

2023 to 2025
President Report

First year

Board Members:

President	Ursula Kondo
First Vice President	Melissa Siegel
Second Vice President	Jordana Wilson
Third Vice President	Deborah Sliter
Recording Secretary	Megan Leader
Corresponding Secretary	Marjorie Bauman
Treasurer	Shahla Butler
Assistant Treasurer	Motoko Shimizu
Historian	Mary Jane Sasser
Nominating Director	Diana Cull

Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 \$52000.00

September 15, 2023, Open Meeting Ikenobo Demonstration by Professor Naotaka Nakamura at Columbia Country Club.

September 29 – October 1, 2023
Tribute Exhibition at the National Arboretum, Celebrating Sachiko Furlan

October (last weekend) participating in Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Show.

November 9, 2023, Member Meeting at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Arlington
Japanese Holiday, Momiji Festival. Members made arrangements for viewing.

February 3, 2024 Member Meeting at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Arlington
Importance of MA (Space) and 10 Virtues of Ikebana, Valerie Eccleston.

March 16, 2024 Sangetsu Demonstration by Helena Arouca and Mary Jane Sasser at Belle Haven Country Club.

April 9, 2024	Old Ambassador's Residence, Demonstrations for the First Lady, Mrs. Kishida, and Cherry Blossom Princesses Motoko Shimizu, Sogetsu Jean Rieg, Saga Goryu Members also made arrangements at the State Department for the Prime Minister's lunch on April 10.
April 10-21, 2024	Annual Exhibit at National Arboretum.
May 4, 2024	Member Meeting at St. Andrews Episcopal Church Wabi Sabi, impact on Ikebana and other Japanese cultures, Tomomi Miyajima presenting. Members made arrangements for viewing.
June 1, 2024	Ichijo Demonstration by Valerie Eccleston at Lakewood Country Club.

Second Year Report

Proposed Budget for 2024-2025, \$ 54370.00

October 8, 2024 Sogetsu Demonstration by Kika Shibata at Columbia Country Club.

October 13 -18, 2024 NCAR Conference in Philadelphia.

October 26-27, 20224 Participated in Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Show.

November 2, 2024 Member Meeting at St. Andrews Episcopal Church
Paul Mc Lardy presented a program on Kimonos.
Members made arrangements for viewing.

November 13, 2024 Old Ambassador's Residence, Commendation to our Chapter
from Ambassador Yamada.
Reception followed presentation for past Presidents and
Board Members. Medallions received by all living past
Presidents and present President.

February 1, 2025 Member Meeting at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Arlington
Demonstration, Renka arrangements by Sogetsu School members .

March 29, 2025 Sogetsu Demonstration by Sheila Advani, Columbia Country Club.

April 24-28, 2025. I.I. International Conference in Kyoto, Japan April 24-28, 2025.

May 9, 2025 Saga Goryu Demonstration by Bruce Wilson, Belle Haven Country Club.

June 7, 2025 Member Meeting at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Arlington
Japanese Pagodas, Valerie Eccleston presenting.
Members from different schools made complimentary arrangements.