

Jing Mai Sheng Pu'er

Tea & Ikebana

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JingMai Sheng Pu'er

2017 Raw Pu'er

Description: One of the six famous Pu'er producing mountains, JingMai, is 1600 meters top elevation.

Elevation: 1200 - 1500 meters above sea

Region: JingMai Mountain, Yunnan Province, China

Fun Fact: Ancient Tea Plantation has wild ancient tea trees of 2700 years old, half-wild half-cultivated tea trees older than 1000 years, and well preserved sizeable ancient Pu'er tea plantations with tea trees 100-1000 years old.

(<https://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/5810/>)

Myth: Pu'er tea is the most complicated tea.

Truth: Pu'er tea is the most straightforward tea. The processing of Pu'er tea is similar to green tea, with only a specific condition of weathering leaves under the sun (not baked or steamed) to protect bacteria for future fermentation.

Brewing Tips: Gongfu Tea

Parameters: Vessel - clay pot

Water temperature - 93-96C = 199.4 - 204.8F

Leaves/water ration - 1:20 (5 grams for 100 ml) or less.

Steeping time - 8,5,5,6,8,10



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Julie Jensen - The History of Ikebana



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The History of Ikebana

An arrangement for the New Year

Colors used for the New Year
arrangements:

Red

White

Yellow



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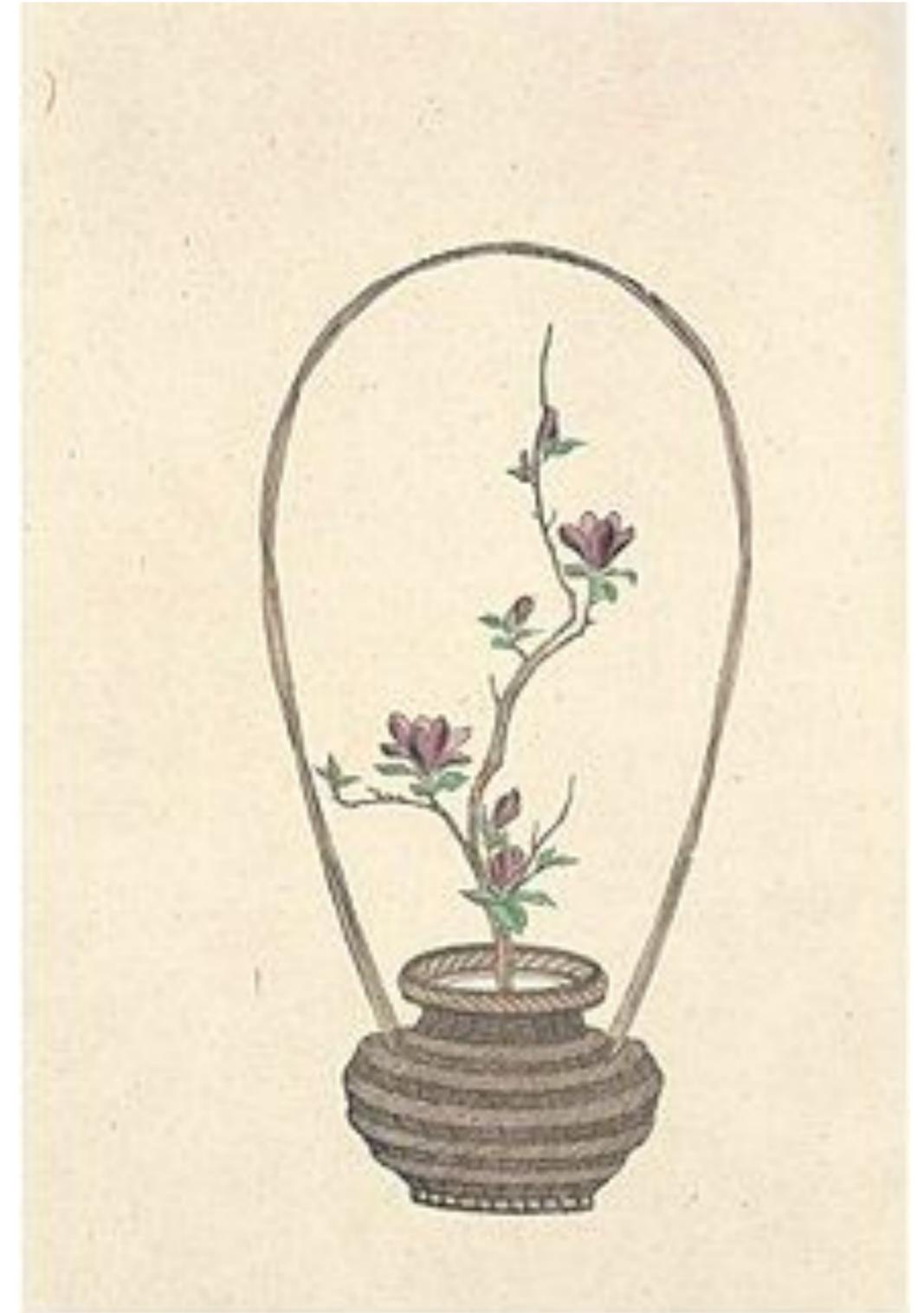
Ikebana came to to Japan in the 6th century CE from China.

