

Yoko Harnik started Ikebana in the early 1960s at Sogetsu School. After an interval of academic work and a career she restarted with Koryu School followed by Ichiyo School. Eventually, she found Ichiyo to be right school for her and went on to earn an instructor's degree. At the same time she was asked by Akihiro Kasuya, the former Headmaster of Ichiyo School, to be his assistant and began teaching Ikebana alongside him. She gradually established her own classes and taught in various venues. In 1992 she earned an Associate Master's degree.

Yoko has done demonstrations and workshops for Ikebana International NYC Chapter, Ikebana International London Chapter, Royal Horticulture Society, Museums, Womens' Clubs, Garden Clubs, Schools and other organizations. Her arrangements were also displayed at flower shows and in hotels, restaurants and stores including Thomas Goode in Mayfair.

When previously residing in London between 1993 – 2003, Yoko received several awards for her arrangements at Chelsea Flower Shows (6 gold, 1 gold gilded, 1 silver). She also received Best-in-Show and Best Creative Design awards among others at various other shows.

Before moving back to London recently, Yoko served as board member for Ikebana International Headquarters, Tokyo Chapter, and New York Chapter for many years.



