

Sogetsu San Jose-South Bay Branch (SSJSBB)

FIRST ANNUAL SOIRÉE



This event took place on May 4, 2024 at *Emma Soloveychik* home. She is the 2nd deputy director of SSJSBB and amazing garden homeowner. *Kika Shibata Sensei* (director), her students, members of SSJSBB and invited guests were present there.

In spite of heavy rain (it was raining cats and dogs) everyone was in high spirit – wonderful Ikebana arrangements which were being created there gave joy to all. Emma, the hostess of the party, shares her impressions:



I had a privilege to host Sogetsu San Jose-South Bay Branch First Annual Soirée on May 4 of this year. All was perfectly planned: international potluck and 3 short demos by Kika Sensei's students and the very special presentation by our Sensei, the director of the branch. And, again as for the Kika Sensei's birthday last year, we had a terrestrial rain. Tents, awning, sun umbrellas did not save some of us from being soaked to the bone during Kika Sensei's spectacular presentation.



The feast was moved into my kitchen, that luckily was quite big enough to accommodate a buffet. We also presented our Sensei a special cake with candles for her upcoming birthday. After all, regardless of terrible rain, everyone had a great time and was looking forward to the gathering next year.

Emma "Kishi" Soloveychik



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