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CHAPTER 121 UPDATE

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It's time to celebrate!

Dear I.I. Friends,

We are excited to celebrate 50 years of flowers and friendship this year as we embrace our chapter's milestone anniversary! There are some exciting activities ahead and we hope that each and everyone of you can participate and make this a special year. Our chapter will continue to thrive with your ongoing membership and support!



50th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Event, Minneapolis

Our celebratory dinner event will take place on Sunday, September 22, 2019, at A-Mill Artist Lofts in the historic Pillsbury A-Mill building. Located in the St. Anthony Main district on the east bank of the Mississippi River, this space is uniquely artistic with exposed walls and ceilings - a novel place for our gathering.

5 to 6 p.m. - The event will begin with a cocktail hour. Mix and mingle while sipping a glass of wine, sake, or signature cocktail while being entertained by the tunes of The Doug Little Trio, a Twin Cities jazz favorite.

6 to 7 p.m. - Savor the flavors of a specially crafted Asian-inspired meal while enjoying the company of fellow members and guests.

7 to 8:30 p.m. - Enjoy dessert and coffee/tea during a slideshow presentation and program that will take us through a nostalgic journey into our chapter's history.

A silent auction will be held during the event in an effort to raise money for our chapter. The auction will begin during the cocktail hour and continue through dinner. Several members have generously donated items for the auction. Winners will be announced during the program. Please bring money and help support this fundraiser for our organization. Donations are welcome as well. Accepted forms of payment include cash, check, and credit card.

A raffle drawing for several prizes will be held. All ticketed I.I. members will

Other important information:

- This is a ticketed event and a reservation is needed to attend. The cost of a ticket is \$50 per person and includes one bar drink, dinner, live music, silent auction, program, souvenir, and a chance to win prizes. **Seating is limited and an RSVP is required by September 10th.** Please pay for the ticket in advance of the event by sending an RSVP Form and a check to Myrna Little. Click the button below to access the RSVP Form (for form access issues reach out to Myrna: myrna0118@gmail.com). Tickets will be issued at the event upon check-in.
- Metered street parking is available, but limited. There is a parking ramp located at 201 2nd St. SE, about 3 blocks from the venue. You may also park at Union Bank & Trust, a community-friendly bank that has free parking on weekends (located across the street from the ramp). Guests are encouraged to carpool or consider taking an Uber or Lyft.
- There will be a cash bar which will be open during the cocktail hour and throughout dinner.
- This is a special gala event and celebration attire is recommended.
- A-Mill Artist Lofts is located at 315 Main Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414; <https://www.a-millartistlofts.com/>.
- A map and other helpful information will be sent closer to the event, along with an RSVP reminder.

Come feel celebrated and join us for this special event!

RSVP Form for I.I. Chapter 121 Gala Dinner & Event - [CLICK HERE](#)

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Events at Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, St. Paul

We are pleased to be partnering with The Como Park Zoo & Conservatory for some exciting Fall exhibits this year. There are still plenty of opportunities to participate (see below). We would love to see a large representation from our chapter in the shows. The more the merrier!

- Outdoor installations - Two installations will be exhibited in the Japanese Garden Exit Path area. These teacher-led installations will be a combined effort of artistic talents. The installations will begin October 10th and will be on display through November 12th. Help is needed. If interested in assisting the teachers and for more information, please reach out to Anne-Lise Whitescarver: annelise.ny@hotmail.com.
- The Mum Show - As part of the annual Fall Flower Show, our members will incorporate mums and other floral materials into beautiful arrangements for display in the Bonsai Exhibit room. The show will be expanded this year with the addition of some large-scale indoor arrangements that will be displayed in the adjacent Ordway Hall. The dates are November 4-10th. For those arranging, set-up will be November 4th and take-down will be either late afternoon November 10th (after 4 p.m.) or the morning of November 11th (when Como opens). Let's have a record number of participants for this exhibit! Sue Bagge is coordinating this event again. If interested, please reach out to Sue: suesungro@me.com.

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The display will be available for viewing during the Mum Show.

