Chiisai Shinbun 2026-3Q

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 2026** (July, August, September) and a forecast of our activities in the near future. The third quarter had three big events for the JASV.

1. Participation in July 3rd Parade in Montpelier

JASV participated in the July 3rd independence day parade in Montpelier.

Following is the Broadcast of the July 3rd Independence Day Parade in Montpelier. J**ASV is 17th group from the front** out of 55 groups. At the second group, you will find that Senator Bernie Sanders was marching. He looks very well!!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktjW2zl_-SI

A total of 6 our members participated in the parade and celebrated the U.S birthday. The broadcast commented that Japan America Society of Vermont was fostering a good relation between Vermonters and Japanese. Japan is a good friend of the U.S..













Thank you, very much, Bob, Lynne, Brad, Walter, Emmanuel and Toshi!!! Our presentation was great and had a good reputation!!!

2. Participation in Champlain Valley Fair

Champlain Valley Fair takes place every year for **10 days** starting from later August. This year it was held **from Aug 28 to Sep 6**.









This year JASV moved our location to the EXPO-North, next to the Bonsai exhibit, our friend organization Bonsai Society. **We presented Origami, Calligraphy and Gyotaku (Fish Rubbing) workshop**.

Workshop Schedule

Day	Day of Week	Names	Workshop Items	Working Time
8/28	Friday	Mayumi Karabin Sabina Karabin	Origami / Calligraphy	12:00 -- 1:30, 2:30 -- 4:00
8/29	Saturday	Elaine McCrate	Gyotaku	12:00-- 4:00
8/30	Sunday	Robert Robbins	Calligraphy	12:00 -- 1:30, 2:30 -- 4:00
8/31	Monday	Mayumi Karabin Sabina Karabin	Origami / Calligraphy	12:00 -- 1:30, 2:30 -- 4:00
9/1	Tuesday	Elaine McCrate	Gyotaku	4:00 -- 7:00
9/2	Wednesday	Cam Lavallee	Calligraphy	12:00 -- 1:30, 2:30 -- 4:00
9/3	Thursday	Toshi Saitoh	Origami	12:00 -- 1:30, 2:30 -- 4:00
9/4	Friday	Cam Lavallee	Gyotaku	12:00 -- 1:30, 2:30 -- 4:00
9/5	Saturday	Toshi Saitoh	Calligraphy	12:00 -- 1:30, 2:30 -- 4:00
9/6	Sunday	Toshi Saitoh	Gyotaku	12:00 -- 1:30, 2:30 -- 4:00

Following is more details by photos. Thank you very much for those who helped the JASV booth. All of us also enjoyed the workshop.

https://www.jasv.org/cvfair2026/index.html

It was very successful since our location was moved to Expo North. We also advertised our Matsuri event by our poster. So many people were taking photos of the poster to remember the date and Matsuri location.

3. Matsuri-26

JASV hosted biennial Maturity-26 at South Burlington High School on Sunday, September 20th. Unfortunately it was a light rainy day. But still many participants enjoyed the event. **The JASV will sincerely thank those who helped this event**. It was very successful.

This time, we had a new participant from Boston, **TB Line**, and they left a wonderful comment which we would like to share with you.

We were also deeply impressed by the wide variety of cultural activities and organizations represented at MATSURI. It was a rare treat to see demonstrations like Kyudo and Go, which we do not often encounter at Japanese cultural events in the Boston area. It was wonderful to witness how the Japan America Society of Vermont has fostered and cherished cultural exchange between Japan and the local community over the years.

It was also a joy to see so many young students enjoying the event and actively participating in the activities. Seeing people of all generations come together to celebrate Japanese culture made the experience particularly meaningful for us.

Following is the Matsuri details by photos. Please enjoy, particularly for those who missed it.

https://www.jasv.org/matsuri2026/index.html

4. Next Event

4-1. Possible Community Outreach

After the big event of Matsuri, we usually take a rest for one quarter, but probably we will do some small community outreach activities. At this moment any activity isn't planned. If you have some idea please let us know.

Then, all of us will meet at the **New Year Potluck Party** on January. You will be informed when the date gets closer.

4-2. Moving Current JASV Storage to a Smaller Unit

We finally found and reserved a smaller storage unit for us, which costs almost half price of the current unit. We started to move necessary goods to a new place. The rest will be donated or scrapped.

5. Contribution Letter

5-1. Letter from Mara in Japan

Once again Mara is a JASV member, who started to study at the Faculty of Global Engagement in Kansai Kaidai (Kansai Foreign Language University). During her summer vacation, she climbed the highest and most beautiful mountain in Japan, **Mt.Fugi**.



(This is taken from the flight from Osaka to Tokyo in March, this spring by Toshi. It is still covered by snow and will melt

during summer.)

Mt. Fugi is still active volcano. In "Sarashina Diary" written around AD 1059, it was a firing mountain. The last eruption was from 12/16/1707 to 1/1/1708. We don't know when it will erupt again. Although, many people are interested in climbing this mountain once in their lives. It is one of big accomplishments through their lives.

https://www.jasv.org/letters/Letter_from_Mara.2026.3Q.pdf

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