



Ikebana flower arranging: Garden Club class Thursday

Ikebana is an ancient Japanese form of flower arranging.

The Weston Garden Club will be presenting an Ikebana flower arranging class on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Weston Library.

Teaching the class will be Carol Baldwin, local artist, film producer, director of the Friends of Lachat and member of the Lachat Town Farm Commission. Baldwin became a trained teacher of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana while she lived in Japan for nine years with her family.

Ikebana is the ancient Japanese art of flower arranging. It is one of the arts associated with Zen Buddhism. These arts were a form of meditation that centered the mind and prepared Samarai for battle.

Originally, Ikebana was only done by men. Ikebana continues to be closely related to tea ceremony.

Class size is not limited but registration is a necessity so the club can order enough materials to make creations. The fee is \$20 per person. Registration should be made with Pat Glass: patglass48@gmail.com.

All those attending the class should bring clippers/pruners. Another option for your creation is to bring along a three-foot branch of euonymous, a wild rose branch with hips, bittersweet vine or tall grasses. Participants will be bringing home flowers after the class.

The Friends of the Weston Public Library are hosting the Garden Club at the Library for this event.