

Ikebana Activities Shunzuen Suzue Rother-Nakaya

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Place of birth

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Education

- 1952 Started studying Ikebana and Tea Ceremony with Sadamasa-sensei, Ikenobo and Ura-Senke Master, in Sera, Hiroshima Prefecture
- 1952-1964 Regular studies at the Ikenobo Academy, Kyoto, with Sadamasa-sensei
- 1964-1969 Parallel to her teacher training at Hiroshima University and teaching in Hiroshima, she studied Ikebana at the Ikenobo Academy, Kyoto.
- 1982-2014 Regular advanced studies in Ikebana at the Ikenobo Academy, Kyoto, with Miura Eiko (teacher of Ikenobo Yuki)
- Highest, 18th, Ikenobo Degree: Sokatoku, Senior Professor of Ikebana**
- 1995-2006 Continuation of tea ceremony studies in Hiroshima

Teaching Activity

- 1970 **Beginning of Teaching Activity**
First in Zurich, liaised by Consul General Yamaguchi and Gerhard Taro Koller
- 1970-1981 **Ikebana Teaching**
Independent/private lessons, Baden (Klubschule), Zurzach (Volkshochschule), Spreitenbach (Klubschule), Zurich (Schweizerisch-Japanische Gesellschaft)
- 1982 **Foundation of the Ikenobo Ikebana School Switzerland by Ikenobo Sen'ei**
Since then, Director of the school
- 1982-today **Courses and Workshops**
In German-speaking Switzerland
Aarau, Aathal, Baar, Baden, Basel, Bern, Brugg, Bülach, Cham, Effretikon, Gebenstorf, Gersau, Luzern, Muri, Oberrieden, Otelfingen, Rapperswil, St. Gallen, Schaffhausen, Schneisingen, Spreitenbach, Thun, Turgi, Wädenswil, Wettingen, Wetzikon, Winterthur, Zofingen, Zug, Zürich, Zurzach.
In Ticino
Brissago (annually, from 1988 until today), Locarno, Melide, Minusio
in French-speaking Switzerland:
Geneva, Lausanne
In Germany
Albbruck, Bad Säckingen, Würzburg
In Jordan
Amman (four seminars 2000-2003)

- 1999 **Foundation of Ikenobo Ikebana Swiss Central Chapter – Swiss Ikenobo Ikebana Society by Ikenobo Sen’ei**
 Since then, President of the Chapter
 Demonstration, exhibition, and seminar in the Missionary Benedictine Monastery Uznach, together with Ito Masao, Ikenobo Headquarters
 Since the foundation of the Ikenobo Swiss Central Chapter, Ikenobo Sen’ei has sent an Ikenobo Headquarters Special Visiting Professor every two years; in the other years, the Ikenobo Swiss Central Chapter invited a professor from Japan

