

# JASV Chiisai Shimbun – Summer 2007

A quarterly newsletter of the Japan America Society of Vermont  
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Join us at our annual meeting and pot-luck picnic on Sunday, June 24 (Sunday), at Sand Bar State Park in Milton. Photo courtesy Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

## **Annual Meeting:**

The JASV annual meeting will be held on Sunday, June 24th, from noon until 4 PM at the Sand Bar State Park in Milton. This is a potluck event; please bring something to share. The 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. Pets are not permitted.

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 proceed 4 miles north on U.S. 2

## **Matsuri 2007 Report:**

Matsuri 2007 was, despite the winter weather advisory, was among the most successful ever. The winners of the raffle prizes are

3rd - ipod was won by Yelli Lim of Essex Junction, (prize donated by Matthew Strauss of Subatomic Digital, Essex)

2nd place - matsuri stained glass was won by Brian Waters of Jeffersonville. (donated by Lawrence Ribbecke Architectural Stained Glass studio, Burlington)

1st place - round trip ticket to Japan was won by Savannah Zigic of Burlington. (by Continental Airlines and IACE Travel Boston)

The winner of the Hayagui Noodle Eating Contest was John Graves, St. Michaels College.

At the pre-Matsuri dinner, 49 people including five Consulate General members came and shared the good time. We enjoyed the opening with the Jazz duo by Larry Solt and Cory Beard. Stephanie Solt led Japanese sing along with JASV singers. It was a fun night and three hours past so quickly. Almost everybody commented they had such a good time at Halverson's Up street Cafe.

The Matsuri 2007 poster, and the Matsuri 2007 tee shirts (as well as the Language Class poster) were designed by Jme Wheeler. T-shirts will available for sale at the Annual Meeting.

### **Request for help - Missing Items.**

At the May 9th board meeting, we learned that two items on display at the Matsuri have disappeared, and the board is seeking assistance in locating them. A rough description of the items, both of which have primarily historical and sentimental value is:

(1) a gold colored book commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Japan Society of Los Angeles. The book is a coffee table sized book.

(2) a framed and glass covered poster from 1990 commemorating the ascension to the throne of Emperor Akihito.

Since we do not have specific catalog-type descriptions of the items, we were hoping that perhaps someone saw them as we were cleaning up after matsuri, may have

seen them packaged somewhere, has a photograph, or can add to the description of these item.

Please send any information that would help locate and retrieve the items to [info@jasv.org](mailto:info@jasv.org) or to the JASV mailing address.

### **Events this fall:**

**Language Classes**, Fall 2007. Watch our website or mailing list. (To join our mailing list, send email to [info@jasv.org](mailto:info@jasv.org))

**Tsukimi 2007**, Late September 2007. watch our website for the date of our annual moon viewing party

**Vermont International Film Festival**, October 11-14. Burlington, see <http://www.vtiff.org/>

**Bakuretsucon 2007**: December 9-11, The Green Mountain Anime Convention will be held at the Hampton Inn-Conference Center, Colchester. See <http://bakuretsucon.org/>

### **Resources:**

**JapaneseDesign.us**. JASV member Hermenze has opened a new website and blog featuring pictures and discussion about Japanese hand-dyeing, especially katazome (stencil dyeing), design, and about the crafts business in general. Visit the site at <http://www.japanesedesigns.us/> .

**JASV Web Site** ([www.jasv.org](http://www.jasv.org)) invites contributions, announcements, suggestions, comments, etc. Visit us and send email to [info@jasv.org](mailto:info@jasv.org).