



Anne Oda is a recent retiree from the corporate world, who has had the privilege of following her personal passions of practicing the Urasenke tradition of Japanese tea ceremony and Kimekomi doll making. Her vision is to introduce the rich Japanese American culture and history to the community at large guided by the four principles of the Urasenke tradition: Wa (Harmony), Kei (Respect), Sei (Purity) and Jaku (Tranquility). She notes that “the ‘Way of Tea’ is simple yet complex. I believe sharing one’s heart through a simple bowl of tea can be transforming and creates opportunities for conversation to educate others about the contributions of the Japanese American tapestry, which includes my late Uncle Hiroshi F. Nagano who was one of the many killed in action in Italy in 1945.” She believes that “ancestral conversations can gift others the opportunity to experience the essence of “Ichigo-Ichie” — one moment, one lifetime.”

