

JASV

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This newsletter is to let you know about the JASV events accomplished during the 4th quarter (October, November and December). Before describing the 4th quarter events, we would like to inform you that this 2015 year ended successfully. We planned many events this year and we accomplished almost all of them. Thank you very much for your help and support!!!

1. 10 Week Japanese Language Classes for Adults Start(10/6 and 7)

This semester, we were very pleased to be able to start two classes,

- Level 1 from 10/07 with 7 students
- Level 2 from 10/06 with 3 students

Both classes were taught by Ms. Linda Sukop.



2. Origami Workshop at Burnham (Colchester) Community Library (10/16)

Three people in JASV participated and taught how to make an Origami Halloween hat. The participants and their parents enjoyed very much. They requested such an event more often, and we promised to do one more time on Nov. 13. This was coordinated by Miki Bell-san.



3. Zoe Nugent-san's Homestay and Travel Experience and Feedback at Saint Michael's College (10/17)

Zoe-san presented a wonderful report of her trip to Japan using many photos. She had visited Japan for three months during summer break through the WWWO (World Wide Work Opportunity on Organic Farm) organization. Although she had to work 6 days a week, 6 hours a day, she enjoyed her visit very much!

We learned about lives that are different in Japan from what you see and learn from sightseeing. Her experiences are very valuable in helping us to understand the real Japan. All attendees appreciated her efforts!!!



4. 6 Week Japanese Language Class for Children Started (10/24)

We advertised in 7 Days newspaper. We also advertised by putting posters at Burnham Community Library and South Burlington Community Library. We received two applications, one from Burnham Community Library and one from South Burlington Community Library - a 12 year old boy and a 14 year old girl. This was an experiment because the class was taught by an active UVM student as an internship. We started at our office, but moved to UVM for the second class, where they had a projector. The two students were very happy to study Japanese with a UVM student, Zoe-san. We were pleased to hear that she was a very good teacher!!!



5. Origami Pottery Workshop at Pottery Studio in UVM, LL Center (11/7)

JASV offered two Origami Pottery workshops. Origami is for all ages. Some are simple and some are complex.

Place: UVM, Living & Learning Center, Pottery Studio

Date : 11/7, Saturday

Instructor: Toshi Saitoh, Zoe Nugent

1:00 – 3:00 pm: Japanese Language Class students + Japan House students

3:00 – 5:00 pm: Pottery Co-op students + Others

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6. The Second Origami Workshop at Burnham, Colchester Community Library (11/13)

JASV offered the second Origami workshop for children on Friday, 11/13, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm, since we received a good response from the first one on 10/16.



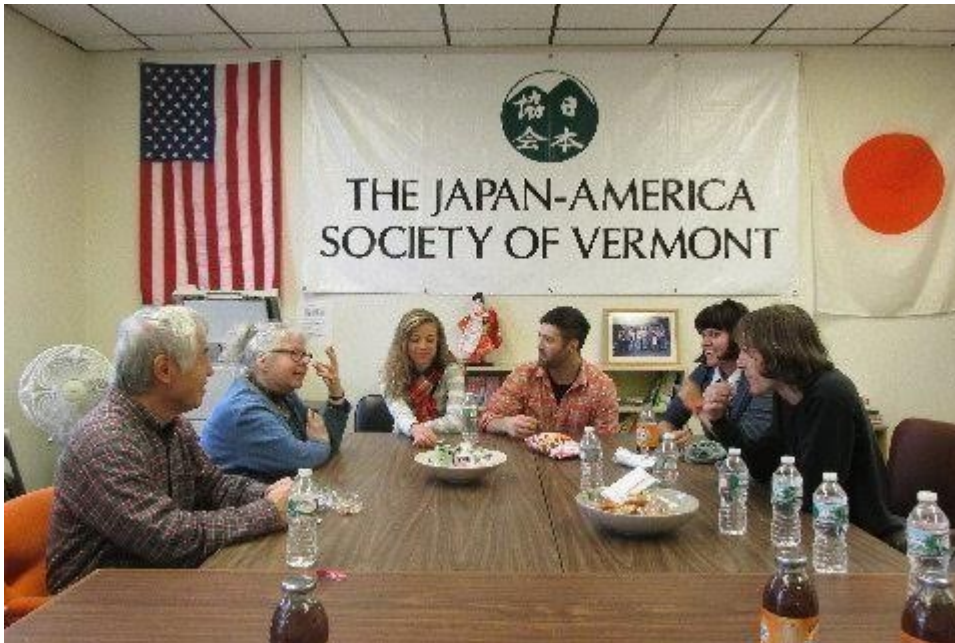
**7. Open Office for Children (morning) and Open Office for College Students (afternoon)
(11/14)**

