

Chiisai Shinbun 2019-3Q

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 and September) of 2019.

1. July 3rd Parade Participation in Montpelier (7/3)

Thank you very much for your participation in the July 3rd Parade in Montpelier. Although we hoped for a few more participants, we think that we still had enough attention from the audience on the streets. We were so pleased to hear that about 10 year old girls said to us, "Our cousin is a Japanese!" We congratulated America saying, "Happy birthday, America." Many people responded to us, saying, "Thank you!" Probably Toshi shook hands with more than 50 people. Like last year, the smallest participant Miles joined us with his parents Iris and Cory and grand parents Joan and Tony. Thank you very much all the participants!!!

Toshi took pictures for our records. Following are the top 2 best ones.



2. An Arson Fire Attack on KyoAni in Kyoto (7/17)

As you all may know, on 7/17, sad news was broadcast. Kyoto Animation (KyoAni) company had an arson fire attack and 33 people were killed. More information in the following website and others,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kyoto_Animation_arson_attack

Our Manga teacher, Lydia, is quite familiar with this company, which is a world leader in the Manga field. She particularly feels so sorry for the loss of young girl Manga artists.

After a few months of discussion with Manga Club members, the JASV decided to collect donations in order to make it easier for the people to donate through our on-line set up on our website and Facebook. Currently Facebook and website masters are working on this.

Meantime, if you would like to send a donation yourself, following is the information for you.

<http://www.kyotoanimation.co.jp/information/?id=3075>

Lydia also suggests that an indirect support purchasing KyoAmi products would be nice. Here is a list of all the works that KyoAni has made so far, most of which can easily be found online, and some of which can also be found at stores that sell DVDs and blu-RAYS of any sort:

<https://www.kyotoanimation.co.jp/en/works/>

Thank you for your generous support.

3. JASV Office Move Out Request By the End of This Year

As we reported in the previous Chiisai Shinbun News Letter, we received a request from Saint Michael's College to move out from Dupont Hall building where our office has been located for many years. The due day is the end of this year. Since then, we have worked with a suggested broker, Yves Bradley, but we don't have any progress yet.

4. Kimono (Uchikake) Donation (8/22)

Aug 22th, Peter & Brenda Bankart in Williston contacted the JASV and donated their Kimono collection to us. Following are pictures of Uchikake donated to us. We will be able to add one booth, "Uchikae Display" at the next Matsuri. They are beautiful.



5. Moon Viewing Potluck Party (9/14)

We had a Moon Viewing Potluck party at a Club House in South Burlington on Saturday, 9/14 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We had a Talent Sharing event with the following schedule,

4:00 pm:

- Mike Brown: Kamishibai (Momo Taro)
- Mioka Benjamin: Songs
- Tara Ditch: Okinawa Shamisen

5:00 pm --- 6:00 pm:

- Enjoy food people brought.

6:00 pm ---- 6:30 pm

- Lucia Struzinski: Manga (Cartoon) Drawing

6:30 pm ---- 7:15 pm

- Toshi Saitoh: Japanese Pottery Presentation

7:15 pm ---- 8:00 pm

- Moon Viewing + Culture Market

26 attendees enjoyed the talent sharing and the delicious food they brought. Thank you very much for your attendance! Special thanks to Mike, who not only made a Momotaro Kamishibai presentation, but also arranged a microphone and a computer for the singer Mioka-san and others. Mioka-san's singing, Tara-san's Shamisen music and Lucia's Manga drawing were wonderful. They all have a great talent from young. Precisely speaking, those three families are not JASV members, but they always have been helping JASV events. They are wonderful families. Toshi presented a JASV commendation and a small pottery present to each young star. Following are the pictures.





6. Monthly Events

6-1. Kid's Club

7/13: Canceled

8/10: A total of 14 children and parents participated and made Fish crafts.

9/14: Two children and their mother participated and made Moon Viewing crafts.

6-2. One Day Japanese Library

7/13: Canceled

8/10: Two people used the Library

9/14: No visitors.

6-7. Manga Club

7/20: 7 people attended. (highest number we have ever had)

8/3: 2 people attended.

9/7: 4 people attended.



Manga Club (7/20)



Manga Club (9/7)

**Thank You
JASV**