2025 Annual Report Sogetsu Branch Nederland

Secretariat

The SBN Board held six board meetings during the 2025 reporting year.

In 2025, we welcomed seven new members: Romy Martens and Kea Lambregts from the Netherlands; Elizabeth Asikainen, Kimura Kazuhito, Rica Arai, Renate Hadank, and Inger Tribel from abroad.
Atsuko Bersma resigned as a member.

2025 General Members' Meeting

The 2025 General Members' Meeting was held on Saturday, March 8, at the Klooster in Bavel. In addition to the board, 23 members were present.

Highlight of 2025

A special event during the reporting year was the exhibition at the FAM from September 26–28, organized by the NIV to mark its 65th anniversary. As a branch, we contributed to the event with a number of unique floral arrangements, while Wil de Theije led a workshop on Saturday and Jean Brouwers gave a demonstration on Sunday. Anne-Riet and Ine created a signature arrangement at the entrance. The exhibition was a great success, attracting over 600 visitors.

Workshops During the Reporting Year

As has become customary, SOGETSU BRANCH NETHERLANDS organized two double workshops in addition to the workshop following the general members' meeting: one in Eemnes on May 24 with the theme "Sofu Teshigahara, and one in Bavel on November 15 with the theme Kasumi Teshigahara.

Sogetsu teachers conducted 18 workshops this year for various NIV chapters, II, and the Azalea Study Group Belgium.

International workshops and attended by SBN members took place in Tokyo, Vienna, Paris, and Belgium

Expositions

Between April and the end of November, members held 7 exhibitions, namely:

June 14-15	Masako Higashi: Inspired by haiku's - Amstelveen
September 19-21	Open Stdio Route: Monique van de Ven and Anne-Riet Vugts - Etten-Leur
September 26-28	Exposition 65 year NIV – Aalsmeer
October4-5	Nicole Kruimel and Eikberg group: Kunstroute Bavel - Bavel
October 19	Rita van der Werf and Rianne van der Steen: Route 079 - Zoetermeer
November 7-9	Anne-Riet Vugts & leerlingen: Trouwkerkje - Etten-Leur
November 14-16	WEI-J Art Collective: Henriëtte Schalk en Anne-Riet Vugts: Trouwkerkje - Etten-Leur

Workshops during the reporting year

SOGETSU BRANCH NEDERLAND

March 8 **General Members' Meeting (Bavel)**

- Wil de Theye – 'Working with Unconventional Materials'

May 24 **Double workshop (Eemnes)**
This workshop was dedicated to Sofu Teshigahara

- Masako Higashi
- Greet Snoodijk

November 15 **Double workshop (Bavel)**
This workshop was dedicated to Kasumi Teshigahara

- Jenneke Soejoko
- Ingrid van Tilburg

NIV/II and Sogetsu Azalea Study Group Belgium

February 1 **NIV-Het Oosten- (Raalte)**

- Raang Boer Iwema – 'Sustainable Use of Scrap Materials'

February 11 **NIV-Utrecht- (Maarn)**

- Anke Verhoeven – 'Chabana'

March 15 **Sogetsu Azalea Study Group Belgium (Meise)**

- Anne-Riet Vugts – workshop 'with rowan branches'
- Els Goos – workshop 'with catalpa pods'

March 22 **NIV- Rotterdam-**

- Masako Higashi – 'Inspired by a haiku'

April 11 **NIV Afdeling Den Haag**

- Greet Snoodijk – 'Easter arrangement'

April 15 **NIV Afdeling Utrecht (Maarn)**

- Rita van der Werf – 'composition of straight and curved'

?? **Sogetsu Azalea Study Group Belgium (Meise)**

- Gerda Matthees – 'free-style arrangements with bicycle inner tubes'

May 10 **Sogetsu Azalea Study Group Belgium (Meise)**

- Ilse Beunen – 'basic Nageire or variation of your choice'

May 20 **NIV-Utrecht- (Maarn)**

- Alie Bos-Praamstra – 'Working with glass and creating a web from glue threads'

July 5 **Sogetsu Azalea Study Group Belgium (Gullegem))**

- Ingrid van Tilburg – 'construction with paper straws'
- Antoinette de Roo 'partially covering a container with Equisetum'

September 13 **NIV-Het Oosten- (Raalte)**

- Anne-Riet Vugts – 'Surface of Lines'

Septmber 16 **NIV-Utrecht- (Maarn)**

- Wil de Theije

October 21 **NIV-Utrecht- (Maarn)**

- Ine Broos – 'Construction of Branches on a Container or as a Standalone Object'

