

Dear Sogetsu Friends,

We hope you are all well and wherever you may be, enjoying your summer.

We are very much looking forward to September when we will be holding our upcoming event and workshop featuring distinguished guest Sogetsu Master Mrs Deborah Hathorn, ORS (1st Grade Riji). We are delighted to invite you to this interesting Creative Structure Workshop, please see all the details for this and, booking form below.

WORKSHOP LEADER

Mrs Hathorn is the founder of the Edinburgh Sogetsu Study Group, serving as its Chair for over three decades. Throughout her years of dedication to Sogetsu Ikebana she has been honoured and bestowed numerous prestigious awards; she is recipient of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays and so brings a wealth of expertise in Sogetsu principles and international demonstration background to our branch.

Mrs Hathorn has 50 years of teaching experience, demonstrating and exhibiting Sogetsu Ikebana across the UK and internationally in Asia, USA, Europe and Southern Africa. She has maintained a close working relationship with the Japanese Consulate General, creating arrangements for official cultural programs and annual celebrations for the Emperor of Japan. Her artistic work has been showcased at prominent venues including the Royal Museum of Scotland, the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, and Nihombashi Takashimaya in Tokyo. She is also selected to receive the Sogetsu 100th Anniversary Kasumi Award in Japan in April 2027.

WORKSHOP THEME & DETAILS

"Composing with Branches – A Two-Step Approach" (*Sogetsu Curriculum Book 5, Lesson 14*) this workshop explores one of Sogetsu's most expressive techniques for working with branches and line.

In this creative session, Mrs Hathorn will guide participants through the transformative technique of branch composition.

- **Step 1:** Constructing and wiring branches into an independent, self-supporting sculptural design. Fixing skills with wires, nails and screws can help with this.
- **Step 2:** Integrating this sculptural structure into a vessel with fresh materials to create a harmonious combined design.

This workshop offers a fantastic opportunity to deepen your structural understanding of branch manipulation and explore new dimensions in line and balance.

VENUE DETAILS, TIMINGS & FEE

- *Theme: Composing with Branches - A two step approach (Book 5 Lesson No.14)*
- *Workshop Leader: Deborah Hathorn*
- *Date: 5th September 2026*

- *Duration: 10.30am - 4.30pm*

Doors open: 10.30am

Demonstration: 11am - 12.30pm

Lunch break: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Workshop: 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Photos, Review & Comments: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Cleaning up: 4pm

Close: 4.30pm

- *Venue: Pax Lodge*
- *Address: 12C Lyndhurst Rd, London NW3 5PQ, United Kingdom*
- *Nearest Tube Station: Belsize Park on the Northern Line*
- **Fee:**
 - *Members: £35 who wish to attend the demonstration and participate in the workshop*
 - *Non-members: £42 who wish to attend the demonstration and participate in the workshop*
 - *Observer: £25 who wish to attend the demonstration only*
- *Materials & container: to bring your own, however we are able to provide you with larger branch material for £15*

If you would like to attend this workshop, please complete the online form [HERE](#) with the payment to Sogetsu London Branch. **Application deadline is 29th August.**

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Refund Policy:

In case of cancellation:

Before the application deadline, the branch will refund the application fee after deducting a £5 administration charge.

There is no refund after the application deadline. (The deadline is 7 days before the event)

If you would like any further information, please do contact us on sogetsulondonbranch@gmail.com, in the meantime we do hope you are able to attend this event and look forward to seeing you again in September.

With warm regards,

Event Secretary

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