

# Chiisai Shinbun Fall 2016-3Q

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 the 3rd quarter (July, August, September) of 2016.

## **1. Participation in the July 3rd Independence Day Parade in Montpelier (7/3)**

The participation was reported in the 2Q Chiisai Shinbun news letter. Please look at it. Those who haven't participated in it yet, please join us next year. It was a wonderful experience.



## **2. Ikebana (Japanese Style Flower Arrangement) Workshop at the Cathedral Square Senior Living in Burlington (7/15)**

Toshi was requested to do an Ikebana Workshop at the Cathedral Square Senior Living in Burlington on 7/15 and he accepted. They enjoyed it very much!!! They promised to come to our Matsuri.



## **3. Presentation about Japanese Pottery at VPAL Fund Raising Party (7/19)**

Our friend organization, VPAL, has a nice studio in Burlington, which is very enviable. Since last year, they called for an annual fund raising activity (dinner party) participation from each of organizations who participates in the Vermont International Festival in early December. Toshi participated in it and presented a lecture about Japanese pottery as part of our community outreach. About 100 people came for the dinner party. His presentation was well appreciated. Our goal was accomplished.



#### **4. Trip Report at the UVM Japanese Language Summer Class (8/08)**

Toshi was offered a great opportunity by Suzuki-sensei, the UVM Japanese class teacher, to give a presentation about his most recent visit to Japan for her summer class. The students highly appreciate it since the presentation related to the modern Japanese lives (transportation technology, culture, tradition, clean water, etc.) and the Japanese language they learned.



#### **5. Annual Tsukimi (Moon Viewing) Potluck Party at A Clubhouse in South Burlington (9/17)**

Unfortunately, 9/17 was cloudy. We couldn't see the moon. 11 people participated and enjoyed delicious food everyone brought. We also enjoyed a slide show of Toshi and Susan's visit to Japan last April, Cherry Blossom season.



The recent projector donation from Chiro-san and his wife Melinda made this presentation possible. Thank you, Chiro-san and Melinda.



## 6. Japanese Language Class for Children Started from 8/17

Two classes, Level 1 and Level 2, started every Sunday for 7 weeks, from 9/18. The teacher is Ms. Maki Farnham.

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- Level-2 (9:30 -- 10:30 am) : 6 students signed up
  - Level-1 (10:45 -- 11:45 am): 7 students signed up
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This was all coordinated by Masako Carter-san. Thank you very much, Masako-san!



Level-1



Level-2

Adult class will start from 10/05.

## 7. Volunteer Request for the Participation in the 3-Day Vermont International Festival (12/2, 3 and 4)

JASV will participate in the annual Vermont International Festival, arranged by VPAL for three days from Dec 2. We will offer Origami, Calligraphy, Pokemon games, Gytaku (fish rubbing) with a total of 4 tables. Each table requires two volunteers constantly. Following is the schedule,

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| Dec 2 (Friday)   | 9 am -- 12 am, 12 pm -- 3 pm, 5 pm -- 9 pm |
| Dec 3 (Saturday) | 10 am -- 2 pm, 2 pm -- 6 pm                |
| Dec 4 (Sunday)   | 10 am -- 2 pm, 2 pm -- 5 pm                |

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We need 56 volunteers. Please e-mail to [info@jasv.org](mailto:info@jasv.org) if you can help us. Volunteers will have free entry to the Festival. Thank you in advance.

Following is a photo taken last year.



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