

🌸 Dear Ohara Chicago Chapter Members,

I hope this email finds you in good health, enjoying the summer wherever you are.

It has been a while since I sent an email to you. The 50th anniversary event was an enormous success, and the hard-working volunteers, which includes executive board members required a substantial recharging afterward. The board managed to have several meetings to keep us moving forward and we are getting ready to organize more events for the members.

1. Our first after-summer program will be an art project on Sunday 9/29. Jan is working hard to finalize the details. More information and the registration form will be distributed when it is ready, so please mark your calendar.

2. We are interested in what kind of chapter event you'd like us to host. Some suggestions are: Japanese meditation, Japanese Wagashi sweets making, Japanese culture video viewing on Zoom, Japanese "Sashilo" quilting workshop, Japanese self-defense workshop. If you are interested in any of the activities mentioned, please let us know by responding to this email. If you have other ideas, please let us know. We would like to hear from you.

~ Upcoming Ohara HQ event and Ikebana International event ~

Next year's Ohara School World Seminar has been scheduled to be held at the OHARA KENSYU KAIKAN in Osaka from April 20th to 22nd to coincide with the I.I. World Convention at the Kyoto International Conference Center in Kyoto (near Osaka) from April 25 to April 28th. The application for the Ohara World Convention has not been posted yet, but the I.I. World Convention registration has opened. You can register at: <https://ikebanahq.org/world-convention>

We look forward to seeing you all at our first after-summer event on Sunday, September 29th. Please stay well and stay tuned.

Ohara School of Ikebana Chicago Chapter

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