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This glimpse of cherry blossoms is from Hiroshige's Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido Highway by artist. <http://tr.im/QZet>

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幸せは わが庭にあり 鈴蘭や
忘れな草の 蕾のなかに

*shiawasewa waganiwaniari suzuranya
wasurenagusano tsubominonakani*

Upcoming Events

March 19 - March 28 Tottori-Vermont Youth Environmental Leadership Program

During the week of March 22nd, 2010, thirteen high school students, two university students and five adults from Tottori, Japan, will visit Harwood and Mount Abraham Union High Schools for a program centered on Environmental Leadership. Students from Harwood and Mt. Abe will pair with Tottori students to develop plans for affordable, green housing units. Students will begin their project work online in February, and complete their projects by mid-April. Local architects and developers will mentor students during this process.

To learn about participating in this opportunity, students and families at Harwood Union High School may contact Tedin Lange, and students at Mount Abraham Union High School may contact Bruce Babbitt or Gabe Hamilton. Contact: <http://gatp.org/students/programs/80>

Peter Lynch of Green Across the Pacific, Reiko Kida of the JASV, and Dr. Tomomichi Kobayashi of Tottori Univ. of Environmental Study will be presenting a paper describing this project at the National Science Teachers Conference in Philadelphia on March 18, 2010.

April 10, 2010 (Saturday) - Festival of Cultures

The Sara Holbrook Center will present it's annual Festival of Cultures at the UVM Davis Center on Main Street on April 10. Hours are 10:00a.m.-4:00 p.m. For a view of last years festival, see <http://tr.im/QZiP> Learn more about this years event at <http://www.saraholbrookcc.org/>.

April 13-27. Kabuki/Nihon Buyo

One of the top 20 Kabuki/Nihon Buyo performing artists in Japan, Mr. Toyosaburou Hanayagi, is coming to visit Vermont. He will be going around the following places:

April 13th: Green Mountain College workshop

April 15th: Essex High School workshop and demonstration

April 16th: Georgia Elementary School Japan Day

April 17th: Aikido of Champlain Valley (257 Pine Street, Burlington). Workshop (1-3pm) and Japan Night (5:30-9pm)

Contact: Yukiko Washio
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May 30th. Japanese Performing Arts Showcase

For those who like to hang out where students of Japanese performing arts show off what they learned with snacks and tea in hand, as well as those who are interested in learning Japanese performing arts (Shamisen string instrument, Kabuki song singing, and Kabuki buyo dancing), please come hang out with us at the Vermont Performing Arts League's North End Studio (294 N Winooski Ave, Burlington) on Sunday 5/30 2-4pm. A special guest, one of the top Shamisen players, visiting just for fun, will be joining us and demonstrating her Shamisen art.

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Membership Reminder

Just a reminder, JASV dues are annually due in January of the year. If you haven't renewed yet, renew your membership soon. More information is available on our website at <http://jasv.org/> ; click on "membership."

Haiku and Tanka Corner

The poem beneath the photograph on the first page is contributed by JASV member Michiko Oishi (oishi@comcast.com). She has published a book of haiku (17 syllable) and tanka (31 syllable) poems, entitled *Akasatana Akasakana (Red Fish Alphabet)* and has given us permission to quote from this book for our news letter. This month's tanka is:

almost, buds
lily of the valley
forget-me-not
joy's shy
bouquet

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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