

JASV Chiisai Shimbun Fall 2009

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Special Exhibit: Mingei of Tottori

Last year, the State of Vermont (USA) and Tottori Prefecture (Japan) signed an international friendship agreement. To deepen Vermonters' understanding of Tottori Prefecture, an exhibition will be held to showcase the regional crafts of Tottori, such as hand-made Japanese paper, Kasuri (indigo-dyed fabrics), ceramics, and folk toys. These crafts -- still used and loved to this day -- were born in the natural landscape surrounding Tottori, and they have inherited the legacy of its culture and history. Also, workshops using Japanese paper and bamboo will accompany the exhibit, allowing participants to interact with and experience these traditional materials first-hand. We hope that you will come to see the exhibition. Additional information is available on the JASV website, <http://www.jasv.org/>

Upcoming Events:

Sept 16. Japanese Calligraphy

Demonstration. Ajari Jomyo Tanaka will lead a Japanese Calligraphy Demonstration at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, on Wednesday, Sept 16. 7 PM – 9 PM. Ajari Tanaka is a Shingon Buddhist priest and professor of philosophy at Wasada University in Tokyo. He has taught calligraphy in America, Italy and Croatia and has demonstrated his art all around the world. Recently his calligraphy was on exhibit in Florence, Italy.

Sept 23, Japanese Language Classes

Begin. Language classes this fall will run for 10 weekly sessions from Sep. 23 to Nov. 25. The classes will be held in St. Edmunds Building, Room 103 (S.I.S) (Wed. 6:30-8:00 p.m) at St. Michaels College, Colchester. Rie Sasaki, Instructor. The fee for the course will be \$175 per student (including textbook).



MINGEI
鳥取の民芸 OF TOTTORI
Traditional and Contemporary Crafts of Tottori, Japan

Pottery
Paper
Kasuri
Bamboo work
Toys

October 4th-30th, 2009
MON, TUE, THU, FRI: 8:30AM-6PM WED: 8:30AM-9PM
SAT: 9AM-5:30PM SUN: 12AM-6PM
Fletcher Free Library
Fletcher Room and Pickering Room
235 College Street, Burlington, VT 05401
OPENING RECEPTION: October 4th 2PM-5PM
Sponsored by Tottori Prefectural Government Co-sponsors: Japan-America Society of Vermont

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Exhibit dates and hours:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Wed 8:30 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.; Sat 9:00 A.M
- 5:30 P.M.; Sun 12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Opening Reception will be held on Oct 4th ,
2P.M.- 5P.M. Workshops will be held on
October 5th, 6th, 28th, 29th, and 30th. Visit
the JASV website for details.

Sept 26, Julie Otsuka speaks. Julie Otsuka, author of *When the Emperor was Divine* will be speaking as part of the Vermont Reads program. *When the Emperor was Divine* is the 2009 selection of Vermont Reads, a statewide, one book-one community reading program sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. The presentation is at Main Street Landing's Performance Arts Center, the Black Box, 3rd floor, on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

October 3rd, Moon Viewing Party.

Tsukimi 2009, our annual potluck moon viewing party will be held on Saturday, October 3rd in Burlington's Oak Ledge Park. This will be the evening of the day before the full moon, an auspicious evening for viewing.

October 4th - October 30th, Mingei of Totori Exhibition Opening Reception. The JASV and the Tottori Prefectural Government will sponsor an exhibit of Mingei at the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington. [A pdf poster and press release for the exhibition are available on the JASV website, <http://www.jasv.org>]

October 5th, 6th, 28th, 29th, and 30th, Mingei Workshops. In addition to the exhibits, there will be a series of three workshops - I. Torn paper collage with fine Japanese paper, II. Origami flowers with fine Japanese paper, III. Bamboo basket for flower arrangement. Workshops are free, are limited to 10 participants, age 6 and over. Registration is required. For more information, see the workshop flyer (pdf) on the JASV Website.

Oct. 29th - Nov 1st, 2009. Bakuretsucon 2009. This year's Green Mountain Anime Convention will be held at the Hampton

Inn-Conference Center, Colchester. See <http://bakuretsucon.org/>

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English language website at <http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/> or Japanese language website at <http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/ja/> Telephone: 617-973-9772.

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Board Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month - 6:30 pm The JASV board meetings are in the JASV office at 29 Ethan Allen Avenue. Colchester. All are welcome.

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