
Chiisai Shinbun Spring 2017-1Q

**A quarterly newsletter of the Japan-America Society of Vermont
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This newsletter is to let you know about the JASV events accomplished during the 1st quarter (January, February and March) of 2017.

1. Ikebana Workshop (Japanese Style Flower Arrangement) at The University of Vermont (1/09)

JASV(Toshi Saitoh) presented "Ikebana History and Workshop" at the University of Vermont. 14 students attended and enjoyed the workshop. The presentation covered typical styles of Ikebana (Rikka, Shouka, Nagaire and Moribana.) All participants learned the styles very quickly and became Ikebana experts. This is one of JASV's community outreach events.



2. JASV's New Year Party (Shinnenkai) (1/21)

New Year Potluck Party (Shinnenkai) was held on 1/21 at a clubhouse in South Burlington. 28 people enjoyed delicious food related to the Japanese New Year including Sushi. After the meal, we enjoyed a slide show about Japan, including Miyajima, Kurashiki, Oyama-kofun, etc.



3. Japanese Language Classes (Adults)

Two Japanese Language Classes (Adults) started from 3/13 (Level-1) and 3/15 (Level-2) for 10 weeks at Saint Michael's College, Saint Edmund's Room 105. Both classes have been taught by Ms. Linda Sukop.



(Level-1)



(Level-2)

4. Matsuri 2017 (3/26)

JASV's biggest event, Matsuri 2017, took place on 3/26 at the Ross Sports Center, Saint Michael's College. It went very well.

JASV sincerely thanks all the performers, booth participants and volunteers who helped make Matsuri such a success. Thank you very much!

Over a thousand people enjoyed the Matsuri festival. We received the Consul General of Japan in Boston and his party's (5 people) attendance. They opened a "One Day Consulate" for Vermonters. We also received Ms. Bahr's attendance from Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, who helped JASV to invite a Noh performer from Japan. Ben & Jerry's company offered free ice cream to the audience.

Following are snap-shots.





5. 2017 2Q / Planned Events

Following are the planned event for 2017 2Q.

5-1. Japanese Classes for Children started from 4/16 at the JASV office.

5-2. Participation in the YMCA's Kid's Day event on 4/29

from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. JASV will offer Origami, Calligraphy, Koi-nobori crafts and Gytaku(Fish rubbing.) Bring your children!

5-3. Cherry Tree Planting at the Veteran's park at South Burlington. Date: May

5-4. Potluck Picnic at Sand Bar Park and JASV Member Meeting. Date: June

Looking forward to your participation

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