

## **President's Report - 1995-97**

**Patricia Painter**

The elected officers for 1995-1997:

First Vice President - Sachiko Furlan  
Second Vice President - Julie Jensen

### **1995-1996**

Dues were \$59.00. Operating budget \$38,745.00.

**September** Founder's Day Luncheon, Fort Myer Officers' Club with Reiko Takenaka of Tokyo demonstrating the Sogetsu School.

**October** Fall Flower Festival at United States Botanic Garden. Nine demonstrations were given by teachers from the schools of Ikenobo, Ohara, Sogetsu, Chiko, Enshu Ryu Isshinka, and Ichiyo. An opening reception was held at 7:30pm on October 28. One hundred arrangements were exhibited with an attendance of 27,285.

**November** General Workshop at St. Luke's Methodist Church with Juanita Goodwin, Allie Uyehara, and Louise McKenzie demonstrating creative table designs.  
Holiday Tea at the Embassy of Japan; invitation from Mme. Kuriyama.

**December** Federation Christmas Greens Show at Botanic Garden. Chapter participated by creating an origami tree.

**February** General Workshop at St. Luke's Methodist Church. "A Hint of Spring" demonstration by Marion Scott of arrangements in glass.

**March** Spring Luncheon at Columbia Country Club with Georgie Davidson, "Ikebana Through the Ages".

**April** General Workshop at St. Luke's Methodist Church with Mr. Sylvester March presenting a very instructive lecture on horticulture, featuring plants and shrubs of Japan.

**May** I.I. tour to Barnes Foundation and garden in Philadelphia.

**June** Summer Luncheon and demonstrations at Belle Haven Country Club with Hiroko Kawai from Tokyo demonstrating the Ikenobo School.

## 1996-1997

Dues were \$59.00. Operating budget \$41,967.

**September** Fortieth Founder's Day Luncheon with Ingrid Luders, Cleveland, Ohio, demonstrating Ohara Ikebana at Columbia Country Club.

**October** Seventh World Convention in Nagoya, Japan. Jane Redmon, Gina Singh and Patricia Painter were delegates. Jane and Pat exhibited on behalf of Chapter I, Washington, D.C.

**November** Workshop with Shozo Sato, Ryusei-Ha School at First Baptist Church in Alexandria featuring hanging arrangements (mobiles).

Special event at Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia with Shozo Sato demonstrating the Ryusei-Ha School.

General Workshop at St. Luke's Methodist Church. Audrey Erickson, Sogetsu School, demonstrated "Seasonal Splendor" - arrangements for the holidays.

Coffee and I.I. demonstrations at the Embassy of Kuwait. Trudy Althuis, Supriya Dutt and Anne Schmeisser demonstrated the Ikenobo, Ohara and Sogetsu Schools respectively.

**March** Fortieth Spring Luncheon at Country Club of Fairfax. Mary Sugiyama demonstrated "Sogetsu in Review - 70 Years".

**April** I.I. Brunch Cruise on the Dandy.

General Workshop and Plant Sale at St. Luke's Methodist Church. "The Timeless Beauty of Spring" was demonstrated by Chiyoko Allen, Ikenobo School.

**May** Spring Flower Show, U.S. Botanic Garden. Opening Reception April 24 at 7:30pm. Five demonstrations were given, representing the Ohara, Ichiyo, Ikenobo, Sogetsu and Chiko Schools.

**June** Fortieth anniversary Summer Luncheon with installation of officers at Bethesda Country Club, demonstration by Don Olsen, Ichiyo School. His theme was "Seasonal Beauty Emphasizing Straight Lines".

It was a very great joy for me to attend the Seventh World Convention in Nagoya, October 1996. It was also thrilling to celebrate our 40th year as a Chapter as well as an international organization.