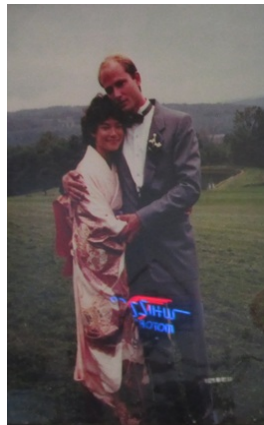


Chiisai Shinbun 2025-3Q

This is a quarterly newsletter of the **Japan-America Society of Vermont** describing what we have accomplished during **the 3rd quarter of the year of 2025** (July, August and September) and a forecast of our activities in the near future.

1. Kimono / Uchikake Donation

On 27th June, JASV received a beautiful Kimono donation including Uchikake, which was worn by **Jacque Louise Blair** on 8/16/1986 in Marriage to Robert Seibert. Her mother's maiden name was Yoshi Ashida, who was born on 1/2/1934, Fukuoka, Japan. The Kimonos are from her family.



2. Participation in the July 3rd Independence Parade in Montpelier

We planned to participate in it, but we didn't have enough volunteers this year. So, we canceled our participation this year. We heard that the

parade was canceled during the parade because of sudden storm weather.

3. Japanese Language Class

The instructor Ms Linda Sukop informed us that the Japanese Language Class will start from 10/14 and end at 12/16 this semester. All the detailed information is on our Website,

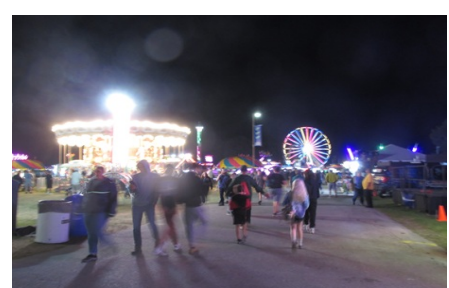
<http://www.jasv.org/language/index.html>

We hope many people will take the class.

4. Participation in Champlain Valley Fair

4-1. Annual Champlain Valley Fair

Champlain Valley Fair takes place at the Expo Land in Essex for ten days every year. This year it was held from 8/21 to 8/31. Over one hundred thousand people get together and enjoy the entertainments for ten days.



4-2. JASV's Participation

JASV participated in it for the first time. The location was inside of Vermont State Building. We presented Origami, Calligraphy, Gyotaku,

Uchikake Display and Ikebana. The Fair took place until 10:00 pm everyday. They appreciated our participation and offered the participants to enjoy the festival also. So, we did two hour presentation twice a day and could enjoy the festival for the rest of time of the day.

			Event Item	Presenters
Aug	22	Fri	Kimono Display	Toshi Saitoh
	23	Sat	Origami Workshop	Kumi Fukuyama, Miyuki Fukuyama
	24	Sun	Calligraphy Workshop	Kumi Fukuyama, Miyuki Fukuyama
	25	Mon	Ikebana Display	Toshi Saitoh
	26	Tue	Ikebana Display	Toshi Saitoh
	27	Wed	Calligraphy	Bob Robbins
	28	Thu	Ikebana Display	Toshi Saitoh
	29	Fri	Ikebana Display	Toshi Saitoh
	30	Sat	Origami Workshop	Kelly Underwood
	31	Sun	Gyotaku Workshop	Toshi Saitoh

Size of audience at our booth wasn't big. Toshi has discussed on this with the event coordinators. The location didn't match with others. Our presentation are Art and Craft related, where as the building was focused on engineering. We agreed to move a different building for the next year.



4-3 JASV's Presentation

Thanks to Kumi-san, Miyuki-san, Bob, Kelly and Toshi very much!!! Following are snap shots. Toshi tried Pachinko Machine Display and Event, but it didn't work. It is probably because we kept such a delicate machine in our storage where there is no humidity and temperature control. We need to improve this.



