# JASV Chiisai Shimbun Summer 2013

A quarterly newsletter of the Japan America Society of Vermont, Japan-America Society of Vermont, 123 Ethan Allen Avenue, Suite 306, Colchester, VT. 05446.



# Annual Meeting and Potluck Picnic.

Sunday, June 23. Noon - 4 PM. Sandbar State Park

The JASV annual meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23rd, from 12 noon until 4 PM at the Sand Bar State Park in Milton (Rain date - June 30). The agenda for the meeting includes the election of officers, the election of board members, and picnic. Our picnic is a relaxing potluck affair - bring something to share and and is meet other folks in the society. 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. Bring a friend or neighbor! Pets are not permitted in the park.

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) [Google Maps: <a href="http://j.mp/aaZ4Qs">http://j.mp/aaZ4Qs</a>]

## Bakutersu Con One Day Event, Saturday, June 29. 10 am - 6 pm.

http://bakuretsucon.org/

Baku "Beta Test" is, a one day event on Saturday, June 29th, 2013 at the Hampton Inn. This event will run from 10-6 and will include fun activities such as video gaming, panels, game shows, video screenings, table top games and more.

#### **Montpelier Independence Day Celebration**

Wednesday, July 3. Montpelier <a href="http://www.montpelieralive.com/IndependenceDay">http://www.montpelieralive.com/IndependenceDay</a>

JASV members and friends are invited to participate in the Montpelier Independence Day Celebration and to especially join in the evening parade. Events are centered around the State House Lawn and run from 10 am to 11 PM. The parade runs from 6 pm to 7 pm - look for the JASV banner! - and fireworks begin at 9:30

### Japanese Language Coversaiton Course

July 2 through August 9, UVM <a href="http://www.uvm.edu/~summer/course-detail/?crn=60764">http://www.uvm.edu/~summer/course-detail/?crn=60764</a>

UVM is offering a new Japanese Daily-Communication language course this summer. The course runs on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from July 1 to August 9 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. If you are a senior citizen (65 years of age or above), there is no tuition charge. This is a great opportunity and challenge!!! If you are interested in the course or if you know someone who is interested in learning Japanese, please forward this email or Suzuki-sensei know.

# Report: Burlington and Essex Students visit Tottori Japan

http://tottori-vermontenvex.blogspot.com/

As part of the Green Across the Pacific Tottori-Vermont Youth Environmental Leadership Exchange, students from Burlington High School and Essex High School visited Japan, touring Kyoto, Hiroshima, and Tottori Prefecture. In Tottori, they were able to study with

Japanese students, visit museums and parks, and experience a weekend visit with home-stay host families. Photo albums of their journey are available on the GATP.org site, the GATP Facebook page, and the exchange's blog site. Links to all of these may be found the JASV site or the GATP site.

#### **Coming this Fall**

Tsukimi Moon Viewing Party (TBD)
Dorset Park, South Burlington, <a href="http://jasv.org">http://jasv.org</a>

Bakuretsucon (November 9 - 11)

Hampton Inn, Colchester. <a href="http://bakuretsucon.org/">http://bakuretsucon.org/</a>

Vermont International Festival (Friday Dec 6 to Sunday Dec 8 Tentative)
Champlain Valley Exposition Hall, <a href="http://www.vermontinternationalfestival.com/">http://www.vermontinternationalfestival.com/</a>