Chiisai Shinbun 2026-2Q

This is a quarterly newsletter of the **Japan-America Society of Vermont** describing what we have accomplished during **the 2nd quarter of the year of 2026** (April, May and June) and a forecast of our activities in the near future.

1. Happy Spring

JASV's cherry trees are growing at the Veteran Memorial Park in South Burlington. Although, we had many cold and rainy days and flowers and leaves came out almost together. We are planning to have a new Spring Event under those tree some day in the future.

(Planted in 2017)

(Growing well in 2026)

2. Spring Potluck Party

We had a Spring Potluck Party on Saturday May 9th 2026 at the Clubhouse in South Burlington. Weather was great and we had again fun together.

2-1. Igo (Game of Go) with Mr. Jack Cary of Vermont Go Club.

We once again received Igo hands on training from Mr. Jack Cary of Vermont Go Club. More people than last training participated in it.

Thank you very much, Jack!!!

2-2. Enjoyment with Pachinko Machine

Pachinko Parlors are limited for only people above 18 years old to go in in Japan. It is very popular there and such parlors are all over Japan. We just wanted to show the attendees to understand how it operates. This machine was donated by Drew Foster,

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We enjoyed to learn how it works. Adults are very curious how this machine will work!

It is a fun machine!!! Once you start to play it is hard to stop. Very addictive machine!!! Children also enjoyed it!!!

2-3. JASV Commendation to Jack Cary

As an appreciation JASV presented a commendation to Jack for his education to us about Go game. We learned and enjoyed very valuable experience. Thank you very much, Jack!!!

(Toshi presented JASV Commendation to Jack)

2-4. Enjoyed Food Everyone Brought!!!

As usually, thank you very much for the delicious food!!!

Particularly people enjoyed the white rice Toshi brought back previous month from Japan. It was eaten with curry.

2-5. Kamishibai by Bob Robins

Bob Robins presented Kamishibai "Momotro" (Peach Boy). He resented it like a professional, involving audience.

He is going to present this Kamishibai again at the next Matsuri on Sept 20.

2-6. Spring of Japan --- Slide Show by Toshi

Toshi presented a typical Japanese flowers and events in Japan. Japan is a flower country. There are many places to visit to enjoy flowers, Cherry, Iris, Lotus, Azalea, - - .

2-7. Suzuko-san Brought Ornaments

Suzuko-san brought some ornaments for children's day for display. The four dolls are for girl's day(Mar 3rd) and the rest two are for boy day(May 5th) ornaments (a sword and bow/arrow.) Those will be displayed and sold at Matsuri.

3. Next Event

3-1. Participation in Independence Day Parade in Montpelier

Toshi sent a participation request to the JASV members. Thank you for your participation!

3-2. Participation in Champlain Valley Fair

Toshi will send a participation request shortly. We offered Origami, Calligraphy, Gyotaku, Uchikake Display and Ikebana last year.

3-3. Moving to a Smaller Storage Unit

Currently we are looking for a smaller unit. We will move from our current storage unit to a smaller one. Currently we are paying $1,860 per a year, but are going to reduce it to $780, resulting $1,080 saving a year. We are aiming for sustainable JASV after we moved from Saint Michael College !!!

4. Letter From Mara Surovell

Mara is a JASV member, who started to study at the Faculty of Global Coexistence in Kansai Kaidai (Kansai Foreign Language University). Some of you remember that she was an UVM student and the leader of Taiko club. They played Taiko at our Matsuri and came to our Spring Potluck Party last year to have played Taiko for us,

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She will write to us quarterly about her discovery in Japan from American eyes. Thank you very much Mara!!!

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