



Ikebana

Ikebana, the art of Japanese Flower Arranging, is one of the Japanese traditional art forms. It is generally believed to have grown out of the practice of offering flowers to the alter of Buddha at the beginning of the sixth century when Buddhism was introduced in Japan.



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Ikebana of Richmond

Special Event

Demonstration/Lecture & Workshops

Ilse Beunen

&

Ben Huybrechts

Ikebana of Richmond, Virginia is a cultural, non-profit organization whose purpose is to stimulate, cultivate, and perpetuate the study of Ikebana, related arts, and Japanese culture. It was organized in 1967 and is currently comprised of over 150 members. Ikebana of Richmond meets the first Thursday of the month from September through May in the Education Building at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.



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Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Leslie Cheek Theater

200 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard

October 26th

Demonstration/Lecture 11am

Members \$35 | Non-members \$40 | At Door \$45

Lecture payment available on our website or make check payable to Ikebana of Richmond. Send to Sandra Haigh, 3112 Comet Road, Henrico, VA 23294.

Workshops

October 26, 2022 1:30-4:30pm (Limit 25)

“Structure made by Creating Tension”

October 27, 2022 10:00-11:30 am

Photography Workshop with Ben Huybrechts

“The Basics”

October 27, 2022 1:00-4:30pm (Limit 25)

“Structure by Intertwining Wood Strips”

Each workshop is \$45 for IoR members and \$50 for guests and Non-members.

Please make workshop checks payable to Ikebana of Richmond and send to Evelyn Klumb, 3001 E. Weyburn Road, Richmond, VA 23235.



Ilse’s first teacher was Kobayashi Miwako, from which she learned the beauty and the basics of Sogestu Ikebana. After moving to Yokohama in 1995, she continued studying with her current teacher, Crivelli Joko. She holds the rank of Jonin Somu in the Sogestu School. In 2000 she returned to Belgium and started her Ikebana atelier. She is working hard to increase the awareness for Ikebana. She teaches online and in-person, giving workshops abroad and writing books. After obtaining her teaching certificate in 1997, she taught Ikebana to Japanese and foreigners.



Japan—After graduating from university with a Master in Metallurgical Engineering, Ben left for Japan, where he started an Academic Career. He made it up to a professor position at a Japanese University. Still living in Japan, he switched to business as a representative for the Belgian Flanders Government, helping Japanese companies to get established in Flanders.

After his return to Belgium in 2000, he was co-founder of the software company, WHISE of which he was co-CEO for 20 years.

Starting a Creative Career—The urge to start a creative career grew over the years. He photographed numerous Ikebana demonstrations and exhibitions. In 2021 Ben joined Ilse full-time in her Ikebana business.

As a photographer and marketer, he now combines his passion for teaching, photography, and social media. Ilse & Ben made their home multi-functional and the living room doubles now a photography studio.