

JASV

Chiisai Shinbun Summer 2015

**A quarterly newsletter of the Japan-America Society of Vermont
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This newsletter is to let you know the JASV events accomplished during 2nd quarter (April, May and June). Since we release this at the end of the 2nd quarter, which is already summer, we call this “Chiisai Shinbun Summer”.

1. Matsuri 2015

On April 19th, we at the JASV presented our biggest event, “Matsuri 2015” at Saint Michael's College. JASV board members made a great effort for its preparation for 6 months. Thank you very much all the people who helped Matsuri. The Consulate General of Japan in Boston helped us in spite of their busy schedule and opened “One Day Consulate” for the Vermonters. Thank you very much. For this Matsuri, we had a special guest from the Japan Foundation Center for Global in New York, who partially funded the Matsuri expenses. Thank you very much!

We received participation from many artisans in Vermont, which made the Matsuri shined. Thank you very much!!

Plus we received many volunteers' help from SMC and UVM. Without their help, this Matsuri wouldn't have happened. Particularly, we would like to thank that UVM donated bus transportation support from UVM to SMC and from SMC to UVM during Matsuri. Thank you very much!

As the result of individual and organizational help, the Matsuri went very well. Following are photos of the Matsuri. (We are very sorry that those don't cover every participant's activity.)

<http://jasv.org/photos/index.php>

2. Participation in the YMCA Healthy Kid's Day on 4/25

On 4/25, JASV participated in the annual YMCA Healthy Kid's Day event. Like last year, we presented, Origami, Calligraphy and Koinobori(Kerf flying) craft making. This year, we added Gyotaku (fish rubbing.) 4 JASV board members and two non JASV members help these presentations. Thank you very much!







3. Potluck Picnic and Annual JASV Member Meeting on 6/28

Due to rain, this event was rescheduled for Sunday, 7/12. It will be reported in the 3rd quarter Chisai Shinbun newsletter.

4. Monthly One Day Library (April, May and June)

Miki-Bell-san and Masako Carter-san run this event at the first Sunday of each month. Total of 24 people enjoyed Japanese book library for three months.



5. Monthly JASV Kid's Club

This is to teach Japanese culture through making crafts social interactions . It usually open on 3rd Sunday every month. In April, 16 children enjoyed making Easter Holiday ornaments.

6. Loss of Our Friend

Sad news! Our friend, Kimiko Yumoto-san passed away. We lost a good friend and member of the Japanese community! Here is her life story in the Burlington Free Press newspaper!

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/burlingtonfreepress/obituary.aspx?n=kimiko-yumoto&pid=175005554>

We will pray for her family!