

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – April 6, 2006

Dear JASCO Members:

As you begin filling your days with spring activities such as gardening and baseball, don't forget to make some time for JASCO events! We've added a few more events to our calendar since our last *JASCO Pulse*, so check them out... there's a lot "Japanese" going on in Central Ohio!

- JASCO Staff

Approaching Deadlines – These events are fast approaching, so RSVP soon!!!

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1. JASCO Mixer at Akai Hana (Red Flower, formerly Restaurant Japan) – Thursday, April 13, 5:30 p.m.

Join JASCO members in a relaxed atmosphere every second Thursday of the month. We'll kick off the 2006 year with good company and good eats at Akai Hana (formerly Restaurant Japan) in April. Everyone will be responsible for his or her own food and beverages at the event and we've arranged for individual checks. To RSVP for this event, please call us at 614-292-4002 or e-mail us at jasco@osu.edu by Monday, April 10.

2. Reception: JASCO Member Reception at MatsuriCon 2006 at Comfort Inn Columbus North – Thursday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.

Get a sneak-preview of the events and happenings at MatsuriCon and enjoy some light refreshments by attending a free reception for JASCO members and their friends! Then feel free to roam the Conference proceedings and participate in *karaoke* singing, watch an *Aikido* demonstration, listen to a *shakuhachi* (traditional Japanese bamboo flute) presentation and enjoy many more activities for free! For more information and to RSVP for this reception, please contact us at 614-292-4002 or e-mail us at jasco@osu.edu by Monday, April 17.

3. Conference: Ohio Association for Teachers of Japanese 2006 Annual Conference at OSU's Hagerty Hall – Saturday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Hear Mr. Toshikata Amino, former executive vice president of Honda America and OSU Fisher College of Business fellow, and Ms. Elena Vdovina of Asahi Glass present on "Articulation from School to Work: Suggestions from the Business World." The event is open to the public, but Japanese language teachers and students are especially encouraged to attend. The registration fee for this event is free for OATJ members and students, and \$8 for non-member and non-student participants. Please e-mail Elena Vdovina at lenchiksan@hotmail.com to RSVP for this event by Monday, April 17.

4. Festival: Nihon Haru Matsuri 2006 (Japan Spring Festival 2006) at OSU's Ohio Union Ballroom – Saturday, April 15

Organized by the Japanese Student Organization at The Ohio State University, the Japan Spring Festival will allow attendees to experience Japan without leaving Central Ohio! Enjoy events, booths, food, music, and performances that will make you feel as if you're in the Land of the Rising Sun. Admission to this event is free. For more information, please visit <http://jso.org.ohio-state.edu/>.

5. Conference/Festival: MatsuriCon 2006 at Comfort Inn Columbus North – Friday through Sunday, April 21-23

Billed as the most unique convention in the Midwest, MatsuriCon is a four-day conference celebrating Japanese pop and traditional culture in a festival-like environment. Enjoy music, anime, manga, food, karaoke, costumes, games, performances and other events designed to show all that is Japan. Admission to the event is \$35 for a three-day pass, or \$10-15 for each day. Mention that you're a JASCO member and receive a \$5 discount off the three-day pass admission price. For more information, please visit <http://www.matsuricon.org>.

6. JASCO Family Outing: Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day) at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium – Sunday, May 7, 12:00 p.m.

It's going to be a "roaring good time" at this potluck picnic in celebration of *Kodomo no Hi* (Children's Day) at the Wildside Shelter at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Zoo admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$6 for children ages 2-11 and free for children under 2. Event fees are free for JASCO members and their

families and \$5 for non-members (per family.) Parking is \$3. For more information on this event, please see http://jasco.osu.edu/pdf/2006/kodomo_no_hi.pdf and RSVP for it by calling 614-292-4002 or e-mailing jasco@osu.edu.

7. JASCO Business Seminar Series: *Immigration for Japanese Companies* at Columbus Chamber of Commerce – Thursday, May 11, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for presentations on issues affecting immigration, such as business visa processes for Japanese nationals, reform legislation, and security challenges. This event features speakers from Squires Sanders and Dempsey, LLP and Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP. Special guest Cheryl Gallegos of the Department of Homeland Security will also be present to answer questions regarding U.S. citizenship and immigration. This event is free and open to the public. Japanese interpreting is offered. For more information on this event, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/pdf/2006/immigration.pdf>. To RSVP for this event, please call 614-292-4002 or e-mail us at jasco@osu.edu by May 8.

8. JASCO Mixer at Mad Mex Restaurant – Thursday, May 11, 5:30 p.m.

It's a belated Cinco de Mayo (Mexican Independence Day) celebration for this month's JASCO mixer at Mad Mex Restaurant in the new South Campus Gateway. More details for this event will be available later this month, but mark your calendars now!

