

HEADMASTER MEIKOF KASUYA

In a Demonstration of Japanese Flower Arranging of the Ichiyo School

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Wednesday, September 24, 1975	1:00 to 3:00 P. M.	River Road Unitarian Church 6301 River Road, Bethesda, Md.

Mr. Kasuya is Founder and Headmaster of the Ichiyo School of Ikebana; he is Director of Japan Federation of Ikebana Artists; Executive Director of the Imperial Floral Academy; Hon. Member of the Royal Horticultural Society of England, and Worthy Member of International Guild of Accredited Interior Designers.

In his early 20's Mr. Kasuya intended to become an aviator, but decided instead to study ikebana in a classical school. With his sister, and his Toka-kai (a flower teaching group), they formed the Ichiyo School in 1937. Ichiyo means "one leaf" and that is the symbol of the school.

The Ichiyo School is a young school which has experienced an amazingly rapid rise in world recognition and popularity since the end of World War II. It is built around a special plan of instruction, which places ikebana without logical approach so that the student may be able to make progress in ikebana within a short period of time.

Special features of the school are not only the teaching method, but the relation between light and color, or new uses of line and shape. The Headmaster says it would be a barren existence indeed if there were no sound, color, or light. Relationship between light and color is one of the most important principles of this school. In ikebana the various colors of the materials used must harmonize with the basic lines. In the Orient certain color combinations suggest elegance, joy, sorrow or felicitations. Perhaps one of the most significant principles in ikebana is the expression of the seasons through choice of color and materials.

Mr. Kasuya teaches his pupils that imagination is essential to creative design, - but that if your flower arranging is to be truly fulfilling, you must let your heart speak. Thus, flower arranging means personal interpretation and is a reflection of yourself.

GREETINGS FROM HEADMASTER MEIKOF KASUYA:

"It was nice to meet you again. I returned home safely on the 15th and I want to express my sincere thanks for your kind cooperation and hospitality during my stay in D. C.---- I want you to say "Thank you" to the members for me. They were so cooperative. Sincerely, Meikof Kasuya"





