

JASV Chiisai Shimbun

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A quarterly newsletter of the Japan America Society of Vermont
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Sakura blossoms in the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, New York.

Announcements

JASV Office has a New Address

Please notice that we have a new address - same office, same location, new street number: JASV, 123 Ethan Allen Avenue, Suite 203. Colchester VT 05446

2012 Dues Due

Just a reminder - JASV dues run on an annual basis. If you haven't sent in your dues for 2012, please remit them to JASV. The membership fee schedule is \$25 individual/family, \$10 for senior or student, \$50 for Sponsor, and \$100 Patron and Corporate.

Otasuke Club.

Several members of the JASV have formed an "otasuke karabu" to provide information sharing and mutual assistance opportunities. For more information, visit the OtasukeVT page on the JASV website, or write to OtasukeVT@gmail.com .

Calendar

March 11: Shinsai: Theaters for Japan Middlebury College, Mahaney Center for the Arts Dance Theater, 2 – 3:30pm

An afternoon of staged readings presented by Middlebury College's Theatre Program and Potomac Theatre Project, performed on the one-year anniversary of the devastating earthquake that struck Japan. The title of the performance, "Shinsai," means "great quake" in Japanese. Running time: 70-80 minutes. A short reception with the artists will follow the performance. <http://goo.gl/fQ72z>

March 13: Japan One Year Out Middlebury College Robert A. Jones Conference Room, 4:30 – 6pm

Middlebury College will be hosting a panel discussion with Q & A regarding Japan one year after the earthquake 2011. Sponsored by the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs. <http://goo.gl/5ZtS4>

March 19: Grave of the Fireflies at Green Mountain Film Festival, Montpelier, 7pm.

Grave of the fireflies, to be shown as part of the Green Mountain Film Festival, is a 1988 Japanese animated war tragedy film written and directed by Isao Takahata. This is the first film produced by Shinchosha, who hired Studio Ghibli to do the animation production work. Roger Ebert considers it to be one of the most powerful war movies ever made and, in 2000, included it on his Great Movies list. For more information, see <http://www.greenmountainfilmfestival.org/>

April 21: Aikido of Champlain Valley Matsuri Festival, 257 Pine Street, Burlington

Aikido of Champlain Valley will be celebrating Matsuri festival at their dojo . This event includes workshops and demonstrations of traditional Japanese arts (aikido, taiko, Ikebana, origami, bonsai, food, etc.) More information and schedule at their website, <http://www.aikidovt.org>.

The Third GATP-Tottori-Vermont Youth Environmental Exchange

This spring "Green Across the Pacific" (GATP) and JASV will be celebrating our third Tottori-Vermont Youth Environmental Exchange. This year, Mount Abaham Union high school is the home-stay host. In addition, Burlington High School will be hosting several activities as preparation for a fuller participation next year.

Activities at Burlington High School:

Activities at Burlington High School include Tottori Mingei Art Craft Show at Burlington High School, March 7th - April 7th and a Torn Paper Collage Workshop at Burlington High School, March 13th. Maggie Conant's art students learn traditional hand made paper collage

Tottori Students visit Vermont (March 16 - March 24).

Seventeen Tottori students and five chaperons arrive Burlington Friday, March 16. Mt.Abe Union HS is going to host the Tottori friends. After a week long exchange program, they will attend the farewell dinner on Friday, March 23, and leave Saturday 24. They 'll visit BHS on Friday 23 to warm up friendship. BHS is planning to be a part of the host school next year.

Vermont Student Trip to Tottori April 21 - April29 (tentative date)

7-8 Vermont students from Mt.Abe, BHS, and Middlebury HS visit Tottori for the first time. Last year's trip was cancelled by the earth quake/tsunami/nuclear leaks.

The students participating in the program are preparing for the visits by sharing information on a blog .. Tottori-Vermont at <http://gatp-tottori-vermont.blogspot.com/>

For additional information about the exchange, contact <http://gatp.org/>

Membership Reminder



JASV memberships are on a calendar year basis and expire on December 31! Please renew now!

Resources - Recent Books on Japan

Elizabeth Andoh has published a new "cookbook" (Kibo: Brimming with Hope) dedicated to supporting and preserving the cultural heritage of Tohoku.

Board Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month - 6:30 pm The JASV board meetings are in the JASV office at 123 Ethan Allen Avenue. Colchester. All are welcome.

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