

Chiisai Shinbun Spring, 2018-2Q

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 2nd quarter (April, May and June) of 2018.

1. Community Outreach at Colchester, Recreation Department (4/12) (Ikebana Lecture and Workshop) (4/12)

This is one of our community outreach events. According to the Colchester Recreation Department's request, Toshi Saitoh presented a Theory of Ikebana (Japanese style flower arrangement) theory and a workshop at,

Bayside Activity Center, 2 West Lakeshore Drive, Colchester

on Tuesday, 4/12, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. There were only 5 attendees, but they all enjoyed this event.



2. Participation in Haru-Matsuri at Middlebury College (Lecture: History of Japanese Pottery (4/14))

Toshi Saitoh presented a lecture about the history of Japanese pottery at the Haru Matsuri of Middlebury College, which took place on Saturday, 4/14 at Atwater Dining Hall of Middlebury College from 12:15 to 1:00 pm. 7 people attended. All of them enjoyed the presentation.



3. Children's Japanese Class Started on 4/15

Two classes, Level-1 and Level-2, started every Sunday from 4/15 at the JASV office until 5/27 as we planned, Level-1(9:30--10:30 am) and Level-2 (10:45--11:45 am.) Seven students enrolled for Level-1 and 4 for Level-2. The teacher is Ms. Maki Farnham. The classes were arranged by Masako Carter.



Level-1



Level-2

4. Ikebana Lecture at UVM (4/17)

On Tuesday, 4/17, from 5:30 pm, Toshi Saitoh presented an Ikebana history to the UVM Horticulture Club per their request. 9 people attended and enjoyed it very much. They learned 4 styles, Rikka, Shoka, Nageire and Moribana.



5. YMCA Kids' Day Participation (4/21)

JASV participated in the YMCA Healthy Kids' Day event which took place on Saturday, 4/21, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Masako Carter, Ryan Layman, Zoe Nugent, Susan Saitoh and Toshi Saitoh presented Origami, Calligraphy, Koinobori crafts and Fish Rubbing. This year, we had a parking place offered by the YMCA, which was very helpful to us.



6. Cherry Tree planting at Veteran's Memorial Park in South Burlington (5/12)

This is the third year of the cherry tree planting event at the South Burlington Veterans' Memorial Park on 5/12. Thank you, Damien Garland, Brenden Green and Steve Reilly, very much for purchasing, delivering and planting two beautiful Kwanzan cherry trees. It was a beautiful day and we smelled the blossoms. We will be able to have a Hanami event in a few years.



7. Year of Dog Party at Veterans' Memorial Park in South Burlington (5/19)

We had the Year of the Dog party at the South Burlington Veterans' Park on Saturday, 5/19 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. In the afternoon very fine rain started, but it didn't affect the event since we rented a pavilion. We had this event according to a suggestion made by a person through our Facebook, who sounded like he or she had a Japanese breed dog. Unfortunately, we didn't have the person's participation. Two dogs, Oreo (Matt Carter) and Matsu (Damien Garland), participated.



8. JASV's Summer Picnic and All Member Meeting (6/30)

It was a beautiful day. In fact, it was too hot. The number of attendees were much less than last year's. Although, we had Joan and Tony Beard's attendance, (former president), participated from Waterbelly Center - long drive. Attendees enjoyed the beautiful beach near by, food they brought and conversations.



Monthly Events

1. Kid's Club (2nd Saturday of the Month)

The club is run by Masako Carter-san every 2nd Saturday of the month.

- **April:** A total of 10 children and parents participated and made Koinobori crafts.
- **May:** A total of 9 children and their parents participated and enjoyed making Mother's Day 3D cards.
- **June:** A total of 10 children and parents participated and made Father's Day crafts.



2. One Day Library (2nd Saturday of the Month)

This event is being held during the Kid's Club every 2nd Saturday of the month.

- **April:** 3 Kid's Club members used the library.
- **May:** 3 Kid's Club members used the library.
- **June:** One Kid's Club member and one non-member used the library.



3. Manga Club (1st Saturday of the month)

We have a Manga Club event at the JASV office every Saturday of the month. The teacher is Ms. Lydia Nguyen. We have 7 people's registrations, but the recent number of attendances is small. Please join us. It is fun!!!

- **April:** 7 students participated
- **May:** Canceled
- **June:** One participated.



Enjoy a wonderful summer!!!

Thank you.
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