Exhibitions and Demonstrations

- 1980 Grün 80, Basel
 1981 Baumann Garden Centre, Niederglatt
 1983 Zurich Flower Show, Zurich
 1983 Senior Citizens’ Centre Hottingen, Zurich
 1983 Liceo della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano
 1983-1991 Hotel zum Storchen, Zurich, Permanent Exhibition Entrance Hall
 1984 Schinzenhof Horgen, Opening by S. Exc. Consul General Yamaguchi
 1985 Trinkhalle Baden
 1986 Hotel zum Storchen, Zurich, Opening by Dr. Thomas Wagner, City President
 1987 Hotel Bellerive au Lac, Zurich
 1987 Art and Congress House Lucerne
 1987 Orangery Botanical Garden, Bern
 1988 Castello Visconteo, Locarno
 1989 Community Hall Thun
 1989-1999 Educational Centre Propstei Wislikofen, annually, together with Omata Rifu, Tokyo
 1989-today Hotel Brenscino, Brissago
 1991 700 Years of Switzerland
 Stadtcasino Baden, together with Ideue Kazue, Kagoshima
 1993 Senior Citizens’ Centre Hottingen, Zurich, together with Ideue Kazue, Kagoshima
 1999 Cultural Circle Würenlos
 2000 Villa Boveri, Baden
 2000-2003 Amman, Jordan, as Ikenobo Visiting Professor (annually)
 2000-2008 Castello Visconteo, later Palazzo Piazza Grande, Locarno
 2001 Villa Boveri, Baden, together with Ito Masao, Ikenobo Headquarters
 2001 Cultural Circle Nussbaumen
 2002 Care Retirement Home St. Bernhard, Wettingen
 2002 Loreto Community Amenity, Zug
 2002 Missionary Benedictine Monastery Uznach, together with Okazaki Noriyo, Tokyo
 2003 Community Hall Untersiggenthal
 2003 Hotel Ambassador, Bern, together with Furukawa Morihiko, Ikenobo Headquarters, opening by H. Exc. Ambassador Nakamura Yuji and spouse
 2004 Roter Turm, Baden
 2004 Hotel zum Hirschen, Kirchdorf, together with Okazaki Noriyo, Tokyo
 2004 Gallery Leewasser, Gersau
 2005 Community Hall Gebenstorf, together with Matsunaga Shigeru, Ikenobo Headquarters

- 2005 Educational Centre Propstei Wislikofen, together with Matsunaga Shigeru, Ikenobo Headquarters
- 2005 Rotary Club Cham
- 2006 Educational Centre Propstei Wislikofen, together with Okazaki Noriyo, Tokyo
- 2007 Educational Centre Propstei Wislikofen, together with Kobayashi Kiyotaka, Ikenobo Headquarters, opening by H. Exc. Ambassador Abe Nobuyasu
- 2007 Cultural Commission Triengen
- 2008 Educational Centre Propstei Wislikofen, together with Okazaki Noriyo, Tokyo
- 2009 10 Years Ikenobo Ikebana Swiss Central Chapter Hotel Hilton, Basel
 Demonstration of Ikenobo Sen'ei
 Exhibition with 60 Japanese guests from Japan, Europe and America
 Welcome/Opening by H. Exc. Ambassador Komatsu Ichiro and spouse and Minister Fukagawa Yasushi and spouse
- 2010 Educational Centre Propstei Wislikofen, together with Okazaki Noriyo, Tokyo
- 2010 Hotel Rebstock, Würzburg
 Opening by the Deputy Mayor of Würzburg
- 2010 Giardina, Zurich
- 2010-2013 Permanent Exhibition at Museum Langmatt, Baden
- 2011 Museum Langmatt, Baden, together with Noda Manabu, Ikenobo Headquarters, opening by Minister Fukagawa Yasushi and spouse
- 2012 Educational Centre Propstei Wislikofen, together with Chaki Junko, Tokyo
- 2012 Zen Dojo Zurich
- 2013 Hotel Du Parc, Baden, together with Kobayashi Kiyotaka, Ikenobo Headquarters
- 2014 Educational Centre Propstei Wislikofen
- 2015 University of the Arts, Zurich
- 2019 20 Years Ikenobo Swiss Central Chapter, Hotel Brenscino, Brissago
- 2021 50 Years of Ikebana teaching (1970-2020), Hotel Brenscino, Brissago
- 2022 Budo School Senbunkan Luzern, Kriens
- 2023 Mazda, Villigen
- 2024 25 Years Ikenobo Swiss Central Chapter, Budo School Senbunkan Luzern, Kriens (planned)

Publications

- 1988 «Poetry and Ikebana», published monthly in «Meyer's Modeblatt»
- 1995 Book «Ikebana: An Introduction to the Japanese Art of Flowers», Aarau, AT Verlag 1995, 2nd edition 2002

Further

- 1984-2014 Guidance of four Ikebana study tours to Japan (1984, 2006, 2011, 2014)
- 1982-2023 Instruction of about 40 Ikebana teachers

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