

JASV Chiisai Shimbun Summer 2010

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This glimpse of rhubarb comes from the
Cornell University New York State
Horticulture Study Guide for Youth.
<http://j.mp/aR8zxy>

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旅立つ前の ドキド キコトコト

*rubaabuo miwakaratorite jyamuoniru
tabidatsumaeno dokidoki kotokoto*

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting

The JASV annual meeting will be held on Sunday, June 27th, from 12 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)

Report: Tottori Students visit Vermont

Japanese high school students from the Tottori prefecture (below Kyoto, on the Western side of Japan's main island) visited during the week of March 21st this year. The Tottori government has been working with Peter Lynch from Green across the Pacific, Harwood, and Mount Abraham High School to develop this opportunity to build a bridge between our two countries. The Japanese students paired with Harwood students to research Vermont's culture, history, and environmental designs that support sustainability. The final product from each pair is a concept design for a sustainable house suited to the Mad River Valley. The initial designs were displayed during a celebratory dinner at Harwood.

The team assembled a gallery of photographs is available at the GATP website at <http://j.mp/9pxDWW> and kept a blog at <http://gatp-tottori-vermont.blogspot.com/>.

Commemoratory Haiku

The GATP Tottori Vermont visit has been remembered in a haiku

17 Syllables

*Naka ni midori yama to uchi
kon'i me ga deru.*

Among green mountains and green houses,
new friendships emerge
like the Spring buds.

JASV Statewide

Larry Solt is leading the JASV in trying to connect to all of Vermont. What are the Japanese interests and connections in your neighborhood, be it town or county, or just across the river. Are there business connections? Arts and crafts interests? One of the interesting projects, growing out of our partnership with the Tottori Prefectural International Foundation is a touring exhibit - Mingei of Tottori, a folk art exhibit, will be hosted at several schools, libraries, and museums during the 2010-2011 school year. If you have suggestions or comments about how JASV can become more of a statewide institution, drop us a note to our office or to our email at info@jasv.org, and we'll see what we can do.

JASV is on Facebook.

JASV has a community page on Facebook. If you are reading this on the JASV website, just click on <http://j.mp/a4qSeN>. If you are reading offline, login to Facebook and search for JASV; the link to the JASV page is the one labeled "Non-profit Organization". Once there, just click "Like" and JASV update information will appear on your wall.

Matsuri Reminder

Next year, 2011, is a JASV Matsuri year. We are beginning to get things organized and are looking for suggestions, performers, and volunteers. Is there something in particular you would like to see at our next Matsuri? Is there a performer who we should get in contact with? Are you interested in helping in some way? Drop us a note at either our office or email info@jasv.org.

Haiku and Tanka Corner

The poem beneath the photograph on the first page is contributed by JASV member Michiko Oishi (oishi@comcast.com). She 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. This month's tanka is:

grab rhubarb
from the garden
kotokoto boil the jam
then hurry dokidoki
back to Japan.

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.

Email: If you would like to receive updates on the JASV calendar by email, you can join our Yahoo mailing list by sending email to info@jasv.org or signing up directly at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jasv/>

JASV Web Site (www.jasv.org) invites contributions, announcements, suggestions, comments, etc. Visit us and send email to info@jasv.org.