



# Washu-Kai

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**W**e started the year with a new Board of Directors which was tasked with the goal of determining the legacy of Washu-Kai.

On Sunday, March 6, we had our traditional Shinnenkai at the home of Ron and Gaye Lingley.

At diverse times the Board of Directors met with Friends of Taka Sumi-e Board of Directors to discuss/resolve the intricacies of merging.

With some loosening of COVID restrictions, we held an outdoor workshop on April 6 at Civita Park.

We had our annual general meeting on August 13 at Paradise Point Park. Of the 22 members in attendance, 21 voted for the Board to take steps to merge with Friends of Taka Sumi-e (FOT).

Joint sale with Friends of Taka Sumi-e on September 17 at Balboa Park.

In addition to our annual show (November 19-20) we had a virtual show on YouTube. We invited members of Taka Sumi-e to participate in the virtual and live shows.

On November 19 our show was visited by the Consul General of Japan, the Honorable Kenko Sone. In addition to viewing various paintings, he read the entire obituary of Washu Sensei which was on display at the memorial table.

*Six hundred fifty-seven people attended our show.*

**O**n behalf of the Washu-Kai Board, we would like to thank each and everyone of you for all that you did to create a lovely, successful 47th Annual Show.

Members of both Washu-Kai and Friends of Taka entered beautiful artwork to share with the public. After a couple of years apart, we came together and renewed and added new friendships to the mix.

Crews behind the scenes worked to set up and take down tables and supplies, made sure we had microphones and projectors working, made sure the water was hot for tea, brought the flowers to enhance the tables, swept the floor, and brought food to nourish us.

We are grateful for the generosity of our master demonstrators, Louise Rendich, Gaye Lingley and Naoko Ozaki. We thank them and all of the members who shared their talents with the public demoing small paintings, calligraphy, origami and sharing a hands-on experience with the brush.

*A special thank you to Sue Landers for chairing the event. Months of preparation went into the planning. The addition of Taiko, Odori Dancers, and flute music, greatly added to the celebration.*

Our sumi-e community is such a caring one. Again, thank you for making this possible.

**W**ashu-Kai membership of \$10 is due by the end of January. Please, as soon as possible, give/send to Keiko Kitano, 6364 St. Therese Way, San Diego 92120. This membership is for the first 6 months of 2023. Beginning July 1, 2023 we will be transitioning to a new fiscal year that will end each June 30th. Membership dues will again be \$20 for the year.

Plans are to have *Shinnenkai* on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at the home of Gaye and Ron Lingley, 1272 Moana Drive, 92107

It will be a brunch from 11-3 p.m. It will be our first official time as a combined group known now as Friends of Sumi-e.

Board Members: President–Kathy McMillen  
Vice President–Sue Landers  
Secretary–Sylvia Nielsen  
Treasurer–Margie Keiko Kitano  
Newsletter Editor–Joe Cross

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## Workshop Schedule

The Wednesday workshop meets at 9:30 a.m. to noon. Doors open at 9:00. As we have mentioned in past newsletters, our cadre of *omenjyo* recipients, available to provide brush painting demonstrations, has been significantly reduced by reason of age and myriad other issues. *We welcome demonstrations by any member desiring to do so.*

**Dec 7:** Kathy McMillen and Christmas party

## Events

**Mar 19-Infinity:** Ikebana International Chapter 119 Spring Show

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byw\\_SnVMtfo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byw_SnVMtfo)

**Apr 2-Infinity:** Friends of Taka Sumi-e

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BjGMiyWiDk>

**Jun 25- Infinity:** Art Club of San Diego, Japanese Brush Painting Society 20th Annual show on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTegA9uR1Fk>

**Nov 19-Infinity:** Washu-Kai Third Virtual Show

<https://youtu.be/cW31JfpTqkc>



August General meeting image by Christina Matchett



Honorable Kenko Sone, Consul General of Japan



*Best Wishes for a Happy/Joyous Holiday Season*