

# JASV Chiisai Shimbun Winter 2009-2010

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Snowfall on the Uganji temple gate in  
Otawara City in Tochigi Prefecture, February  
2009. <http://www.city.otawara.tochigi.jp>

冬晴れの 空どこまでも 澄みとおり  
頬こわばりて ぎんぎん凍る

fuyubareno soradokomademo sumitouri  
hookowabarite ginginkouru

## Upcoming Events

### Shin'nen Kai: Year of the Tiger January 10, 2010

Join us as we celebrate our annual Shin'nen Kai New Years Pot Luck Party on Sunday, January 10th, from noon until 3 PM at the JASV offices at 29 Ethan Allen Ave on St. Michaels College's Fort Ethan Allen (802 655-4197). The party is a fun, relaxing time to chat with other members, catch up on the news, share in the great food members and friends bring, and welcome in the Year of the Tiger.

## News and Reports

### Mingei of Tottori Exhibition & Workshops

The Mingei of Tottori exhibition was a huge success. From its opening reception on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, until the closing on October 30<sup>th</sup>, a steady stream of visitors dropped by Pickering and Fletcher Exhibitin Rooms of the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington. Visitors were treated to nearly 100 exhibits of paper, fabric, clay, wood, bamboo, and mixed media craft work.

Robert Resnik, the co-director of the Library, reports that library patrons often visited with the library staff to express their appreciation and thanks for the exhibit. The origami, torn paper collage, and bamboo basket making workshops were especially noted for giving participants a rare chance to work with experts in traditional Japanese craft styles.

An exhibition such as this brings a tangible reality to customs and culture not readily obtained from books or even the internet. In addition to several new JASV memberships, the event has triggered requests for additional and follow on events from local museums and libraries. Stay tuned!

## Membership Reminder

Just a reminder, JASV dues are annually due in January of the year. If you haven't renewed yet, renew your membership soon. More information is available on our website at <http://jasv.org/>; click on "membership."

## Haiku and Tanka Corner

Michiko Oishi ([oishi@comcast.com](mailto:oishi@comcast.com)), a JASV member, has published a book of haiku (17 syllable) and tanka (31 syllable) poems, entitled Akasatana Akasakana (Red Fish Alphabet) and has given us permission to quote from this book for our news letter. The tanka on the first page creatively translates as "winter sky clinking cheeks silver plated." (Normally, the poems would be written with no spaces between the characters.)

## Notes about the Year of the Tiger

The upcoming year is the year of the Tiger (虎) Traditionally, the Asian lunar New Year would be celebrated on February 15, 2010, but modern practice allows us to begin the year a bit early. Recent years of the tiger were 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950, 1938, 1926, 1914.

People born in the Year of the Tiger are generally well liked because of their charming personalities. Often, failing at a given task or being unproductive in his personal or professional life can cause a Tiger to experience a deep depression. Criticism from loved ones can also generate this type of Tiger reaction.

Famous Tiger People: Agatha Christie, Crystal Gayle, Cybill Shepherd, Marilyn Monroe, Mary Queen of Scots, Norma Shearer, Penelope Cruz, Queen Elizabeth II, Rosie O'Donnell, and Tom Cruise.

## Resources:

The JASV Office has a collection of forms useful for Japanese citizens residing in the United States; these include

Zairyutodoke : 在留届

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Passport Application for 5 Year use : パスポート申請用紙 (5年用)

Passport Application for 10 year use : パスポート申請用紙 (10年用)

Consulate-General of Japan in Boston English language website at

<http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/> or

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**Board Meetings:** Second Wednesday of the month - 6:30 pm The JASV board meetings are in the JASV office at 29 Ethan Allen Avenue. Colchester. All are welcome.

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