



Ikebana [ee-ke-bah-nah]: Japanese Flower Arranging

Lesson #1: Title: Arrangement of flowers in Shoka style of Ikebana **Date:** 7/13

Time of day: 10:00am-12:00pm

Artist: Bette Spencer

Materials/Prep: Simple vases, pin holder (Kenzan), scissors (Hasimi), Shobu Iris, Watsonia leaves, and water.

Introduction/Goals: The goal is to bring out the elegance of the iris using green leaves, and correct spacing in holder.

Activity: Arranging one iris with background and foreground of tall green leaves in Kenzan.

Vocabulary: Flowers: Shobu Iris, Watsonia; vase;

Japanese words:

Ikebana – Japanese flower arranging;

Ikenobo – Japanese family name of headmasters;

Shoka – style of Ikenobo;

Kenzan – pin holder;

Hasimi – scissors;

Issuiké – one flower arrangement.

Closing: Gratitude and respect for beauty of flowers, grasses and branches in our life through skillful instructors. It is unique in the Japanese culture to find beauty in grasses, leaves, and woody branches.

Successes: It is pleasant and eye-catching to observe the details of one beautiful flower.

Challenges: To always have the appropriate grasses, branches, or buds to use in harmony with the flowers.

CA State Standard(s): K.VA:Cr1.1, 8.VA:Cr1.1, 2.VA:Cr1.2, 4.VA:Cr2.2

Relevant Artist(s) and Distinguished People: Senei Ikenobo (headmaster), Ikebana International, Yuri Oka: Instructor.