

 Dear Ohara Chicago Chapter Members,

I hope this email finds you well.

Most of us experienced the first snow in Chicago today. Thanksgiving is coming soon, and I hope everyone is feeling festive joy.

Recently, you should have received the most updated chapter roster from our membership chair, Patricia Rosenmann. If you have not received it yet, please get in touch with Patricia.

For our upcoming events in 2025, the board has planned an **"Ikebana Retreat" on Saturday, March 8th** at Ravenswood Fellowship United Methodist Church 4511 N. Hermitage Ave. Chicago, IL 60640, inviting a special guest instructor, Grace Sekimitsu. Ms. Sekimitsu will lead 2 session workshops for 2 groups (Beginner up to Instructor, Above Instructor). The workshop fee is \$20/session. Lunch is free. You can attend one session or both sessions and lunch is included (whether you do one or two sessions), so please mark your calendar! A registration form will be sent at the beginning of 2025.

The board is also planning to host a Wagashi - a Japanese sweet making workshop - in May. More information follows.

The membership renewal form is attached. Although the deadline is 1/15/2025, we appreciate you submitting the form at your earliest convenience.

May you have a happy and cheerful holiday season.

Ohara School of Ikebana Chicago Chapter

Yuko Inoue Darcy - President

Jan Wiltsie - Vice President

Leigh Levine - Secretary

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