



Viva Victoria!

NAOTA's 10th Conference Features Remarkable Flowers, Excellent Instruction, and a Beautiful Setting!

Dear NAOTA Members,

The 10th annual NAOTA Conference held in Victoria B.C. was a resounding success. Lorian Roberts and the Study Group offered a wonderful conference for 50 NAOTA participants. The harbor of Victoria and a delightful hotel provided the backdrop for this outstanding gathering. The focus, however, was on the beautiful and unusual plant and flower materials. Under the direction of our Japanese instructor, Assistant Professor Akihiro Nishi, all participants had strong challenges. It was a joy for all to create wonderful Ohara arrangements with strong lichened branches, beautiful orchids and unusual, native materials from Victoria.



Assistant Professor Nishi happily beginning an arrangement at the demonstration.

Photo by Gail Newman

After the workshops, Mr. Nishi gave an exceptional demonstration. Inspired by the plentiful and beautiful vegetation of Victoria he created a number of impressive Ohara arrangements. The audience responded with a standing ovation. NAOTA would like to thank Assistant Professor Nishi and the assistance he had throughout the conference from Grandmasters Ingrid Luders, Reiko Kawamura, and Shofu Shohara and the team of helpers that included NAOTA members and the Victoria Study Group.

NAOTA also gives its heartfelt thanks to Lorian Roberts and the dedicated Study Group members for making the Victoria conference such a smooth-running, outstanding event. Everyone at the conference applauds your vision and thanks you for hosting us and planning such a great time for all. Viva Victoria!

Sincerely,

Judy

Judy Melton
President

You Are Invited Back to Cleveland in 2012

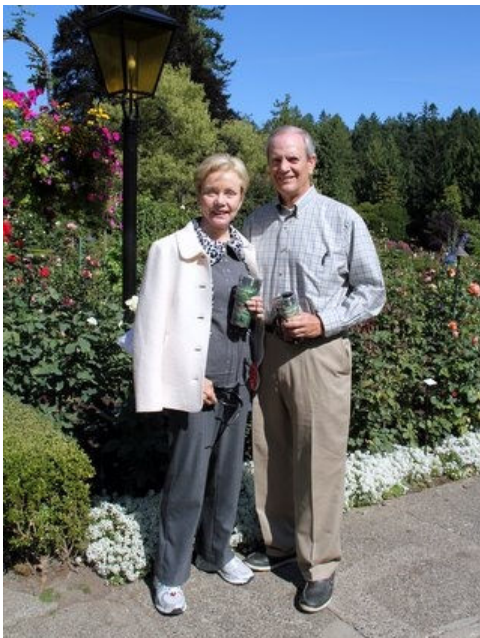
The dates for the 11th NAOTA Conference have been set for September 10-14, 2012 and the host is once again the Northern Ohio Chapter. Planning is underway and we do know that there will be some changes. We can tell you that the chapter will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of its founding as well as the tenth anniversary of NAOTA. That will be fun!

Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar and watch the Newsletter for information as details are worked out.



Entrance to the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

Here is NAOJA at beautiful Butchart Gardens





At the Workshops



At the Sayonara Banquet



Beautiful Bunjin

Here is the committee for the conference.



An arrangement from the demonstration.



Assistant Professor Nishi in action.

News from Our Chapters

Delaware Valley

A lot of exciting things are going on in Philadelphia. On May 11 **Arlinda Brinkmann** taught four classes in the morning and afternoon for a total of 107 children from four different schools in conjunction with a Children's Day Celebration held at Shofuso Japanese House in Philadelphia. Students made a Rising Form arrangement and used a large styrofoam cup as the container. Instead of a kenzan they used a block of oasis. Linda reported, "The children were so enthusiastic. I enjoyed this experience and have volunteered to do it again next year."

In July, again at Shofuso, the ladies from Delaware Valley created arrangements in Heika containers, tall baskets, and moribana for the Scholar's House.

On September 22, also at Shofuso, **Young Yum** 1st Term Master, presented a demonstration for the II Chapter in Philadelphia. Ohara chapter members provided centerpieces for the luncheon. Next day Young taught sell-out classes in the morning and afternoon.



Arlinda Brinkman and student.
Photo by a friend



Students at Shofuso Children's Day.
Photo by Arlinda Brinkmann



Young Yum
Photo by Ronnie Iorio

...and Finger Lakes Study Group

On March 28, 2006 at the conference in San Francisco all attendees were given three bulbs each of a newly developed lily to use in an arrangement being taught by Professor Namba. Headmistress Wakako Ohara told the story of the lilies' development, and how she christened the bulbs with a splash of champagne from the glass she held in her hand. At the conclusion of the conference the students took the bulbs home and many of them planted them in their gardens.

The NAOTA Newsletter received two sets of photos from members Arlinda Brinkmann and Saskia Eller. Arlinda was happy to show how she used her lilies to teach her students the One Row Form. Her lilies have bloomed every year since they were planted and are doing beautifully.



Arlinda Brinkmann's One Row Form using Wakako Ohara Lilies.

Changes for Your Roster

Here are some changes for your Membership Directory

Akiyama, Akiko	3rd Term Master
Armstrong, Elizabeth	4th Term Master
Brinkmann, Arlinda	3rd Term Master
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Taylor, Betty	Grand Master (add to page1 as well)
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Wakako Ohara Lilies

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Saskia Eller also grew big lilies, in fact they were immense. The following pictures show their size.



To the left you see the stem is at least one inch thick and the base is 12 inches and growing. It is not possible to place the stem in a kenzan because of its large size.



This picture shows the blossom is the same color of soft yellow and as large as Saskia's hand. Please note the number of lilies on the stems above and in the picture on the left.



Arlinda's grow in Philadelphia and Saskia's in Canandaigua, NY (close to Rochester). Saskia's are mulched and in full sun most of the day.

Saskia's might be from the strain of the Golden Splendor lily and Arlinda's might be an Asiatic or Oriental strain. But they both come from the same batch of bulbs. What is the answer? Sun, soil, placement?

We know that there are people with this flower growing in their gardens. Let's hear from you and see your results. Please send your answer and photo to the Newsletter Editor at
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Above you see the size of Saskia's lilies as they have grown to date.