It was brought by Buddhist priests.

The missionaries had a formalized ritual using flowers or flower petals.

It was just priests and their students making altar arrangements but the the appreciation of flowers in a container became popular in the secular world as well.

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By the early 13th century, as the Samurai became more important in Japan, many changes happened throughout Japanese society.



The tokonoma, a small sacred place, in the home became fashionable.

The tokonoma often contained a flower arrangement, a candle, and incense.

Traditional styles of ikebana were arranged to be viewed only from the front.

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<https://www.japanvisitor.com/japan-house-home/tokonoma>

Ikebana was displayed on the altar and the small alcove of the tokonoma for next 12 centuries.

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The first school of flower arranging in Japan, Ikenobo, was founded in the early 7th century. The school is still practiced today and is based on a harmony of simple linear construction and an appreciation of the subtle beauty of flowers and natural material.

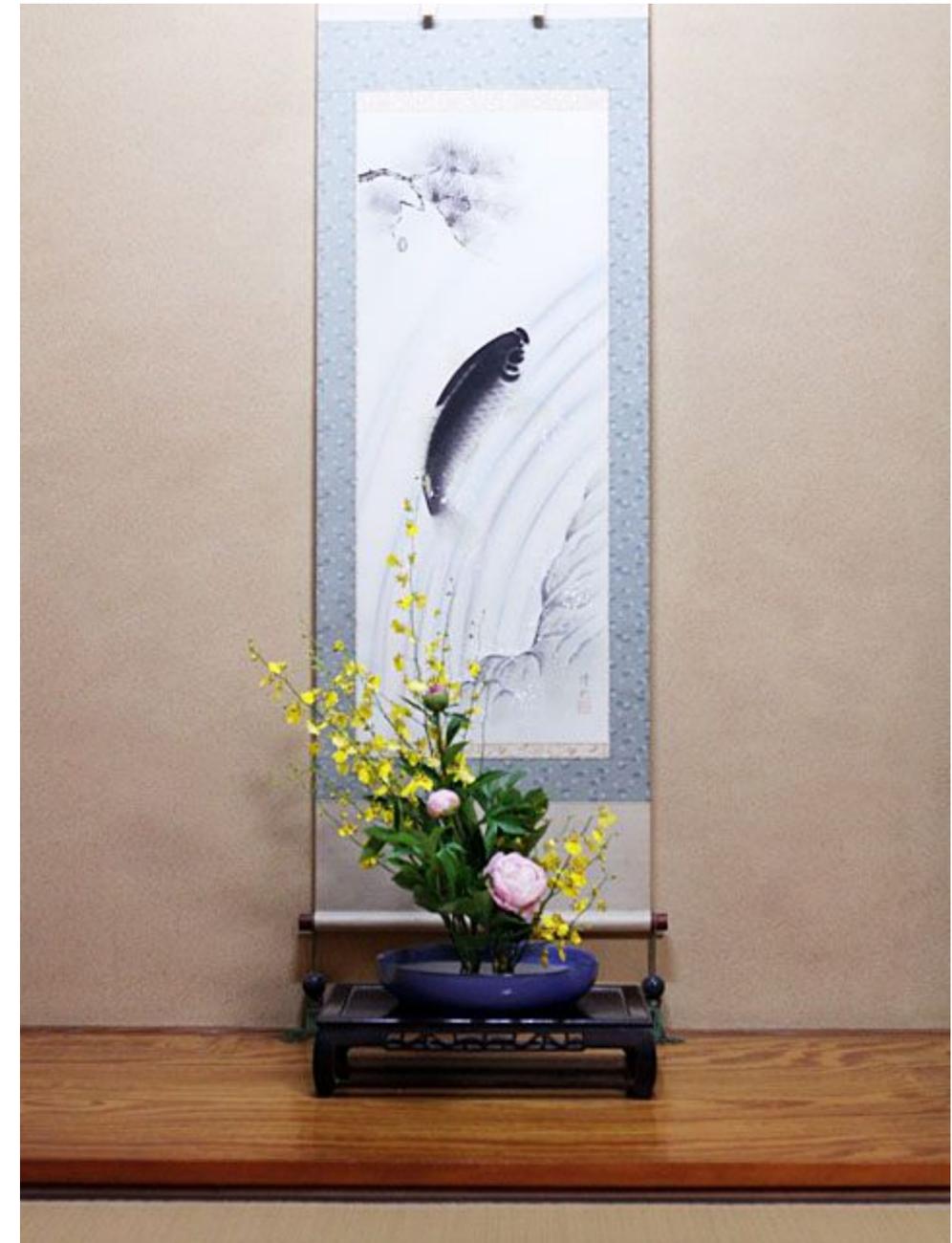
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Sogestu really moved ikebana out of the tokonoma into its modern art form.

