

# JASV Chiisai Shimbun – Summer 2008

A quarterly newsletter of the Japan America Society of Vermont  
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Join us at our annual meeting and pot-luck picnic on Sunday, June 29 (Sunday), at Sand Bar State Park in Milton. Photo courtesy Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

## **Annual Meeting:**

The JASV annual meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29th, from noon until 4 PM at the Sand Bar State Park in Milton. This is a potluck event; please bring something to share. The JASV will provide soft drinks and pay the entrance fee - mention this at the gateway booth. Bring your favorite summer chair, umbrella, Frisbee, and beach gear. Pets are not permitted.

Directions: The Sand Bar State Park is located on Route 2 at the east-end of the Causeway between Milton and the Islands. From I-89, take exit #17 (Champlain Islands), and drive 4 miles north on U.S. 2)

## **Special: One-day Consular Service**

The Consulate-General of Japan in Boston will provide a "One-day Consular Service" at JASV's office at St. Michael's College North Campus on Saturday, June 14. The services offered will include

- issuance of Japanese passports
- various certificate
- voting registration
- birth and marriage registration.

Date/Time : June 14th, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Location : JASV Office, 29 Ethan Allen Ave.  
St. Michael's College North Campus.  
Colchester, VT 05446

(continued) If you wish to take advantage of any of these services, please visit the Consulate's website at <http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/> or contact the Consulate-General of Japan in Boston at 617-973-9772.)

### **June 27: Tottori Governor Hirai Shinji to Visit Vermont**

Hirai Shinji, the Governor of Tottori Prefecture will be visiting Vermont for a one day stop-over on Friday June 27th *en route* to Brazil to join in the of Celebration of Japan-Brazil Exchange Year and the 100th Anniversary of Japanese Immigration to Brazil. While in Vermont, he will have the opportunity to visit with Governor Douglas in Montpelier to chat and possible sign a friendship proclamation.

### **Planning : Tottori / Vermont Craft and Design Exchange**

The JASV is now working with Yestermorrow School in Warren, Vermont on a project to bring teachers of Japanese woodworking, wood joinery, furniture and home-furnishings design to teach one-week residential courses in Vermont beginning in the Autumn of 2009. Yestermorrow is Vermont's premier design/build school, offering courses in home architecture and design, green and energy-efficient building, and traditional architectural crafts such as stone-wall building, post-and-beam timberwork, architectural iron work, Shaker furniture and stained glass making, to name just a few. More information can be found at [Yestermorrow.org](http://Yestermorrow.org).

In our state filled with both amateur and professional artisans and craftspeople, we expect that it will be very interesting and

fruitful to bring knowledge and design sense, as well as new tools and techniques to use and new ideas for using materials, from a country with one of the strongest design aesthetics and the best traditions of craftsmanship in the world.

At present, this is a work-in-progress. Please direct any questions to Larry Ribbecke, a Burlington stained glass and wood craftsman ([Iribbecke@aol.com](mailto:Iribbecke@aol.com)), or Dan Eckstein, Director of Curriculum at Yestermorrow School ([Dan@yestermorrow.org](mailto:Dan@yestermorrow.org))

### **Events this fall:**

**Language Classes**, Fall 2008. Watch our website or mailing list. (To join our mailing list, send email to [info@jasv.org](mailto:info@jasv.org))

**Tsukimi 2008**, Mid September 2008. watch our website for the date of our annual moon viewing party

**Bakuretsucon 2008**: October 23-26, The Green Mountain Anime Convention will be held at the Hampton Inn-Conference Center, Colchester. See <http://bakuretsucon.org/>

### **Resources:**

**Consulate-General of Japan in Boston**  
English language website at <http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/> or  
Japanese language website at <http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/ja/>  
Telephone: 617-973-9772.

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