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Hand painting Ushi-daruma for 2009 - the
Year of the Ox. Yomiuri Photos, November 22

Upcoming Events

Shin'nen Kai: January 11, 2009

Join us as we celebrate the Year of the Ox. JASV will be holding it's annual Shin'nen Kai New Years Pot Luck Party on Sunday, January 11th, from noon until 3 PM at the JASV offices at 29 Ethan Allen Ave on St. Michaels College's Fort Ethan Allen (802 655-4197). The party is a fun, relaxing time to chat with other members, catch up on the news, and share in the great food members and friends bring. Since this is a Matsuri year, we will also be looking for ideas and volunteers.

Looking forward to seeing you there as we welcome in the year of Ushi.

Matsuri 2009: Sunday, March 29, 2009

The Japan America Society of Vermont (JASV) and St. Michaels College are presenting Matsuri 2009, a Festival of Japan, on Sunday, March 29, 11 am until 5 pm at the Ross Sports Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, Vermont. If you would like to be an exhibitor, performer, or vendor, contact us at info@jasv.org or 802-655-4197.

News and Reports

Membership Reminder

Just a reminder, JASV dues are annually due in January of the year. If you haven't renewed yet, renew your membership soon. More information is available on our website at <http://jasv.org/> ; click on "membership."

Vermont Tottori Relations

The JASV, it's Sister Organization the Tottori International Exchange Foundation (TIEF) and several local partners are planning several interesting events focusing on craft exchanges for this summer.

Larry Reibbecke, a JASV Board member and Dan Eckstein of YesterMorrow and Taniguchi-san of Tottori Prefecture have been developing a traditional Japanese woodworking crafts course to be offered at the YesterMorrow School in Warren, Vermont, in early Summer 2009. Details of the course are being finalized and will be available soon.

Next year, 2009, is the 400 anniversary of Sir. Champlain's settlement in this region. As part of this celebration, Burlington City Arts (BCA) will host a Tottori Folk-Art show entitled Burlington's Cultural Diversity-Traditional Japanese Folk-Art from Tottori. The show is being organized by Ooeh-san of Tottori Prefecture, JASV Board Member Rieko Kida, Champlain College trustee and BCA board member Michael Metz. The Tottori show, to be housed in the fourth floor gallery will be a part of the Quadracentennial events during July 1-31, 2009.

Notes about the Year of the Ox

The Ox (牛) is one of the 12-year cycle of animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac related to the Chinese calendar. The Year of the Ox is denoted by the character 丑. Both characters are pronounced "ushi". Recent years of the ox were: 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997

Famous Oxen: Barack Obama, Bill Cosby, Billy Joel, Jane Fonda, Jack Nicholson, Walt Disney, Margaret Thatcher, Meg Ryan, Meryl Streep, Princess Diana.

Resources:

The JASV Office has a collection of forms useful for Japanese citizens residing in the United States; these include

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Passport Application for 5 Year use : パスポート申請用紙 (5年用)

Passport Application for 10 year use : パスポート申請用紙 (10年用)

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Board Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month - 6:30 pm The JASV board meetings are in the JASV office at 29 Ethan Allen Avenue. Colchester. All are welcome.

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