

Chiisai Shinbun Winter 2016-2Q

A quarterly newsletter of the Japan-America Society of Vermont
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This newsletter is to let you know about the JASV events accomplished during the 2nd quarter (April, May and June) of 2016.

1. One Day Japanese Consulate at the JASV Office (4/9)

One Day Japanese Consulate was held at the JASV office on Saturday, 4/9, by the Consulate General of Japan in Boston. Mr Yamamoto and his assistant of the Consulate General came from Boston and opened the One Day Japanese Consulate from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. 15 Vermonters came to have help from them. They saved long travel time to Boston. Thank you very much, Consulate General of Japan in Boston.

During the One Day Consulate, Miki-san from the JASV helped opening and closing the office for the Consulate. Thank you very much, Miki-san.

2. Participation in the YMCA Kid's Day Event (4/30)

The JASV participated in the YMCA Kid's Day Event on April 30 and offered Origami, Calligraphy (people's name on bookmarks), Fish Rubbing and Koinobori (flying carp) Hand Crafts. A total of 7 people (Lois, Miki-san, Masako-san, Barbara, Ikue-san, Aki-san and Toshi) helped at the JASV booth . Many children and their parents enjoyed the booth.



3. Release of On-Line JASV Membership Registration and Dues Payment System

Chiro Umezaki-san, JASV's Webmaster, completed the On-Line Membership Registration System and released it on our website. It is working very well and saved many manual work hours. All of his precious time for this work was donated to the JASV. Thank you very much, Chiro-san!!!

<http://jasv.org/v2/membership.php>

4. Cherry Tree Planting at the South Burlington City Park (Veteran's Park)

This event was planned last year, but it wasn't successful since we had a problem finding a good size Sargent cherry tree for sale around here. (South Burlington City allowed us to plant only Sargent cherry trees in its park.) This year, Miki-san found two Sargent trees. Steve, his friend Brendan and Toshi planted those two trees in the center of the park with the city's coordination.



We are planning to have a Hanami (Cherry Blossom Viewing) party next year. Please join us!!!

5. Trip Report to Japan at the Last Japanese Language Classes (5/16 and 5/18)

Toshi presented his Japan trip report at the last Japanese language classes, Level 1 and Level 2. He heard that some of the students showed more interest in visiting Japan than before. It was very nice to hear that.



(Level 1 Class on 5/16)

6. Presentation about Japanese Art at the Cathedral Square Senior Living in Burlington (6/3)

Toshi presented Japanese Art Overview at the Cathedral Square Senior Living in Burlington. They were very delighted with the presentation and requested another presentation about Ikebana (Japanese Style Flower Arrangement.) He accepted the request. He will do an Ikebana presentation on 7/15. They promised to attend our Matsuri on 3/26/2017.



7. Annual Potluck Picnic and Annual JASV Member Meeting at the Sand Bar State Park (6/25)

It was a beautiful day!!! Unfortunately, we didn't have as many people's attendance as we anticipated, but we all enjoyed the nice weather and delicious food. All the current officers and board members confirmed that they will run JASV for the next fiscal year continuously.



8. Participation in the July 3rd Independence Day Parade in Montpelier (7/3)

JASV participated in the July 3rd Independence Day Parade in Montpelier. Like last year, the weather was very beautiful. This year was special!!! 5 beautiful ladies wore beautiful Yukata and marched through the audience of 20,000 along the road. We noticed that a group of little girls clapped loudly by saying, "Wow, Kimon" Also, Ichigo (Steve's dog) grew up. He behaved very well and received great attention from the audience. Special thanks to Steve and Tony for bringing their family members and friends. Great job, everyone!!!





Monthly Events

1. One Day Library (First Sunday, Every Month)

We had a total of 29 people's attendance for three months.

4/3: 10 people, 5/1: 6 people, 6/5: 13 people

On 6/5, Miki-san held a knitting class at the same time. **From July, the One Day Library will move to the second Saturday of month from 10:00 am to 12:00 am together with Kid's day.** Masako-san will take care of both.

2. JASV's Kid's Day (Second Saturday, Every Month)

A total of 46 children and their parents participated in the One Day Kid's Day.

4/9: 11 people (made Kionobori crafts)

5/14: 17 people (Cherry blossom crafts)

6/11: 18 people (Tanabata ornament)

Masako-san leads this events. Thank you, Masako-san.

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