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Yuki-korogashi (Rolling a snow ball) by from the exhibit "Snow Country" at the Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge, UK. <http://bit.ly/19wUzej>

Shin'nenkai (Sunday, January 26, noon - 4)

JASV Office, Colchester

The JASV will have a Shin'nenkai New Years Pot Luck Party on Sunday, January 26 from noon until 4 PM in the Society's office at Fort Ethan Allen. Bring a snack or plate to share; JASV will provide soft drinks.

Reminder – Please remember to renew your JASV membership.

Year End Report

As part of a way to bid farewell to 2013, we take this opportunity to review some of the JASV activities from last year.

The JASV has several regular monthly activities. The お助けクラブ (Otasuke Club - "self help") and a 一日図書館 (Ichijitsu Toshokan - One day Library) meet on the first Sunday, the JASV Bo meet on the second Wednesday

Our special events for 2013 included:

1月13日 - Shinnen Kai (New Year Welcome Party, Jan 13). After an amazing pot-luck lunch, Masako Gibeau entertained participants with several songs played on the Shamisen.

3月7日 - "Tsunami Two Years After" Concert at SMC, Mar 7, Masako Gibeau and Masako Carter played "Shamisen".

4月7日 - The 2013 Matsuri, held on April 7th was a solid success with stage performances, a taiko concert, a bon dance, a kimono fashion show, and much more.

4月13日 - Participation in "Healthy Kids Day" festival at YMCA, Apr 13. Seven JASV members participated and offered Origami and Calligraphy (names written in Japanese) workshops for the children.

4月21日 - Japanese Class for Children. For the first time, the JASV offered a series of 7 language lessons for children (April 21 - June 2)

6月23日 - Annual JASV Meeting & Picnic at Sand Bar, Jun 23. Our usually celebratory picnic and annual meeting was interrupted by torrential downpours!

7月3日 - Participation in July 3rd Parade in Montpelier. Our planned participation in the parade (we made placards and banners) was canceled due a lightning and thunder storm in Montpelier.

7月8日 - The JASV support for finding host families for "home stay" for 15 High School Students from Japan's Tohoku area who were visiting Vermont as part of the CGI Greenheart Tomodachi

10月6日 - Japanese Language Classes for Children - Two classes were offered starting 10/06.

10月10日 - Japanese Class for Adults - One class started from October 10th.

10月19日 - Tsukimi (Moon Viewing) was held on Oct 19 at the So Burlington Dorset park. Despite the fall chill and an overcast sky, members were rewarded with a potluck picnic with a grand finale appearance of the full moon.

10月25日 - "Light Up Nippon" film watching at a joint UVM and Ben and Jerry's (October 25) JASV member Sara Dickey participated as the guest speaker.

11月9日 - JASV Open Office event for College Students (November 9). Toshi Saitoh presented lectures of Japanese pottery history and Ikebana history.

12月9日 - Participation in the International Festival (December 7, 8 and 9) with a calligraphy table, an origami table, a membership and information table, and a book sale.

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