

JASV Chiisai Shimbun – Fall 2007

A quarterly newsletter of the Japan America Society of Vermont
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Join us for our annual Tsukimi moon-viewing party and pot-luck,
September 22 at 6 p.m. in Burlington's Oakledge Park

JASV honors violinist Hamao Fujiwara

JASV honored violinist Hamao Fujiwara at the opening concert of the Vermont Mozart Festival on July 15 at Shelburne Farms. Fujiwara-san was presented with a plaque reading: "Hamao Fujiwara for his musical contributions to the people of Japan and the United States. Through his teaching and performing Mr. Fujiwara has enriched the lives of his students and audience throughout the world. July 15, 2007"

Japanese Medical Students Visit UVM.

On July 15, two students from Tottori University Medical School (Yonago) and five students from Kanzawa Medical University visited the UVM College of Medicine. This exchange, part of the UVM Pathology International Education program, allowed students to reside on campus, visit facilities, shadow physicians on their rounds, become familiar with health care issues, as well as visit Vermont for two weeks. The UVM program is directed by JASV board member Dr. Masatoshi Kida.

Resources:

Tairabune - Tub Boats of Japan

Recently, JASV member Douglas Brooks received a letter from the Bunkacho, (Japanese Ministry of Culture) informing him that the craft of building tub boats had been declared "an important intangible folk cultural asset. In the letter, they recognize the importance of the role his book *The Tub Boats of Sado Island; A Japanese Craftsman's Methods* (Kodo Cultural Council, 2003, Japanese and English) made in supporting cultural preservation and the recognition of this craft. More information about the boats and their crafting may be found at his website, www.douglasbrooksboatbuilding.com

Events this fall:

Japanese Language Classes Begin

September 18, 20 (Tuesday, Thursday)

The JASV will offer beginner and intermediate lessons this fall. The classes will meet on the campus of St. Michaels College for 10 weeks beginning September 18 (Intermediate) and September 20 (Beginning). The class fee is \$ 125.00. Textbook is included in tuition fee. We will provide you with the textbook on the first day of class. More information is on the JASV web site (jasv.org/language) .

Tsukimi Moon Viewing Party

September 22, Ledgewood Park, Burlington.

Our fall Tsukimi Moon Watching Party will be held at the Upper Pavilion of Burlington's Oakledge Park on Saturday, September 22, beginning at 6 PM. The moon watching is held "rain or shine." It's a pot-luck event, so bring something to share. JASV will provide soft drinks.

The September Board meeting will also be held during the party.

Burlington Taiko's 2nd Ringo Matsuri

September 22, Shelburne Orchards

Burlington Taiko invites you to join them to celebrate 20 years of Taiko in Vermont at it's 2nd Annual Ringo Matsuri (Apple Festival) at Shelburne Orchards on Saturday, September 22, with drumming from noon until 2 p.m. and again from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. There be a potluck dinner and party that evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Burlington Taiko Space (208 Flynn Avenue, Burlington).

Vermont International Film Festival,

October 11-14. Burlington, see www.vtiff.org

Yamato – The Drummers of Japan

December 5, Flynn Theater

Yamato – The Drummers of Japan will appear at the Flynn Theatre on Wednesday, December 5 at 8 p.m. performance of: Yamato -The Drummers of Japan. For more information visit flynncenter.org.

Vermont International Festival

Early December, Essex Fairgrounds

Visit the Vermont International Festival website for details as they become available. www.vermontinternationalfestival.com

Bakuretsucon 2007

December 9-11, Hampton Inn, Colchester

The Green Mountain Anime Convention will be held at the Hampton Inn-Conference Center, Colchester. See bakuretsucon.org

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