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Japan Earthquake

The Japan-America Society of Vermont sends our thoughts, sympathies and prayers to the people of Japan during this time of natural disaster. - Larry Solt, President, JASV.

The Consulate-General in Boston is asking for donations to be routed to the Japanese Red Cross. They in turn are asking that contributions from the States go through the American Red Cross, who will then send the money on to the Japan Red Cross.

Upcoming Events

Matsuri `11. A Festival of Japan, Sunday, March 27 at St. Michaels College

The Japan-America Society of Vermont (JASV) and St. Michael's College are presenting Matsuri '11, a Festival of Japan. on Sunday, March 27 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Ross Sports Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT.

Satellite parking with shuttle bus service will be available 12-5pm Fletcher Allen Health Care-Fanny Allen Campus, 790 College Parkway, Rt. 15 Colchester, VT.

Over two dozen booths and 50 tables will provide opportunities for festival attendees to get hands-on experience with Japanese arts and crafts. Visitors can try on a kimono, sample and discuss haiku and tanka poetry, learn to write their own name in katakana characters, fold a paper crane, and make torn-paper collage. Or they can dance away the afternoon at a "dance dance revolution" game booth highlighting Japanese pop culture. Local artisans will be hosting displays of bonsai plants, flower arrangements, pottery and other crafts. Several book stores and shops will be selling omiyage souvenirs. The Opening Ceremony will feature a performance by Burlington Taiko and opening remarks by The Consul-General of Japan in Boston Takeshi Hikihara, St. Michael's College Board of Trustees Member, Ms. Noriko Kameda of Boston and Larry Solt, President of JASV.

Film: When a woman ascends the stairs. March 19 at Savoy Theater, Montpelier

The Green Mountain Film Festival will feature this 1960 film by master Japanese director Mikio Naruse on Saturday, March 19, NOON at the Savoy Theater Downstairs in Montpelier. It will be introduced by film critic Phillip Lopate. For tickets and and more information about the film or the 14th Green Mountain Film Festival March 18 - 27., call 262-3456 or go to the web site: http://www.greenmountainfilmfestival.org

Workshop: Tottori Mingei - Torn Paper Collage and Origami Flowers, March 21 -24.

Hiroshi Oe-san will be offering torn paper collage and origami flowers workshops at UVM and Middlebury College as part of the Mingei of Tottori touring exhibition. The workshop at UVM will be held at the Fleming Museum on Monday, March 21. For more information Gerry Gatz (Asian Studies Outreach Program, Gerald.Gatz@uvm.edu) or Chris Fearon (Fleming Museum, Christina.Fearon@uvm.edu).

Oe-san will be offering similar workshops at Middlebury College on March 22, 23, and 24th. For more information about the Middblebury workshops, contact Steven Snyder, ssnyder@middlebury.edu.

Tottori Exchange Visit with GATP

This March, 13 students from Tottori Prefecture as well as 6 adults will be visiting Harwood and Mount Abraham Union High Schools for a program centered on Environmental Leadership. Their visit, which occurs during the week of the 21st, will culminate with their participation in Matsuri '11.

This April, Vermont students will travel to Tottori to continue the projects. The Vermont students will have opportunities to homestead with a Japanese high school student's family, learn about the nature and culture of Tottori prefecture, and visit Tokyo and Kyoto.

To learn about about this program and join in supporting it, students, families and friends at Harwood Union High School may contact Tedin Lange [lange (at) harwood.org]., and students at Mount Abraham Union High School may contact Bruce Babbitt [b.babbitt52 (at) comcast.net] or Gabe Hamilton [ghamilton (at) anesu.org]

Membership Reminder

If you haven't renewed yet, renew your membership soon. Remember that Matsuri '11 admission is free with JASV membership; you may also renew your membership there! More information is available on our website at http://jasv.org/ ; click on "membership."

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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