

JASV

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In Japan, this is cherry blossom season. Unfortunately it is still cold in Vermont. But we see some signs of spring. We just need patience!

Currently, we at the JASV are very busy preparing for Matsuri 2015, which will take place on Sunday, April 19, at Saint Michael's College from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

1. Upcoming Events

Matsuri 2015 on Sunday, April 19, at Saint Michael's College



THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF VERMONT
AND SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE PRESENT...



MATSURI '15

A JAPANESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL
OF ARTS, CRAFTS, MUSIC AND FOOD

FEATURING

One Day Consulate
Costume Contest
Taiko
Nihon Buyo
Koto
Martial Arts & Kyudo
Folk Art Exhibit
Japanese Dance
High School Dance
Bonsai Exhibit
Tohcha (Tea Tasting)
Food and Gift Sales



DEMONSTRATIONS

Ikebana (Flower Arrangement)
Calligraphy (Names in Japanese)
Kimono Try On
Origami
Gyotaku (Fish Rubbing)
Game of GO
Japanese Speech Contest
Mini-Japanese Class
Sencha (Green Tea)
Pokemon Game
Anime
Traditional Japanese Toy Play



Ross Sports Center
Saint Michael's College
Route 15
Colchester, Vermont

SUNDAY
APRIL 19, 2015
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

DONATIONS AT THE DOOR

General: \$10 Families: \$20
Seniors & Students: \$5
JASV Members, Children 5
and under: FREE
School Group & Advanced Sale
Discounts Available
(Credit Cards Accepted)

PRIZES

Prizes from various
vendors, and many
other great prizes
from JASV!!!!!!

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We are looking for volunteers. Please let Toshi Saitoh (Tsaitoh@AOL.com) if you can help.

Consul General Welcome Party

We will have a Consul General Welcome Party on the evening of 4/18 evening from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Halvorson's Upstreet Cafe on Church Street in Burlington. This is a great chance and an honor to meet the Consul General Himeno-san in person. Please join us! The food fee is \$20 each. Please let Toshi Saitoh (Tsaitohat AOL.com) know ASAP if you would like to attend.

One Day Japanese Consulate at Matsuri

The Japanese Consulate in Boston will be offering a "One day Consulate" on Sunday, April 19, from 11:00 AM until 2:30 PM. This visit provides a very helpful and convenient way for Japanese or Americans to conduct official business such as passport renewal, resident evidence, visa, etc, as well as chat with the Consul General. Forms are available from the JCGB's website at <http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/ja/CONSULAR/Ryojigyomu/Passport/passport.html> (short address: <http://j.mp/1hhYBNt>)

Participation in YMCA / Kid's Day on Saturday, 4/25

Like last year, JASV will participate in YMCA / Healthy Kid's Day event to gain recognition of JASV from the community. Last year, we presented Origami, Calligraphy (children's name written in Katakana) and Flying Carp Ornament, craft workshop.

Japanese Language Class for Children

Japanese language class for children will start on Sunday, May 3rd. Please visit our website (www.jasv.org) for details.

2. 2015 1st Quarter Major Events

New Year Party on Jan 11 at the JASV Office

Happy New Year! We all enjoyed delicious new year food and talked about Japanese culture.



Ikebana Lecture and Workshop at UVM on 2/8

UVM and JASV jointly held an Ikebana Lecture and Workshop on 2/8. UVM supported the flower expense. Thank you very much, Suzuki-sensei. Toshi Saitoh of JASV did the Ikebana lecture and a the workshop. The lecture covered Rikka, Shoka(Seika), Nageire and Moribana.

Zoe Nugent-san, UVM student and a JASV board member, arranged this event. Thank you very much, Zoe-san. Zoe-san also prepared many different Japanese deserts for the participants. Thank you very much!!!



Ikebana Lecture at South Burlington Community Library on 3/11

The South Burlington Community Library requested a presentation about Japanese Ikebana History. This is actually a follow up of my offer during the 4th quarter of 2014. 22 people enjoyed the presentation.



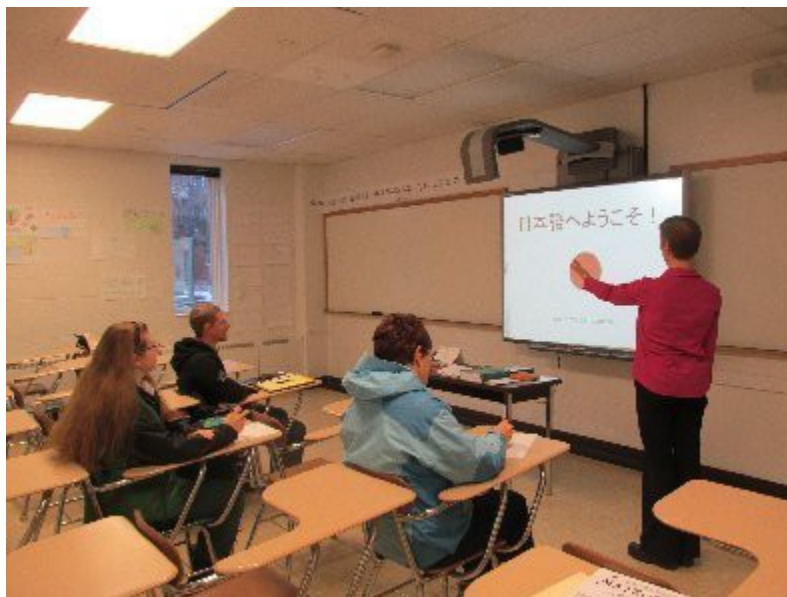
Grant Award from Japan Foundation, Center for Global Partnership

We at the JASV are very pleased to announce that we were awarded a grant from **the Japan Foundation, Center for Global Partnership** for the JASV's Community Outreach Optimization program expenses for the year 2015. The award e-mail was sent to Toshi Saitoh on 3/11.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation and implement our commitment as planned.

Japanese Language Class for Adults

The Japanese language adult class started from 3/17 with three students at Saint Michael's College. The teacher is Ms. Linda Sukop.



One Day Library at JASV Office

We open our office and library room on the first Sunday of each month. The library contains about 1,500 Japanese books. Please visit the library and enrich your life! This is run by Miki Bell-san and Masako Carter-san. We had a total of 23 people enjoy the library. (Jan: 6, Feb:12, Mar:5)



JASV Kid's Club

JASV opens its office one day a month for the use of children. They get together and have a good time exchanging friendship and learn Japanese culture. For details, please visit http://jasv.org/otasuke_club. For two months, January and February, a total of 23 children enjoyed. March was canceled.



We hope you enjoyed this photo-mini-Shinbun.