

JASV

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Calendar

Bonenkai: Sunday, December 16, noon - 4 pm

JASV Office, Colchester

This year, the moon did not cooperate with our Tsukimi party, nor did Halloween. In the meantime, the JASV has added a few more activities that take place in the JASV office space - an Otasuke Club, a monthly "One Day Library" which helps circulate some of the many books in our library, and an occasional Japanese-language play group. To better organize the office spaces provided by St. Michaels College, we're scheduling a combination end-of-year bonenkai and office cleaning party. Bring snacks, and join in the fun.

Shin'nenkai (January 13, noon - 4)

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The JASV will have a Shin'nenkai New Years Pot Luck Party on Sunday, January 13 from noon until 4 PM in the Society's office at Fort Ethan Allen. Bring a snack or plate to share; JASV will provide soft drinks.

Language Classes (for 10 weeks, beginning in February)

St. Michaels College, Colchester

The Japan-America Society of Vermont (JASV) is again offering Japanese language lessons. Enrollment permitting, two classes will be offered - Beginning Japanese Level 1 and Beginning Japanese Level 2. Classes will begin in February and continue for 10 sessions. The fee for each course is \$195, which includes textbooks. More information will be available in January. For details about the classes, including syllabus and registration, contact the JASV at info@jasv.org.

Matsuri 2013. Sunday, April 7 2013, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

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, sample and discuss haiku and tanka poetry, learn to write their own name in katakana characters, fold a paper crane, and make torn-paper collage. Local artisans will be hosting displays of bonsai plants, flower arrangements, pottery and other crafts. Several book stores and shops will be selling souvenirs.

Tottori-Vermont Exchanges

In October, fifteen Tottori high school students visited Mt. Abraham High School (Bristol, Vermont) and Burlington High School as part of the Youth Environmental Exchange. Students participated in a variety of field trips and collaborative projects including visits to Champlain Orchards, Milborne Farm, Middlebury College, and projects and presentations featuring themes such as localvorkism. A photo album is available on the JASV page in Facebook (<http://facebook.com/jasv.org/>).

On November 6th through 9th, five business office staffs from Tottori Univ. School of Medicine visited UVM College of Medicine and Fletcher Allen. The visitors also enjoyed a field trip to the state house in Montpelier, the Morse Farm, Ben and Jerry's and the Trap Family Lodge. A return group of students from UVM Medical visits several facilities in Japan including Tottori University School of Medicine from December 1 through December 16.

GATP Youth Exchange program is planning to send Vermont student group from Mt. Abe HS and Burlington HS in late April, 2013. For additional information about the exchange, contact <http://gatp.org/>