November **Sogetsu Azalea Study Group Belgium (Meise)**

- Birgit Reynders – '3D origami'

November **Sogetsu Azalea Study Group Belgium (Meise)**

- Ben Joosen – 'The Journey from Rubber to Form in Motion'

December 12 **NIV-Den Haag-**

- Esther Hoogland - Christmas Workshop

December 13 **NIV-Het Oosten- (Raalte)**

- Jenneke Soejoko- Christmas Workshop

December 16 NIV-Rotterdam-

- Wil de Theije- Christmas Workshop

December 13 NIV- Utrecht-

- Jean Brouwers- Christmas Workshop

Teachers' Day

Teachers' Day took place on Saturday, October 4, at Wil de Theije's home in Zevenbergen. The workshop held that day—titled 'Working with Flexible Cables'—was organized by Els Goos, Wil de Theije, and Ine Broos.

Newsletters

Three newsletters were sent out during the reporting year: in January, May, and September.

During the reporting year, the board made four decisions:

1. To designate one copy of the special edition on the history of SBN for the archives and to publish a special edition for all members to mark the 45th anniversary
2. After careful discussion, it was decided that only Japanese diplomas will be listed in the Branch Magazine. This is to prevent uncontrolled growth.
3. The new, definitive domain name will be: 'ikebanasogetsu.nl'
4. The board decided to increase the membership fee to 60 euros per year, effective January 1, 2027.

Financial report 2025

Sogetsu Branch Nederland		
Balans per 31 december	**2025**	**2024**
Activa		
Liquide middelen		
Kas	€ 145,00	€ 89,00
ING r/c	€ 47.001,00	€ 17.692,00
ING spaarrekening	€ 121,00	€ 120,00
ING bonusspaarrekening	€ 6.542,00	€ 6.445,00
Vlottende middelen		
Lesboeken	€ 385,00	
	€ 54.194,00	**€ 24.346,00**
Passiva		
Kapitaal	€ 22.146,00	€ 20.332,00
Resultaat boekjaar	€ -879,00	€ 1.814,00
Overlopende posten	€ 1.217,00	€ 2.200,00
Seminar 2026	€ 31.710,00	
	€ 54.194,00	**€ 24.346,00**

Sogetsu Branch Nederland			
Begroting	**begroot 2026**	**begroot 2025**	**werkelijk 2025**
Baten			
Contributies	€ 5.665,00	€ 5.335,00	€ 4.980,00
Seminar	€ 31.710,00		
Workshops	€ 2.150,00	€ 2.200,00	€ 2.093,00
Bankrente	€ 125,00	€ 10,00	€ 98,00
Diverse baten	€ 1.350,00	€ 3.140,00	€ 1.575,00
	€ 41.000,00	**€ 10.685,00**	**€ 8.746,00**
Lasten			
Seminar	€ 31.710,00		
Bestuurskosten	€ 2.000,00	€ 375,00	€ 1.520,00
Branch Blad	€ 2.000,00	€ 1.800,00	€ 1.689,00
Workshops/bijeenkomsten	€ 3.500,00	€ 2.750,00	€ 3.377,00
Public relations	€ 2.500,00	€ 2.225,00	€ 2.200,00
Bankkosten	€ 400,00	€ 375,00	€ 333,00
Overige kosten	€ 500,00	€ 2.130,00	€ 506,00
Resultaat boekjaar	€ -1.610,00	€ 1.030,00	€ -879,00
	€ 41.000,00	**€ 10.685,00**	**€ 8.746,00**

Treasurer *Burçu Horoztepe*

2025 Annual Report Website

In 2025, a small group took the first steps toward creating a new website.
The outdated website does not meet current standards (speed, privacy, mobile-friendliness).

The goal was to have the revamped website ready for the General Members' Meeting on March 7, 2026, but that did not happen. It will be ready sometime this summer.

The new website will be available not only in Dutch but also in English to reach a wider audience.

However, regarding the current website:

- Submissions of exhibitions, workshops, etc., organized by members are always welcome. These will be included in the **activities** section;
- Photos will also continue to be posted on our current website.
- And we welcome any suggestions.

    - op de website die we nu hebben.
    - En tips zijn van harte welkom.

Website administration,
Anita Mathijssen

Library reports 2025

- Over the past year, **13 members** have taken advantage of the lending service.
- **87** books/magazines were checked out; the same number as in 2025.
- There are a total of **224** books and magazines in the library.

