

Zen Flowers: Chabana For The Tea Ceremony - Henry Mittwer

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Up to now, with the exception of Okakura Kakuzo's excellent account of flowers used in the art of Chanoyu in his delightful The Book of Tea, almost nothing has been available on the subject. To my knowledge, the present volume is the only book written in English that is wholly devoted to the special form of flower arrangement called Chabana. Chabana is a type of flower arrangement that originated in the tea room (called chashitsu) for the appreciation of those partaking of cha, or tea. Chabana is not only for decoration, for symbolic representation, or for abstract expression of the self. If I may cite an episode that took place 2,500 years ago, Chabana has something in common with one of Shakyamuni Buddha's sermons. Buddha lightly picked a single bloom from a basketful of flowers offered to Him by one of the multitude who came to hear His sermon. Buddha slowly, silently, held up the flower before the congregation. Among the gathering was one of His disciples, Mahakasyapa, who gently smiled as he apprehended the Buddha's gesture. Chabana may not be a flower arrangement having a Zen-like mission, but it certainly is a flower arrangement appreciated by a mind nourished with the Zen principles of simplicity and directness. Author: Mittwer, Henry Publisher: Tuttle Publishing Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Zen Flowers: Chabana for the Tea Ceremony Pages: 00145 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-12-18 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780804818827 Category: Religion : Buddhism - Rituals & Practice

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