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Dear I.I. Friends,

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy amidst the pandemic.

While some of the restrictions are slowly lifting in Minnesota we must continue to practice social distancing (or distant socializing, to put it in a more positive light), which means it will still be awhile before we can gather in person for chapter functions. The good news is that the recent online program using Zoom was a great success and many of our members who attended thoroughly enjoyed it. We will continue to offer online programs in the near future as a means to stay connected. Please read on to learn about some of the exciting upcoming activities!

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## Get Ready for *Art in Zoom!*

In the spirit of Art in Bloom (AIB), please join us for our chapter's very own virtual Ikebana show! Choose an art work or artifact from your home and create an interpretive arrangement to share with others.

The arrangement can be made any time during the month of May. Please submit a photo of the art work/artifact with the arrangement by May 31st (see details and photography tips below). The photos will be posted in our chapter newsletter and to our website and Facebook page. If enough suitable photos are available, a small blurb book will be created and possibly sold for fundraising purposes. In June, we will have a virtual Art in Zoom program to view everyone's arrangements (date TBD). The sky's the limit, so please don your creative Ikebana hats and join us for this fun virtual event!

### **Photographing Tips and Submission Instructions**

When photographing your arrangement and art piece, if possible, please do so against a solid color background. Balanced lighting will enhance your photo and help avoid harsh shadows. We may be able to adjust the brightness/contrast of images in some cases, so just do your best to create a good image of your art and arrangement. The most important thing is that images are in sharp focus. When you email your image, please select "Actual Size" for your image size. The drop down selector for image size should be at the right side of your email header. Your file size will be large, but you should not have trouble sending it. That way, we will have high resolution images to use in case we are able to print a booklet.

In addition to your image, please include a brief description of your chosen art, why you chose it, and the materials used in your arrangement. This is similar to the descriptions written for AIB.

Please email your image and description to Brenda Sussna at [bsd@jbsussna.com](mailto:bsd@jbsussna.com).

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## Online Social Hour

Rebecca Chesin will be hosting an online social hour next Wednesday. If you've been missing your Ikebana friends and our lovely group events, please join us for this time of distant socializing.

The gathering will be via Zoom, the web conferencing platform, and will take place on May 13th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (drop in anytime and stay as long as you like). This will be an opportunity for us to catch up with one another and perhaps share pictures of our garden, previous arrangements, or maybe a few images from past Art in Bloom events. Feel free to share a fresh arrangement as well.

BYOF (Bring Your Own Flowers!)



### Meeting Details:

Café Porch (a.k.a. Rebecca Chesin) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ikebana International Chapter 121

Time: May 13, 2020 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us>

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For questions or technical support, please contact  
Rebecca: [leavesdance@gmail.com](mailto:leavesdance@gmail.com) / 763-458-6896

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## Annual Membership Renewal

Annual membership renewals are due by June 15th. While I.I. Headquarters has extended the renewal deadline, our chapter will maintain its original due date this year. Please make every effort to complete and submit the membership renewal form and dues to Deb Hjortland by the due date. Please click the button below to access a PDF version of the form. Deb will also be sending a separate email with a Word version of the document.

**[Membership Renewal Form - CLICK HERE](#)**

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Anne-Lise Whitescarver's morimono created from ingredients she had in her refrigerator. The edible leek salad was part of her dinner that evening.

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