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

MATSURI '09

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



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

Sunday
March 29th, 2009
11am to 5pm

FEATURING:

The Burlington Taiko
Drummers (Small Ensemble)
Taiko Drum Workshops
Poet David Budbill
Shakuhachi & Haiku
Noodle Eating Contest
Martial Arts
Music & Dance
Food & Gift Sales

DEMONSTRATIONS

Tea Ceremony
Ikebana:
Flower Arrangement
Calligraphy:
Your Name in Japanese
Origami: Paper Folding
Kimono: Try On
Gyotaku: Fish Rubbing
The Game of Go
Japanese Carpentry

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Small version of the JASV Matsuri poster. A larger image is available at the JASV website (jasv.org).

Upcoming Events

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.

Over two dozen booths and 50 tables will provide opportunities for festival attendees to get hands-on experience with Japanese arts and crafts. Visitors can try on a kimono, participate in a tea ceremony, sample and discuss haiku and tanka poetry, learn to write their own name in katakana characters, fold a paper crane, and produce a "rubbed fish" painting. Or they can dance away the afternoon at a "dance revolution" game booth highlighting Japanese pop culture. Local artisans will be hosting displays of bonsai plants, flower arrangements, pottery and other crafts. Several book stores and shops will be selling omiyage souvenirs.

The Opening Ceremony will feature a performance by Burlington Taiko and opening remarks by The Consul-General of Japan in Boston Masaru Tsuji, St. Michael's College President John J. Neuhauser and Larry Solt, President of JASV.

The Matsuri Stage area features a broad assortment of entertainment, including several martial arts demonstrations, a noodle eating contest, dance, and koto music. Again this year will be a Gundam Performance by students from Essex High School as well as a special folk song performance. The off-stage show will include children's activities, such as story telling, origami, Japanese traditional games and toys, good for ages 5-10, and Dance Revolution for teens and college age.

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Matsuri Eve: Invitational Dinner with Consulate General of Japan in Boston, March 28, 2009

Consul General and Mrs. Masaru Tsuji and Vice-Consul Shinkichi Takahashi, Consulate General of Japan in Boston, have accepted our invitation to be our guests for dinner at 7 PM on Saturday, March 28th in the back room at Halverson's Upstreet Café, 16 Church Street, Burlington (tel: 802-658-0278) – the night before we celebrate Matsuri '09. This will be a "dutch treat affair" for \$20.00 (tax and gratuity included). Please confirm your attendance to me ASAP by email tonybeard@myfairpoint.net or telephone me at 1-800-691-1515 x 108.

Noteworthy

Mingei of Tottori 鳥取の民芸, Burlington Firehouse Gallery, July 1 to July 31, 2009.

An exhibition of Traditional and Contemporary Crafts of Tottori, Japan. The exhibit will feature Pottery, Paper, Kasuri, Wood work, Bamboo work, Toys. July 1st to 31st, 2009 at the Burlington City Arts, Firehouse Gallery Fourth Floor, 135 Church Street, Burlington, VT, 05401. Opening reception: July 1st 6-8 PM. Sponsored by Tottori Prefectural Government, co-sponsored by Champlain College and the Japan-America Society of Vermont.

Japanese Crafts Workshops, Yestermorrow School, Warren, July 12-19, 2009.

The Yestermorrow Design/Build School in Warren, Vermont, will be featuring two Japanese crafts workshops during the week of July 12th to 19th. The first, Japanese Shoji & Woodworking, will be led by Makoto Taniguchi of Tottori Prefecture (July 12-17, [[more info](#)]). Students in this workshop will create an "Andon," a delicate and beautiful wooden Japanese floor lamp containing many elements of traditional Japanese culture. The lamp shade will be made of "shoji" and "kumiko," the paper and latticework commonly used for sliding doors and screens in Japan. The second workshop, led by Hiroshi Ooeh, will feature Japanese Bamboo Art & Architecture (July 18-19, [[more info](#)]). Students in this workshop will have the opportunity to work with bamboo -- dividing, splitting and stripping stalks with hand tools, before weaving them into a traditional basket for flower arrangements. More information and registration instructions are available at the Yestermorrow website, <http://yestermorrow.org/>.

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."

JASV Web Site (www.jasv.org) invites contributions, announcements, suggestions, comments, etc. Visit us and send email to info@jasv.org.