- Como Park Zoo & Conservatory is located at 1225 Estabrook Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103: <http://www.comozooconservatory.org/>.

A shout out to our 50th Anniversary Planning Committee for all their time and effort in planning all these wonderful events for our chapter and for the community. Thank you to Donna Winberg, Barbara Foss, Brenda Sussna, Yoko Toda, and Myrna Little! Also, thank you to all those who have offered helping hands to assist with the events.

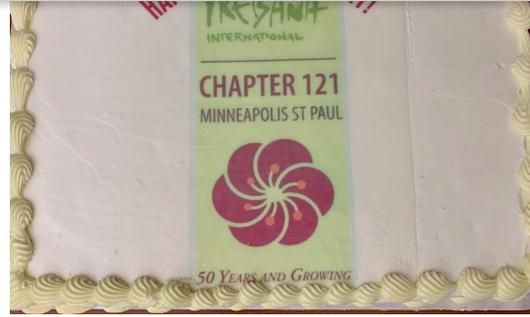
A special thank you to all our members, past and present, who have helped to sustain our organization over the years. We appreciate everyone's dedication to our chapter!

Other Info...

Fundraiser Challenge! Anne-Lise and David Whitescarver have kindly offered a fundraiser challenge to our chapter. If we can collectively raise \$250 through donations by Labor Day (September 2, 2019), Anne-Lise and David will jointly donate \$1000 to our chapter. This is a generous offer! If even half of our members donate \$10 each we can easily meet this challenge. This fundraiser would help support chapter funds as we head into Fall with all our anniversary activities and it also helps pave the way for future fundraising challenges. If interested in donating, please send a check to Debra Hjortland: 24 Osprey Ct., North Oaks, MN 55127. Checks can be made out to "I.I. MSP Chapter 121". Thank you in advance for the charitable contribution, Anne-Lise and David!

Membership Directory - CORRECTION: Please note that Anne-Lise's telephone number is: 612-618-3151 (it is correct in the digital copy, but not in the hard copy). Please verify your contact information in the new directories. If there are errors, please notify Myrna: myrna0118@gmail.com.

Chapter Meeting and Program 7/28/19 - Anne-Lise and Sue shared their delightful experiences from the 10th North American Sogetsu Seminar and the 60th Anniversary Event for the Seattle I.I. Chapter, respectively. We all enjoyed Sue's slideshow with photos from the anniversary event and the Seattle Japanese Garden. Anne-Lise talked briefly about mizuhiki and the use of movement in Ikebana. Afterwards, we created freestyle flower arrangements and enjoyed an anniversary cake. Please click the button below to access the minutes from the business meeting.

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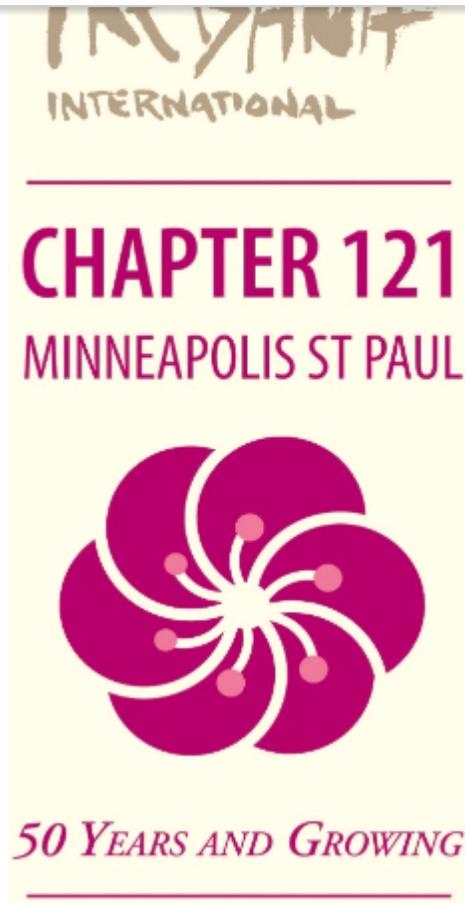
...an anniversary is just a momentary celebration, but our connection with one another is both timeless and priceless. -Anonymous

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