

Chiisai Shinbun 2022-3Q

This is a quarterly newsletter of the Japan-America Society of Vermont, describing what we have accomplished during the third quarter of the year of 2022 (July, August and September) and a forecast of our activities in the near future.

1. Participation in July 3rd Independence Day Parade in Montpelier

This event participation was reported in the Chiisai Shinbun 2022-2Q in detail. Thank you very much for the participants' great help. Our goal of the recognition of the JASV was well achieved.

2. Matsuri '22

On **September 18th** the JASV's biggest event, **Matsuri '22**, took place at the **Tuttle Middle School** in South Burlington. Although we worried about weather before the Matsuri day the weather wasn't so bad even though we had some rain during Matsuri.

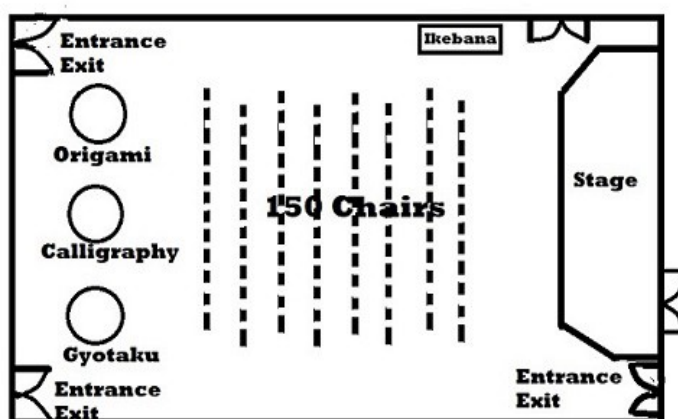
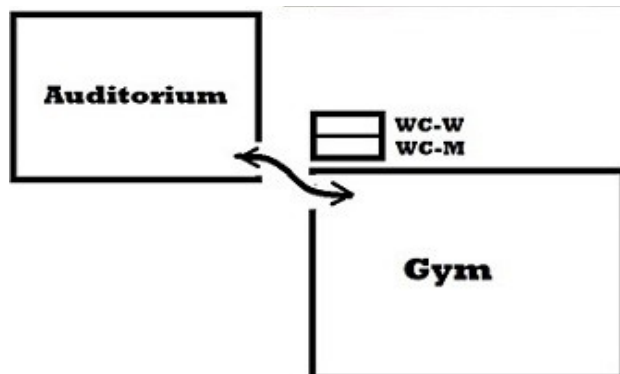
We left 500 brochures in the entrance and found 50 left at the end of Matsuri. We saw many children were enjoying Matsuri, which was unusual to us. Probably it was a result of free entry. This is one thing we learned. In other words, if we charged entry fee we didn't receive so many children's attendance. We would guess we had a total of 700 people or more in the audience. The Matsuri was very successful!!!

Due to still being under the COVID pandemic we had some problems during this Matsuri preparation such as poster distribution and table rental. The usual distribution company was out of business and table rental company closed business due to work shortage.

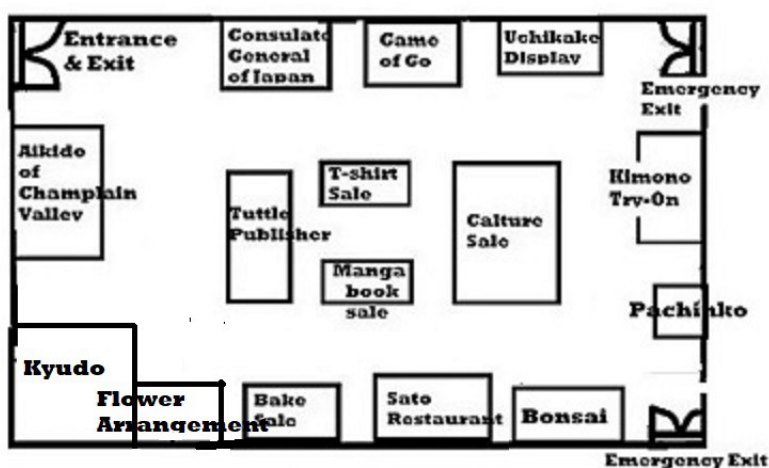
Consequently, JASV members and our friends helped advertise. We sincerely thank them. Also, we borrowed many tables from Ridgewood Estate Homeowner Association and my friend near by helped us borrow many tables. We sincerely thank them. Without this help we could not have had such a successful Matsuri.

The Matsuri venue consisted of two places next to each other, gym where booth participants were located and auditorium where performers performed.

The audience had to move between the Gym and Auditorium.



(Auditorium)



(Gym)

At any rate, South Burlington Recreation and Parks Department gave us a wonderful offer for us to use such a wonderful venue with no charge. We sincerely thank South Burlington City. We also offered this free event, Matsuri, for its return. We received interviews from two TV channels.