Er zijn in 2024 **4 nieuwe** boeken/tijdschriften besteld. De nieuwe aanwinsten liggen op een aparte tafel achterin.

During the lunch break, you can pick out the books and magazines you want to take home for a year.

New acquisitions 2024:

2 magazines; 1 exhibition catalog and 2 books

TS/2025/Spring no.364
TS/2025/summer no.365
TT/2025 The 105th Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibition 'Play More!'
B/2025/ Ikebana Art van Reito Oizumi
B/2025/ Tetsunori Kawana*
* The latest Kawana 2025 book is not in the library but in the archives (it's an expensive book). It can, however, be borrowed for a short period from the archives.

Anita Mathijssen and Birgit Reijnders

Teachers' Meeting, October 4, 2025, in Zevenbergen

Present*:*
Mit Ingelaere, Gerda Matthees, Nadine Demaret, Annemie van Rijswijk, Marion Wopereis, Jenneke Soejoko, Jean Brouwers, Monique van de Ven, Henriette Schalk, Jane Hendrickx, Alie Bos, Anne Riet Vugts, Greet Snoodijk, Esther, Ben Joosen, Afra Sonneveld, Marja, Rianne Machielse (middag), Wil de Theije, Els Goos , Ine Broos.

Absences;
Masako, Raang Boer Iwema, Desirée van Vliet, Nicole Kruimel, Jetty Geeraerts, Ans Vaatsra , Caroline Mars, Mariëlle van Strijp, Anke Verhoeven.

Meeting;
de Loods in Zevenbergen hoste by Wil de Theye.

Wil welcomed everyone, after which the minutes from the previous year were reviewed and discussed. The art workshop featuring sketching and drawing has been canceled because Ton van Etten is unavailable to teach. How about botanical drawing as an alternative?

Agenda item:
What is the purpose of the teachers' meeting? To share experiences with one another. To foster interaction between teachers and the board. The quality of teachers is the starting point. Above all, we want to give this meeting substance. Brainstorm ideas and topics, and discuss them at the next meeting—such as finances, teaching, enrolling new students in Branch, and whether or not to hold a workshop with ikebana practitioners. Organize introductory workshops led by teachers and determine how to facilitate them. Who will lead these workshops—students or teachers? What is the goal, and who is this workshop intended for? Let's agree on clear information regarding this. What should be included in the starter kit for new beginners? Provide clear information. Another idea is to pair a teacher with each new beginner so that attention is evenly distributed among everyone participating in the workshop. In short, everyone is welcome; we'll give you a warm welcome and provide helpful information. Anyone who wants to participate in an exhibition can receive an instructional session with detailed information about participating in the exhibition.

A message from Henriette at the SAC.:
The first activity is a visit to the museum dedicated to Magdalena Akabanowitch. Following this museum visit, we've come up with an optional assignment: create an ikebana arrangement and incorporate your own experience and insights. The gathering will take place on October 13 at Wil's. We'll evaluate the museum visit and look at each other's arrangements. The next outing, lecture, or workshop is still to be determined—we're calling on everyone: if you have an idea or can help with the organization, please let us know.

Once again, a thought about a different way to structure the teachers' meeting: an idea to hold the morning meeting at the Arboretum in Oudenbosch and then do an outdoor workshop in the afternoon using prunings from the garden.

Other items on the agenda:
Anne Riet asks if there is still interest in the study days and technology days in the new year. Is there still interest?

The theme 'Demonstration' is still on the agenda. A small group is interested in participating. In February, Anne Riet and Ine will organize a one-day event focused on demonstrations. Both teachers and students

can be referred to participate. The goal of this gathering is to practice and train so that participants can give a good presentation during or at an exhibition. Promoting ikebana for everyone!

Greet: Would like to provide a good introduction for new students interested in taking up ikebana. Create quality lessons and prepare workshops. If there are any dates, please list them and post them on the new Sogetsu Branch website.

Other activities, lessons, and workshops can also be posted by teachers for anyone who is interested.

Mit: Shares a tip about Art Florum at the end of May 2026 in Leuven.

The next teachers' meeting will be on Saturday, September 26, 2026, organized by Henriëtte, Els, and Ine. Location to be announced.

Jan, Esther, and Jenneke will organize the teachers' meeting for 2027.

End of meeting, lunch, followed by the afternoon workshop led by Els and Wil.

Minutes taken *by Ine Broos*