There are three aspects to the art:

- *The spiritual
- *The theoretical, and
- *The technical



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Some examples of moribana containers



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It's New Years.
At the corner of
the village,
Ume blossoms.

*New Year's
morning:
the ducks on the
pond
quack and quack.*

New Years Haiku by Kobayashi Issa (1763-1828)



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People are often drawn to ikebana by its simplicity.

But we look for naturalness, movement and balance as well.

Zen and the philosophy of wabi-sabi were critical to the development of modern ikebana.

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For some supplies

https://smile.amazon.com/s?k=kenzan+japanese+flower+holder&crd=106QLKAJLMQDS&srefix=kenzan%2Caps%2C174&ref=nb_sb_ss_ts-doa-p_4_6

Ikebana International which is the umbrella organization for all schools

<https://ikebanahq.org/>

School urls

Ikenobo

<https://www.ikenobo.jp/english/>

Ohara

<https://www.ohararyu.or.jp/english/index.html>

Sogetsu

<https://www.sogetsu.or.jp/e/>

Ichiyō

<https://ikebanahq.org/ikebana-schools/ichiyo>

From Peter:

Akira Satake is my favorite US/Japanese potter.

<https://akira-satake-ceramics.myshopify.com/collections/ikebana-container>

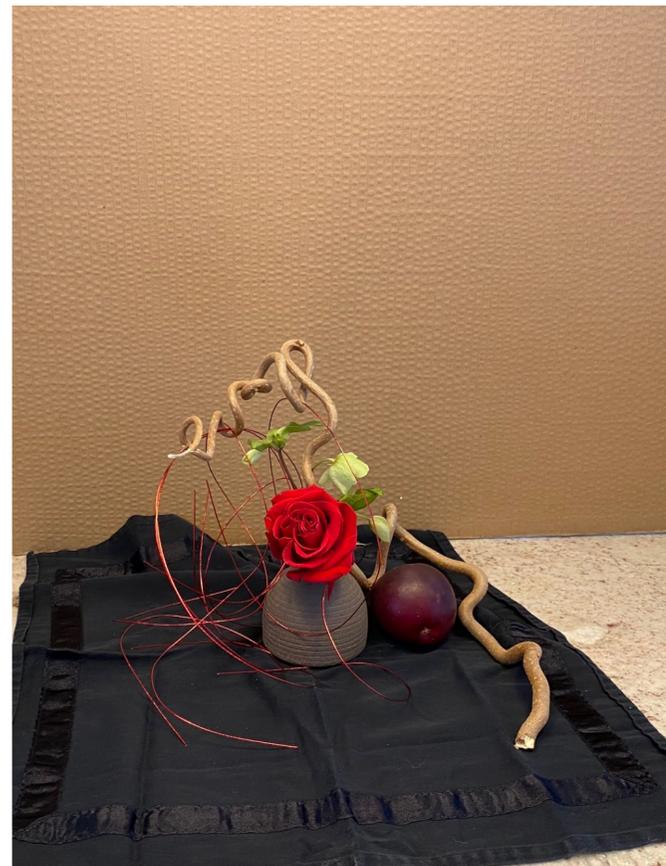
<https://akira-satake-ceramics.myshopify.com/collections/woodfired>

For "general" ikebana containers, eBay is a good source.

<https://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?from=R40&trksid=p2380057.m570.l1311&nkw=ikebana+pottery&sacat=0>

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