9. Business Seminar: Briefings on Major Ohio Tax Changes at Columbus Marriott North – Friday, May 12, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Learn the latest developments regarding Ohio business taxes, the phase-out of the tangible personal property tax and corporation franchise tax and gain valuable insights into the lessons learned from the first wave of returns from CAT. Organized by the Manufacturers' Education Council, this event costs \$295 per person to attend. CEUs are awarded. For more information or to register for this seminar, please visit www.mecseminars.com.

10. JASCO Volunteer Event: The Race for the Cure – Saturday, May 20, 8:00 a.m.

Walk or run, talk and have fun, and help to raise awareness for breast cancer in a 5K race! Join the JASCO team in the 14th annual Race for the Cure and help to beat this deadly disease. All ages are welcome. Event fees are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 14 and under. Visit http://jasco.osu.edu/pdf/2006/race_for_the_cure.pdf for more information about this event and to print the sign-up sheet.

11. Performance: *Hanamizuki no Kai* (Japanese Women's Chorus Concert) at the Church of the Redeemer – Sunday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.

Hanamizuki no Kai will perform a selection of traditional, children's and popular Japanese songs at the Church of the Redeemer in Dublin. Admission to this event is free.

12. JASCO Eighth Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser at the Golf Club of Dublin – Wednesday, May 24, 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a day of golf, networking and fun to support JASCO's ongoing educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/golf/2006flyerbooklet.pdf>.

13. Festival: 11th Annual Asian Festival at Franklin Park – Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28

From art exhibits to martial arts demonstrations, the Asian Festival demonstrates the cultural diversity and flavors of the various Asian communities in Central Ohio. Free admission, parking and shuttle. For more information, please visit <http://www.asian-festival.org>.

14. Local Cultural Event: Japanese Motorcycle Saturday at The Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum – Saturday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Devotees of Japanese motorcycles are invited to attend the Museum's inaugural Japanese Motorcycle Saturday, presented by the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club. Enjoy bike shows, special guests, food and more. Admission is \$10 and includes full access to all Museum exhibits. For more information about the event, contact the Museum at 614-856-2222.

15. JASCO Family Outing: *Tanabata* and Fourth of July Picnic at Highbanks Metropark – Sunday, July 9, 12:00 p.m.

Come and see stars at this potluck picnic celebration of *Tanabata* (Festival of the Stars) and Fourth of July at the North Shelter at Highbanks Metropark in Lewis Center. Event fees are free for JASCO members and their families, and \$5 for non-members (per family.)

16. JASCO Family Outing: *Bon Odori* Lunch at St. Stephens Episcopal Church – Sunday, August 6, 12:00 p.m.

Join us for some traditional Japanese dance as we celebrate the ancient Buddhist holiday of *Bon Odori*, also known as the "Festival of the Dead," to honor our ancestors from both Japan and America. Event fees are free for JASCO members and their families, and \$5 for non-members (per family.)

17. JASCO Family Outing: Fall Foliage at Dawes Arboretum – Sunday, October 8, 12:00 p.m.

The autumn is a beautiful time in Central Ohio and what better way to celebrate it than to view it with your family and friends at Dawes Arboretum in Newark? Walk around the grounds, hitch a ride on a wagon or just enjoy a serene moment by yourself under the trees – all after enjoying the potluck feast! The event is free for JASCO members and their families and \$5 for non-members (per family.)

18. JASCO Executive Director Janet Stucky Smith travels to Japan, represents JASCO at 5th International Symposium of America-Japan Societies in Kyoto

Janet Stucky Smith, executive director for JASCO, will be traveling to Japan next week to further cultivate relationships with our Sister Prefecture, as well as other societies in both the United States and Japan. Janet will meet with a delegation from the Saitama Prefectural Government to discuss our intern exchange program and other ongoing programs. She will also meet with Barry Rosenstock and the rest of the staff at the Ohio Asian Office in Tokyo. Finally, she will represent JASCO at the 5th International Symposium of America-Japan Societies, a biannual meeting of societies in both Japan and the United States. There, she will attend lectures and roundtable discussions on U.S.-Japan relations, security challenges in Asia, cultural practices and technology. It's a jam-packed schedule for two weeks! JASCO would like to thank Nissin Travel Service for its generous sponsorship of Janet's roundtrip flight, as well as Spartan Light Metal Products for its assistance with Janet's rail pass. Janet will be in Japan April 10 – 25, so please contact Jennifer McCoy Bartko (292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu) in her absence. *Itte irasshai, Janet-san!*

19. Japan-related job listings on IJS website

New jobs have been added to the website, so check them out if you're looking for a new opportunity!
<http://japan.osu.edu/jobs.php>

If you know of any Japan-related programs that may be of interest to JASCO members, please send the information to jasco@osu.edu to be included in an upcoming **JASCO Pulse** and added to our calendar. Also, please forward this message onto others who may be interested in its contents.

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