We received many artisans' participation in Vermont. Without their help we couldn't have run Matsuri. We sincerely appreciate their help and bow to these people.

In order to run Matsuri we need many volunteer's help. We received great help from JASV members, Japanese Class students and particularly from Essex High School. Thank you very much!!!

Also we received attendance from the Consulate General of Japan in Boston and they opened "One Day Consulate" here in Tuttle Middle School so that we didn't have to travel to Boston. Thank you very much!

The following 9 people received an award from the JASV. They contributed to the JASV outstandingly since the last Matsuri and before.

(Alphabetical Sequence of First Name)

- **Aika Lynch** (Matsuri contribution + Today is her anniversary.)
- **Larry Solt** (Interface contribution between JASV and Vermont Brass Ensemble)
- **Masako Carter** (Many years contribution to the JASV related to children)
- **Mike Brown** (Served JASV by many technical Ideas)
- **Peter Schumer** (Many years of service with Go game)
- **Suzuko Kern** (Brought enthusiastic support for JASV with her whole family members)
- **Taro Ditch** (Served JASV with his Talent, particularly Shamisen)
- **Tuttle Publishing** (A large donation of JASV's running expenses)
- **Zoe Nugent** (Many years of service with her talents)

Following are the performance program and snap pictures of the auditorium and gym. Special thanks to Ms. Zoe Nugent and Ms. Amelia Byors for their work as Masters of Ceremonies.

Stage Events

Masters of Ceremonies:

Zoe Nugent (JASV Board Member),
Amelia Byors (Essex High School)

11:00 Opening with the National Anthems of Japan and The USA

University of Vermont, Tuba (Dr. Yutaka Kono – Director of the UVM Orchestra),
Trumpets (Matt Van Wagner & Larry Solt – A Former JASV President),
Horn (Susan O' Daniel), Trombone (Michael Berglund)

11:10 Opening Remarks

Holly Rees, Director, Recreation and Parks, So. Burlington City
Joji Miyamori, Consulate General of Japan in Boston
Toshiharu Saitoh, President of Japan-America Society of Vermont

11:25 Kamishibai (Peach Boy)

Mike Brown (JASV Board Member)

11:50 Sanshin (Okinawa Shamisen)

Taro Ditch (St. Albans High School)

12:15 Vermont Brass Ensemble

University of Vermont, Tuba (Dr. Yutaka Kono – Director of the UVM Orchestra),
Trumpets (Matt Van Wagner & Larry Solt – A Former JASV President),
Horn (Susan O' Daniel), Trombone (Michael Berglund)

1. Fanfare from *La Péri*, by Paul Dukas
2. *Hanagasa Ondo*
3. *Sakura*
4. *Fuyu no Yoru*
5. *Ashitaka and San Theme*, from Princess Mononoke

12:45 Ikebana History

Toshiharu Saitoh (President of JASV)
- Rikka - Nageire - Shoka/Seika - Moribana

1:10 Aikido/laido Demonstration

Aikido of Champlain Valley (Ben Pincus, et al)

1:45 Tea Ceremony (Ura Senke Style)

Zoe Nugent (JASV Board Member)

2:10 Koto Music

Andie Brown (University of Vermont)
1. Hana Ikada 2. Kazoe Uta Hensoukyoku
3. Sandan No Shirabe 4. Hana Saffron

2:40 JASV Commendation Delivery

- Nine People awarded
- Directed by Toshiharu Saitoh (President of JASV)

3:10 Zen Archery Performance

Vermont Kyudo (Laurajean Stewart, et al)

3:40 History of Japanese Pottery

Toshiharu Saitoh (President of JASV)

4:05 Bon Odori - Japanese Folk Dance

Directed by Yukari Dougherty (Essex High School Teacher)
Vermont-Tottori Youth Exchange Committee (Essex High School)
Amelia Byors, Oliver MacGillivray, Iza Logan, Natalie Tylanda,
Sun hang Park, Rebecca Brewster, Jake Dougherty, Yeshe Lama

4:35 Closing Speech

Matthew Carter (Vice President of JASV)

4:45 Closing with Trumpet

Larry Solt (Former President of JASV)













Everyone worked hard and joyed!!! The Matsuri was concluded with Larry Solt's beautiful trumpet, "Auld Lang Syne". Farewell until next Matsuri!!!

3. Japanese Language Classes start from Oct 3rd

The JASV will offer four Japanese language courses, Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4, via Zoom. The main textbooks are Japanese for Busy People I and II (AJALT). The Level 1 course covers the first half of the book Busy People I, and the Level 2 course covers the second half. Levels 3 & 4 use Busy People II.

<http://jasv.org/v2/language/>

4. Next Event

Next event will be the **New Year party** around mid-January, '23. Until then be well!!! We used to have a Vermont International Festival early December and we at the JASV used to participate in it. But unfortunately it won't happen this year.

Thank you!
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