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High Quality Virtual Programs Coming Soon

In our June 15, email we outlined what the North & Central American Regional Advocates had accomplished and hope to accomplish going forward. Specifically, we indicated we were working on programming for chapters to use this fall.

We understand the issues of meeting in person:

- Venues closed
- Shortage of venues to accommodate social distancing or adequate safe ventilation
- Inability to host "live" events, but you can still use Zoom
- Members uncomfortable in larger indoor settings
- Changing regulations on social gatherings

These issues make it difficult for chapters to plan for future programs. The Regional Advocates heard you and we are taking steps to help chapters provide quality virtual programs starting in August 2020.

In August we will make available two types of demonstration videos. The first are the three demonstrations from the 18th NCARC Conference held in Dallas. The second set will be two videos featuring qualified Ikebana sensei's demonstrating Sogetsu and Ikenobo designs. These demonstration videos are being professionally produced.

We hope you can appreciate the upfront costs to produce these videos are substantial. To defray some of the costs there will be a nominal rental fee. The fees will assist us in funding these projects by helping to recoup the costs such as:

- Editing the NCAR video footage
- Demonstrator honorariums and materials
- Qualified, experienced videographer and editing
- Suitable location with proper lighting and backgrounds

It is our hope this effort will enable your chapter to provide members with an exceptional programs at a time when many are still self-quarantined. Details on accessing these programs as well as guidelines for using them will be provided at a later date and posted on our ikebanancar.org website.

We are excited to be able to provide the NCAR Ikebana chapters with helpful solutions to programming and we hope your chapter will take advantage of this offering now or in the future.

Please share this email with your board, especially your program chair and your membership.

**KEEP CALM
and
STAY TUNED**

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