JASV offered Open Office on Saturday, 11/14,

10:00 – 12:00 am : JASV Kid's Club
A total of 15 children and their parents enjoyed making Thanksgiving ornaments. This event was coordinated by Masko Carter-san.



1:00 – 4:00 pm : College Students
Seven people participated. This was a lower number than we had expected and hoped for.



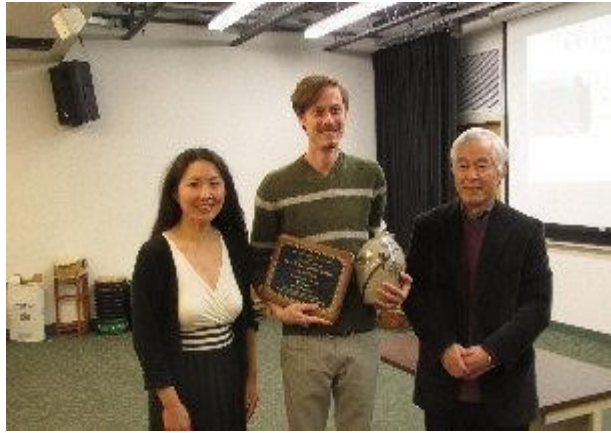
8. Ikebana Demonstration at Champlain College

JASV participated in the Champlain College's International Week events and offer an Ikebana Demonstration (Japanese style flower arrangement) on Wednesday, 11/18, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Champlain College, Aiken Hall, Morgan Room. The presenter was Michiko Oishi-sensei from Champlain College. It was successful. A total of 13 people participated.



9. Participation in the Japanese Language students' Tea Party at UVM

JASV participated in the annual tea party for the Japanese language class students in UVM, which was held on Friday, 12/4, from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Toshi Saitoh appreciates UVM students' great help for many JASV's events throughout this year and gave plaques and vases to the winners of the Japanese Speech contest.



10. Participation in the 3-Day Vermont International Festival (12/4, 5 and 6)

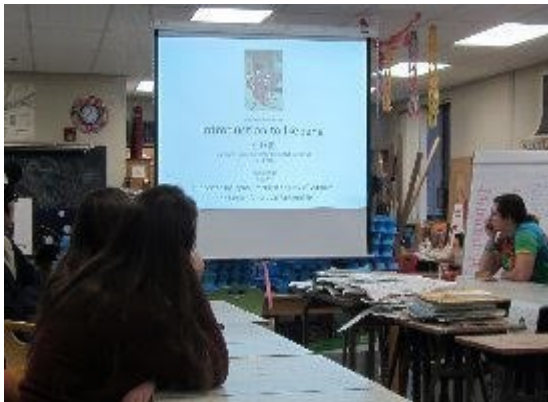
JASV participated in the annual Vermont International Festival, arranged by VPAL for three days from Dec 4. We offered Origami, Calligraphy, Pokemon games, Gytaku (fish rubbing) and book sale. Susan Saitoh was interviewed by the Public Access TV. A total of 41 people helped this event.





11. Ikebana Workshop at Montpelier High School (12/18)

Oishi-sensei offered Ikebana Workshop at Montpelier High School. The students sincerely appreciated her such the workshop.



12. Monthly One Day Library

We had 17 people's visits in October and 12 in November. December was closed due to conflicts with the Vermont International Festival.



13. Monthly JASV Kid's Day

We had 16 children' and parents' participants in October and 15 in November. We combined two events (Kid's Day and Open Office for Kids) in one day for November.