




NCAR Sensei Network  
Sensei Profile

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Virtual/In-person/Both:	both
Travel for Demos and Workshops (Y/N):	Y
Kid/Youth programs (Y/N):	Y
Additional Language:	
Social Media/Website(optional):	
Video example (optional):	
Meet & Greet (Y/N)*(optional): Recommended especially virtual sensei	
Mentoring(Y/N): Primarily for helping new virtual sensei	
	<p>While working in Japan as an educator and administrator for 13 years in Yokohama and on Okinawa, I was able to study at the Sogetsu School in Tokyo. I consider the art of Ikebana a way to express the beauty of nature. By joining I.I. in 1983 I was able to continue my study of Ikebana and the Japanese arts along with having the opportunity to have many international friendships.. As I continued my career in Europe and here in Florida, I have conducted workshops, classes and demonstrations; exhibited in Japan, France Italy, Canada, locally and throughout the states. I was an instructor of Ikebana classes at the University of Pisa and Selby Gardens. I also had the honor of exhibiting at the Ringling, St. Petersburg and Morikami Museums. Currently, I am chairperson of the Sogetsu Study Group and a Board Member of the I.I. Chapter. I hope to develop the individual creative spirit in my students with encouragement to use their own feelings and ideas by using nature's materials in an unique way.</p>

\*Are you willing to set up a time for a prospective student to meet with you via phone, Facetime, Zoom.