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Welcome to another edition of "Seedlings" the email communication tool brought to you by the Ikebana Advocates from the North & Central American Region (NCAR).

Our Mission

Serving North & Central American Ikebana chapters to expand the Art of Ikebana through communication and action

As Advocates, we are working to serve the NCAR and its chapters. We are excited by our achievements and want to...

- Provide a progress report to you;
- Share what we hope to accomplish for you in the months ahead;
- Expand our partnership with your ideas.

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Making Progress in Uniting the Region

1. Communicated and engaged chapters in NCAR by making personal contact with nearly every chapter.
2. Conducted Zoom meetings with individual chapters as well as with multiple chapters in the same meeting.
3. Increased chapters communications with each other.
4. Supported chapters by becoming Associate Memberships.
5. Requested and received from I.I. Headquarters a three-month extension of dues payment.
6. Anticipated the need and provided a paid Zoom account for all chapter's courtesy of the Iwaya Fund.
7. Issued "Seedlings" email blasts on various topics to assist with "shelter in place" requirements.
8. Promoted amazing member's "virtual exhibits" on our website and Facebook page.
9. Researched and solved issues related to chapters unable to update their website, Facebook and/or access their chapter email accounts
10. Established password documenting protocol for chapter accounts.
11. Recognized some chapters need for liability, directors and officers, crime and property insurance and provided direct contact with experts and documented recommendations.
12. Provided outreach information using collaborations with Japanese Festivals, Japanese Consulates and/or Arboretums and Botanical Gardens.
13. Assisted and encouraged eight chapters with "no online presence" to establish a Facebook page.
 - o [Ikebana International Birmingham](#) (aka Jefferson County)
 - o [Middle GA Chapter #112 Ikebana International](#)
 - o [Ikebana International Ch#46 San Antonio](#)
 - o [Ikebana International Traverse City](#)
 - o And coming soon to Facebook are Jamaica, New Orleans, Lansing and Mobile
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If you missed any of our communications on the above subjects, they have all been published on the ikebanancar.org website at [this link](#).



Above our two photos from chapter virtual exhibits. On the left is a design by Patricia Fuchs, San Diego Chapter and on the right an Ichiyo design by Judi Efland, Asheville Chapter.

Moving Forward with our Mission

We are:

1. Implementing an outline for Chapter Manuals.
2. Compiling an updated Teacher listing including teachers who will travel or Zoom, to demonstrate and/or provide workshops.
3. Developing program ideas for the fall in anticipation of not being able to meet in person as well as for when chapters can meet again.
4. Compiling a list of vendors for potters and related ikebana supplies.
5. Continuously updating our website with new [resources](#).
6. Promoting your activities on our website and Facebook page.

7. Sharing your ideas with other chapters through direct communication, "Seedlings" and Facebook.

Give us your ideas

Now it is your turn! Let your Ikebana Advocate know what we can do for your chapter. What are you yearning to see accomplished? What resources can we provide? How can we partner together to help ikebana succeed?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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