

# Northern Nevada Ikenobo Ikebana Study Group

You are invited to join us in the study of Ikenobo Ikebana, which is the oldest formal school of Japanese flower arranging. Our study group was started over ten years ago so that residents of our area could learn this ancient traditional art form. Ikebana involves the philosophy of developing a closeness with nature through creative expression using cut flowers. There are five basic styles which are taught in the classes: Shoka, Nagiere, Moribana, Free Style, and Rikka.



Shoka



Free Style



Rikka

Arrangements by Sen'ei Ikenobo

Our current instructors for advanced and beginning classes are Professor Sandra Hatcher and Professor Taketa, who are from the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay areas, respectively.

Classes scheduled for 2009 include:

March 21-22 9:00 am - noon & 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Last Thursday in January, April and May 9:00 am - noon & 1:00 - 3:00 pm

June 11-12 preparation for arrangement entries in rose & flower show on June 13 [times TBA]

Last Thursday in July, August, September and October 9:00 am - noon & 1:00 - 3:00 pm

First Thursday in December 9:00 am - noon & 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Note that although this schedule is set for the last Thursday, the schedule may change depending on the participants' schedules. The schedule for additional beginning classes for summer 2009 has not been finalized. Some western-style classes are also planned in conjunction with the Reno Rose Society.

Tuition begins at \$40 for a half day and \$60 for a full day for those not enrolled for a full semester. The single class charges may be slightly higher or lower depending on the cost of plant material in the lesson plan. Tuition for an entire spring or fall semester is around \$200. Tuition covers the cost of flowers and expenses for our out-of-state instructors.

Participants are asked to bring their own vases, kenzans (pin frogs), flower cutting implements, wire, floral tape, and occasionally branch material. Call Ann Marie Harris (746-1140) if you have questions about recommended materials. A limited number of vases, books, kenzans, and other materials are available for last-minute purchase.

The classes are currently being held in Caughlin Ranch west of West Plumb Lane in Reno. You are welcome to call either Barbara Agre (831-8382) or Ann Marie Harris (746-1140) for more information or to enroll.