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Given the weather these days, we didn't know whether to focus on the beautiful spring blooming trees or to depict snow on the flowering branches! So we are showing both!

Things to do on a rainy or snowy day!

We hope this finds you and your family safe and healthy. We are all a bit "stir crazy" with our stay at home orders and anxious for the ability to get together in person. We just don't know when that will be possible. Your North & Central American Regional (NCAR) Advocates are talking and Zoom meeting with many chapters in an effort to keep you and your members engaged in

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Ikebana. We also realize that going forward plans may have to change to virtual meetings or major changes in your meeting structure will have to be made to accommodate "social distancing" . Your Regional Advocate committee is determined to do the best we can to stay in touch with all chapters and provide the best type of experience we can under these changing conditions.

But first, we have come across some Japanese entertainment we wanted to share with you. And we wholeheartedly hope that you share this email with all of your members. They too will enjoy these "things to do"!

- Several I.I. chapters and/or schools are offering virtual exhibits to continue engaging with their members. We invite you to take a look at the many virtual exhibits on both the Ikebana North & Central website [at this link](#) and the Ikebana North America Facebook page [here](#).
- If your chapter has created a virtual exhibit, please send your [Regional Advocate](#) or [Stephanie English](#) the details so they may be posted on the Ikebana North & Central American Website and Facebook page.
- Many Japanese organizations issue monthly newsletters. The Washington D.C. and Miami ones this month are full of great videos and other Japanese cultural entertainment.
 - [The May Miami Consulate newsletter](#) includes many things to do at home from recipes to a tour of the Tokyo Art Museum. The video on washing masking tape is intriguing and could be a great idea for a virtual Japanese cultural program for your chapters! If you want to experiment, here is a [link to buying washi masking tape](#).
 - The [Japan Information and Culture Center](#) (part of Embassy of Japan in Washington D.C), newsletter this month has everything from museum tours, to free virtual backgrounds for those Zoom meetings, to free Japanese coloring books and live music performances, online education and more.

Be good to yourself and stay safe!

[Your Regional Advocate Committee](#)

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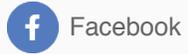
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