

## **SOGETSU EXHIBITION – GARTENCENTER BACHER**

Spinnereistrasse 3, 8135 Langnau-am-Albis

September 16. – 21. 2019

Bacher Garten Center near Zürich held a Japanese Week, September 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 2019, where Sogetsu Study Group Zurich (under patronage of Ikebana International Chapter Zurich) was represented with an exhibition and a demonstration under the leadership of Maget Bloesch and Daniela Jost. The theme was “AUTUMN” and the arrangements reflected specific lessons in our textbooks. 10 members of SSGZ participated at this event with 20 arrangements and a RENKA. The room at our disposal had different backgrounds, red (painted), grey (painted), black (textile) and black and dried bamboo. The pedestals were of aluminum.

There was also a TV screen mounted on the back wall, on which there was a digital display of Sogetsu works from previous Workshops.

It was fortunate for many of the participants that they had the opportunity to practice their exhibition arrangements at the September Workshop in Geroldswil, organized by Daniela Jost and Beatrice Oertle, the week before the exhibition. At this workshop 7 participants contributed to the Renka arrangement for the exhibition. This was photographed for Maget to copy for the actual arrangement at the exhibition.

At the Bacher Garten Center, Mr. Bacher also made a contribution to our Ikebana by erecting a “Torii” at the bottom of the stairs leading up to the exhibition.

The combined Renka was arranged by 7 individuals, in 7 bronze vases placed on ornate wooden stands of varying sizes.

On the final day a one hour demonstration was given by Lea Ruprecht and Ursula Altenbach with their assistants Mahoko Schürch and Hideko Membrez. The demonstration was a highlight, which had variety in the presentation and also elements of surprise.

For more information please consult our website [zurich.sogetsu.org](http://zurich.sogetsu.org) or [www.ikebana-international.ch](http://www.ikebana-international.ch).

It was a busy and successful week for the Sogetsu participants. There was considerable interest shown by the public in the exhibited arrangements and in Ikebana in general. Hopefully many went away with a good impression and a heightened interest in, and wish to participate in Ikebana.

Mr. Bacher and his staff put together a good representation of Japan for their “Japan Week” with Ikebana, Bonsai, Japanese dishes on the menu in the Cafeteria, a Sushi course, a travel agent specializing in Japan travel, as well as other decorative touches. We are most grateful for the opportunity to be able to present our art form to a wider public.

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