



Margaret Taylor

NCAR Regional Advocate

North Region

My background

- Active in floral design since 2000, both in western design and ikebana
- Actively teach and demonstrate both Sogestu Ikebana and western design in the Toronto area and elsewhere in Ontario
- Have travelled to demonstrate and teach in Vancouver, Bermuda and Florida
- Have exhibited in Ireland, Boston, Barbados and India
- Been chosen twice to represent Canada at the World Association of Flower Arrangers show
- Accredited Design Judge, Horticultural Judge and Rose Judge
- Organize, coordinate and teach in a school for floral design education at the Toronto Botanical Gardens which offers courses in western design and Sogetsu Ikebana taught by accredited teachers

Ikebana International Chapter Experience

- First joined I.I. Chapter #208 in 2004
- Began studying Ikenobo and then became a student of the Sogetsu school
- Exhibited at annual exhibitions
- Participates regularly in Chapter programs and has demonstrated at Chapter meetings
- Travels through the US and Canada to participate in workshops initially with Ikenobo Visiting Professors and then with Sogetsu Masters
- Have travelled to Japan to study Japanese history and culture, ceramics, gardens, Sogetsu and take classes at Sogetsu headquarters

School of Ikebana Experience

- Jonin Sanyo, Sogetsu School
- Director, Sogetsu Toronto Branch, responsible for Membership and Workshops
- Taught in person and virtually, both individually and with groups
- During this past year, have presented PowerPoints to many community groups on the history of ikebana, with a focus on Sogetsu

Community Experience

NCAR

- North York General Hospital Board, Governor and member of the Children's Hospital Board and member of the Development Committee of the Foundation of the North York Hospital (2003-2005)
- Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, member of the Board of Directors (1996-7) and Docent for 10 years
- Toronto Botanical Gardens, member of the Board of Directors (2006-2008)
- Garden Club of Toronto, member of the Board of Directors (2006-2014) and President (2010-2012)
- Served on the Committee planning and producing The Toronto Flower Show at Canada Blooms (2003-2018), writing the schedule, convening the classes, organizing the judges, demonstrating, inviting the international exhibitors and hosting their demonstration,. Invited ikebana schools to become part of the show and they still participate annually.