(Kimono Display)



(Calligraphy Workshop by Kumi-san and Miyuki-san)



(4 Days / Ikebana Display by Tosh)



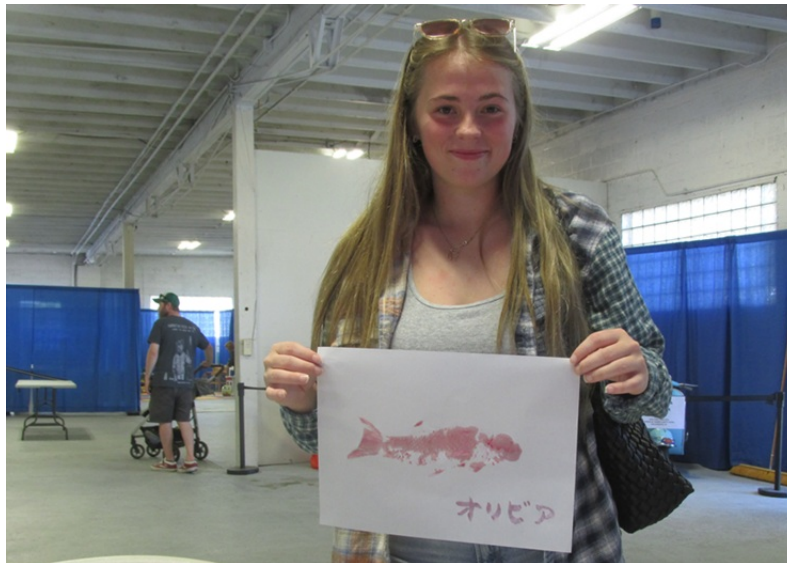
(Calligraphy Workshop by Bob)



(Origami Workshop by Kelly)



(Toshi did Origami and Gyotaku Workshop at the same table)



(Olibia is a real artist!!!)

4-4. Next Year

We are going to move to a different building, Expo North, next year, where we have similar presentations.



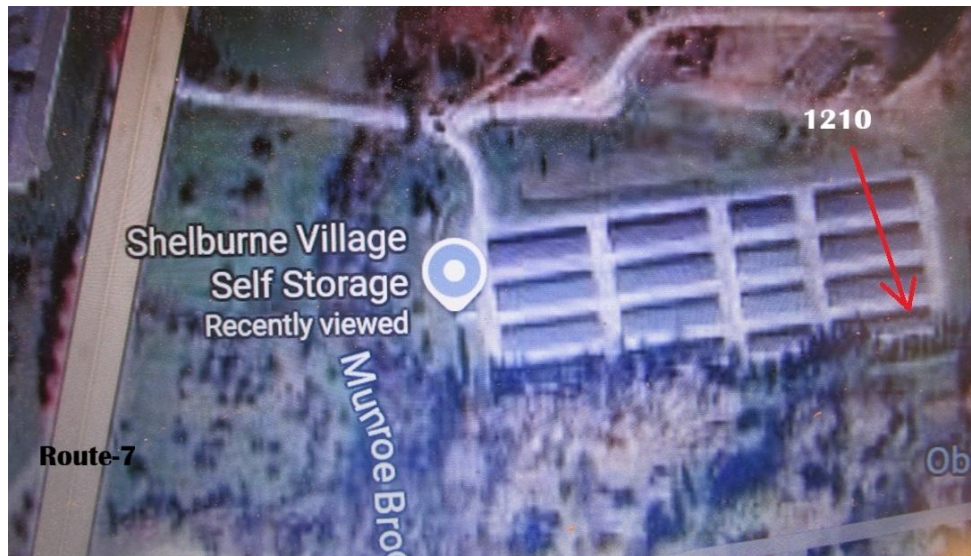
5. Next Event

JASV created a wonderful Library at our office for the people who were interested in Japanese Culture and Language plus for those who miss Japan since living in the US for many years while our office was located in Saint Michael's College (SMC). Unfortunately we couldn't find a place for the library after we moved out from SMC and all the books were

now sleeping in a rented Self-Storage. JASV decided to give/donate all the books to individuals who are interested in those books in front of the rented Self-Storage in Shelburne, on **Oct 4, 11 and 18 from 1:00 -- 4:00 pm**. Please come and pick up some books for you. (Please note that there is no toilet available there.)

Address: Shelburne Village Self-Storage,

3933 Shelburne Road, Shelburne, VT 05482



Best Regards

JASV