



OHARA SCHOOL OF IKEBANA OTTAWA CHAPTER

Ikebana: The Art of Traditional Japanese Flower Arrangement

Over the last six hundred years, ikebana has become one of Japan's traditional art forms. Originating with floral offerings to the deceased, it became part of the Buddhist ritual. Later, during the century long civil war period of medieval Japan, it became a perfected art form. As time passed, ikebana forms changed and many schools of ikebana arose and have now spread throughout the world.

The Ohara School has existed for more than a hundred years, originating as a moribana, a type of ikebana where flowers are "piled up" in a wide mouthed bowl. However, the school is a dynamic evolving organization. The Council of Ohara professors in Japan has recently adjusted the school's curriculum for the new century, while respecting the ancestral traditions. The Ohara School abounds in teachers who are active in giving lessons to students all over the world. Teachers introduce students to the characteristics of plant materials such as branches, mosses, fruits and even vegetables to demonstrate methods of arrangements and the aesthetic feelings of the Japanese.

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Other qualified Ohara Instructors:

There are many other qualified Ohara instructors in the Ottawa area. For information on other teachers and for general inquiries please see our website www.ottawaohara.com