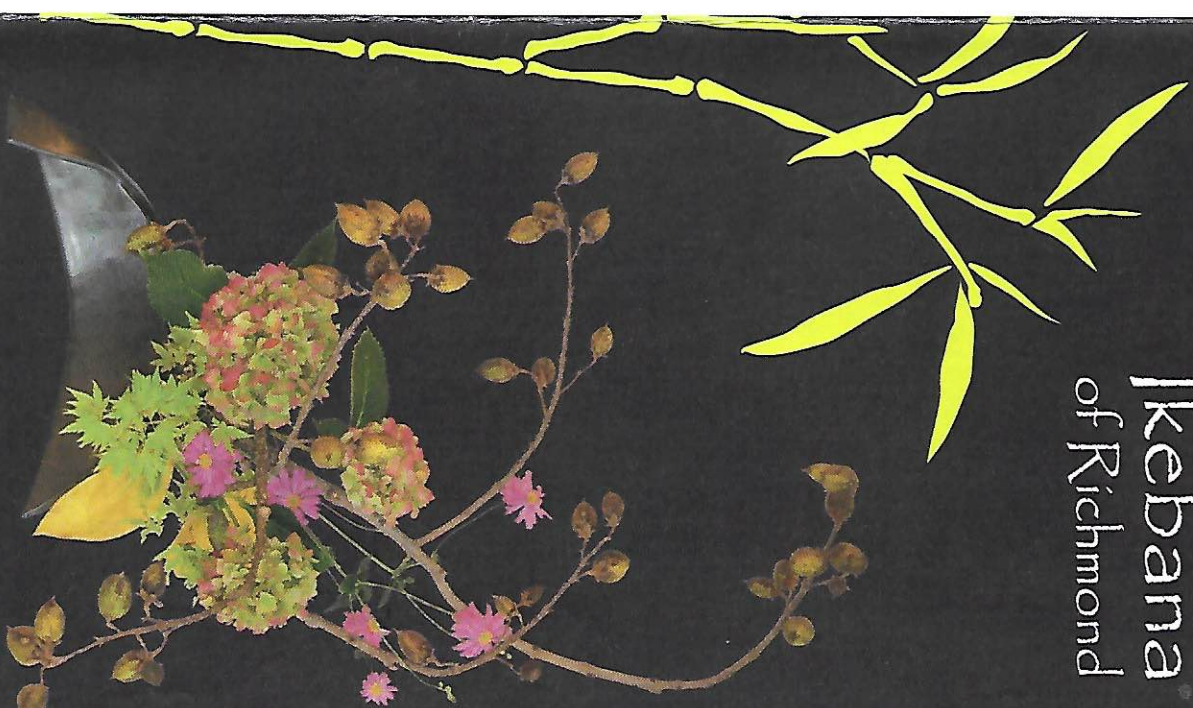
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Membership Chair



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