

# JASV

## Chiisai Shinbun Fall (3Q) 2015

**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 3rd quarter (July, August, September). Since we release this at the end of the 3rd quarter, which is already fall, we call this "Chiisai Shinbun Fall".

### **1. Participation in America Independence Day Parade in Montpelier (7/3)**

It was a beautiful day. 12 people marched with our big banner! We passed by probably 15 thousand people (usually this number or more). We said "Happy Birthday, America" in English and Japanese. Many people responded by applauding us. The crowds were so enthusiastic. When we bowed, some responded by bowing. We felt that we were in a big stadium interacting with each other. We felt the power of the crowd.



### **2. JASV Picnic and Annual JASV Member Meeting at Sand Bar (7/12)**

JASV had its annual potluck picnic and JASV member meeting at the Sand Bar State Park on 7/12, which was rescheduled from 6/28 due to rain. It was a beautiful day, and we all enjoyed delicious food and stimulating conversation. After the potluck lunch, we had a short JASV member meeting. The officers who were nominated at the previous board meeting were approved by all attendees. All the officers for the last fiscal year will continue to run this fiscal year. Thank you very much for your support!



### **3. Ikebana Demonstration at VPAL Fund Raising Party (7/19)**

Our friend organization, VPAL, has a nice studio in Burlington, which is very enviable. They called for a fund raising activity (dinner party) participation from each of organizations who participate in the Vermont International Festival. JASV decided to participate in it and to do it as part of our community outreach. About 100 people came for the dinner party. Our presentation was well appreciated. Our goal was accomplished.





#### 4. Participation in South Burlington Farmers Market (9/6)

JASV participated in the South Burlington farmers market for the first time as part of our community outreach program. We presented Origami, Calligraphy (people's names on bookmarks), Gytaku (fish rubbing), Craft (Flying Carp). Children loved our booth. In fact our booth became the children's favorite place. At the end of the day, the farmers market coordinator wanted us to come back again. So, we signed up again to do it in two weeks after the board agreement.



#### 5. The Second Participation in South Burlington Farmers Market (9/20)

Based upon the request, we did the second presentation. This time we presented the most popular item, origami, and experimented to see whether fund raising is possible. Susan brought slices of pumpkin cakes and green tea milk. She sold \$13 worth of her goods, most of it to the people who worked in our booth. She will donate it to JASV, but the experiment didn't go well.

The next day, Toshi received the following e-mail from the coordinator.

Hi Toshi,

It was wonderful having you all this Sunday! I was looking over your application and it looks like you are not attending any more markets. Is this correct? Please let me know, because we would love to have you all again (you are a big hit with the kids)!

Best,

Jamie Van Clief

Manager

S. Burlington Farmers Market 155 Dorset St.

## **6. Tsukimi at Clubhouse near Dorset Park in South Burlington**

9/27, Sunday, was a beautiful day. We had a gorgeous full moon, plus we could see a beautiful eclipse.

We enjoyed delicious food everyone brought.



We included a farewell party for Furukawa-sensei who was leaving as a JASV board member after 30 years of contribution to JASV. We presented her with a plaque and a vase. She explained about the time JASV started and her involvement.





Then we observed the gorgeous full moon outside the clubhouse!!!



The moon entered the earth's shadow after the meeting was over, and she came out from the shadow!!!



## **7. One Day Japanese Book Library**

We received 27 people's visits during the third quarter, and enjoyed the books about Japanese culture. The library includes video (DVDs) and music (CDs). Please come and enjoy the library!!!

## 7. Up Coming Events (4Q)

Following are the events planned for the fourth quarter of this year.

- Japanese Language Class (Adults)  
Level 1 started from 10/07 as scheduled.  
Level 2 started from 10/06 as scheduled.
- Japanese Language Class (Children)  
Level 1 ( Hiragana / Katakana ), currently under advertisement
- Zoe Nugent's Presentation about her Three Month Trip to Japan, at SMC (10/17)
- Ikebana Demonstration by Oishi-sensei at Champlain College (11/18 or 11/20)
- Origami Workshop at Colchester Community Library 10/16)
- Origami Pottery Workshop at UVM and Shelburne Craft School (Nov)
- Open Office with College students and/or JASV Kid's Club (TBD)
- Participation in The Japanese Language Student's Tea Party at UVM (12/4)
- Participation in the 3 Day Vermont International Festival (12/4, 5, 6)