



Congratulations Chicago

Congratulations to the Chicago Chapter of NAOTA for providing an outstanding ninth conference in Chicago. The Chicago's planning was evident in all aspects of the conference, from the opening reception to the final moments of the Sayonara banquet. Hats off to the chair, Grandmaster Kazuko Ernst, assistant chair, E-Ling Lou, and to all the members of their team. The chapter's work created a wonderful atmosphere and learning experience for Ohara ikebana. Well done!

Dear NAOTA Members,

You may all take pride in the Chicago Chapter of NAOTA. Our ninth annual conference was a great success. For participants a great highlight was meeting Headmaster Hiroki Ohara. In addition to the two arrangements he completed, he presented each participant a Certificate of Attendance. We look forward to his leadership in the Ohara School.

Ms. Wakako Ohara, Chief Executive of Ohara School, offered her expertise in many aspects of the conference. In addition to engaging with participants on many occasions, she provided the English translation for the demonstration of Professor Seki. She is also a wonderful help to the officers and members of the board on these occasions.



Chief Executive Wakako Ohara extends her greetings to the members of the 9th Annual NAOTA Conference.

Professor Kuniaki Seki instructed the workshops. His strong background as a Professor of the Ohara School - he has offered workshops and programs frequently in foreign venues such as South America - gave the participants challenging workshops. The materials were exceptional and his excellent teaching was most engaging and helpful. His demonstration at the banquet was outstanding. Using materials gathered from

the Chicago Botanical Garden and the unusual floral material offered, he displayed beautiful examples from Hana-isho arrangements to landscapes and a beautiful Rimpa.



Headmaster Hiroki Ohara extends his greetings to the members of the 9th Annual NAOTA Conference.



Left to right, Professor Kuniaki Seki and Assistant Professor Akihiro Nishi of Ohara School.

Mr. Akihiro Nishi, Assistant Professor of Ohara School, offered much assistance to Professor Seki and the participants. He helped Professor Seki with all of the workshops and provided assistance for the excellent demonstration.

A wonderful conference indeed!

Sincerely,

Judy

Judy Melton
President

Grand Master Ingrid Lüders Gives Demonstration and Workshop in Kobe, Japan

On October 30 Grand Master Ingrid Lüders presented a demonstration for the International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology in Kobe, Japan. This event was held at the Portopia Hotel in the Kobe International Conference Center. Chief Executive Wakako Ohara arranged that Ingrid be given the full support of the Ohara School for this program. Five months before the date of the ICCN demonstration, Headquarters asked what arrangements she wanted to do, what containers she wanted to use, as well as what branch and flower materials were to be used. Everything was perfectly selected and ready for her when she arrived in Kobe. Ingrid reports that Headquarters was “incredible.”

Assistants for the demonstration were NAOTA member Seiko Behr from Chestertown, Maryland and Delaware Valley Chapter member; Mariko Miyoshi from Fukuoka, Japan who was a student of Ingrid’s when she lived in the USA, and Fumihiro Ogushi, who had assisted the third, fourth, and fifth Headmasters of the Ohara School. Ingrid was also very happy that the hotel supplied a gold screen to back up her arrangements for the demonstration.

The afternoon workshop was limited to the first 24 people to sign up from the 100 who attended the demonstration. Ingrid taught this class Rising Form.



Shown above, left to right, are Ingrid Lüders, Mariko Miyoshi, Seiko Behr, and Fumihiro Ogushi.

Photo by Hans Lüders

In Memoriam Seiko Behr

It is with sorrow that we announce the passing of Seiko Behr on Sunday, November 14, 2010 in Chestertown, MD. Seiko was a member of NAOTA, a 2nd degree Master of Ohara School, and a member of the Delaware Valley and Washington, DC Chapters of Ohara School. Renowned nationally as a potter, she received the Judges Choice Award at the Sogetsu International Container Competition in 1997 in Tokyo. She had studied with Japanese Master Potter Teruo Hara at the Corcoran School of Art and was a private student of Kozo Kato, one of “The Hundred” Japanese Grand Masters. Her works are on display at museums and corporate offices throughout the east coast of the United States. They have been featured in major exhibits in Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan, and were also exhibited at the Smithsonian, Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the National Arboretum. Works by Seiko are in the entry and reception area for the national offices of the American Society of Nephrologists in Washington, D.C. Her containers have been used at demonstrations by Grand Masters of NAOTA as well as by many Ohara chapters. Articles about her have appeared in numerous publications. On November 8 *The Chestertown Spy* carried an article entitled “Decorating With Natural Materials,” in which Seiko was quoted at length. Her persona and the beautiful containers she created will long be with us. Seiko will be remembered and missed by all who knew her.

A Look at the Chicago Conference



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Here you see some of what was going on at the workshops and at the demonstration.

(1) Some of the Chicago ladies; (2) Professor Seki looking at a Landscape Arrangement; (3) Ass't Professor Nishi correcting a Free Style; (4) A view of the classroom hard at work; (5) A Rimpa created at the workshop; (6) Professor Seki placing a flower in the Radial Form while Ass't Professor Nishi waits to transport it; (7) Slanting Style created at the workshop.

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Welcome New Members Changes in Address Changes in Telephones, E-Mails, Etc.

Something that always changes is our Membership Directory. We are happy to list the names of our newest members and renewed members. We welcome them into the membership.

Also, as soon as the directory is published we receive notices of changes in various parts of the listing. We are also pleased to list those as well. All of this information should be added to your 2010-2011 Membership Directory.

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*We wish you a happy holiday season
and a
New Year filled with beautiful ikebana!*

