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Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

We hope that you all have your calendars marked for next Tuesday to attend the JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser at the Golf Club of Dublin! All of the details about the Golf Outing and other Japan-related events can be found in this issue of the *JASCO Pulse*.

- JASCO Staff

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1. Local Cultural Event: Russell Merritt's "Haiku in Pigment" – April 25 – May 25, 2007.

Russell Merritt is a Newark, Ohio artist specializing in Japanese-style art. His works include Sumi-e (Japanese ink painting), watercolors, cartoons, comic book art and Manga. Russell's work has been described as a synthesis of East and West. He strives to create a fluid poetry of water and pigment; simplicity, minimalism and beauty. The Haiku in Pigment Art Show will take place at the Art Works Gallery, 54 S. Second Street, Newark, Ohio, 43055 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

2. Local Cultural Event: Concourse Gallery Exhibit Series: Five Women Sculptors, May 17, 2007 – June 14, 2007

Five women sculptors celebrates the work of the artists Barbara Chavous, Betty Collings, Ann Dewald, Jeanne Phillip and Yasue Sakoaka, using a variety of materials including wood, paper, fabric, vinyl and light. This event takes place Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the UA Cultural Arts Division Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road, Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221. Please visit www.ohio.net for more information.

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3. Local Cultural Event: Japan Spring Festival 2007 at The Ohio State University – May 19, 2007

Japanese Student Organization's (JSO) annual spring festival is May 19, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Hagerty Hall located on The Ohio State University campus! There will be cultural performances, delicious Japanese dishes, a career seminar and more! This event is free and open to the public. Please visit <http://jso.org.ohio-state.edu/jsf.htm> for more information!

4. JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser at Golf Club of Dublin – Tuesday, May 22, 11:30 A.M.

Please join us next Tuesday for a day of golf, networking and fun to support JASCO's ongoing educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. Proceeds from this event will support JASCO's continuing educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. For registration information, please click here: [9th Annual JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser](#).

5. Local Cultural Event: Celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Kick-off Celebration for the Columbus Asian Festival – May 23, 2007

When: Wednesday, May 23, 4:30 - 6:30 PM. **Where:** Sunflower Restaurant, 7370 Sawmill Road, Columbus, OH. [Get directions by clicking here](#). **RSVP:** Email your RSVP now by [clicking here](#) or by calling 614-644-9751. The Ohio Civil Rights Commission, in conjunction with the Columbus Community Relations Commission, and the founders and participants of the Columbus Asian Festival, invite you to join us in celebrating Asian Pacific Islander Month. This event also kicks-off the Columbus Asian Festival (May 26-27). We invite members of the community and outstanding leaders throughout the state to join us in celebrating the many achievements of our Asian American community and honor those who are making a difference in promoting cultural awareness in our state. This celebration will include appearances by dynamic guest speakers, a recognition ceremony, cultural festivities, and of course, light refreshments! We hope you will join us in celebrating this wonderful and festive event!!

6. Local Cultural Event: A Taiko Gala – May 25, 2007

The Dublin Taiko Boosters presents: A Taiko Gala featuring The Dublin Taiko Group, The Honors Taiko Group, and The Beginning Honors Taiko Group under the direction of Ms. Susan Hubbell will be held Friday, May 25, 2007 at 5:30 & 8:00 p.m. at Dublin Jerome High School, 8300 Hyland-Croy Road. Admission is \$5.00. Tickets are available at the door. Please visit [http://japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/A Taiko Gala.pdf](http://japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/A_Taiko_Gala.pdf) for more information!

7. Local Cultural Event: Asian Festival – May 26 & May 27, 2007

Asian Festival 2007 will take place at Franklin Park, 1777 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, Saturday, May 26 from 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 27, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Activities include Asian games such as Sepak-Takraw, Asian food, career fair, children's area, cultural exhibit and demonstrations, health pavilion, market place, and martial arts presentations. Admission is free and open to the public. Please visit <http://asian-festival.org> for more information!

8. International Trade Luncheon, “Selling America Abroad: Three Keys to International Trade” – May 30, 2007

The Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA), U.S. Commercial Service, and the Southern Ohio District Export Council presents “Selling America Abroad: Three Keys to International Trade”. Keynote address: Frank L. Lavin, Under Secretary, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. The luncheon is from 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, McKinley Room – 1st Floor, 350 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Cost is \$25 for CCWA members and \$30 for non-members. For more information and registration, please visit www.columbusworldaffairs.org or call Clare Kirlin at (614) 229-4599, ext. 401 or by email at ckirlin@columbusworldaffairs.org.

9. Japanese Motorcycle Saturday – June 2, 2007

Do you have a yen for Japanese sportbikes, cafe racers, and classics? This is your chance to hang out at the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum with other enthusiasts who share your appreciation for these marques. Whether you own a 1960s Yamaha Big Bear Scrambler or a new Suzuki Boulevard, bring your

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Japanese motorcycle to the Museum's Japanese Motorcycle Saturday, presented by the [Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club](#). Enjoy browsing through 40 years of design and engineering, both in the parking lot and inside the Museum, where you can see motorcycles ranging from a rare 1961 Honda RC161 race bike on loan from the Henry Ford Museum to Chad Reed's 2004 AMA Supercross championship-winning Yamaha YZ250. This year's featured bike at Japanese Motorcycle Saturday is Randall Washington's "Randakk GL1000" Honda Gold Wing sport custom. Events include an unjudged bike show, with classes for vintage through modern machines, seminars, a swap meet, food vendors and more. Activities begin 10 a.m. on the grounds of the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum. Admission is just \$10, or \$5 for AMA members, and includes full access to all Museum exhibits, including Motocross America. For more information about the event, contact the museum by e-mail at info@motorcyclmuseum.org or call (614) 856-2222.

10. Local Cultural Event: 27th Ohio Regional Bonsai Show at Dawes Arboretum in Newark – Friday and Saturday, June 9-10

Experience the art of bonsai and view more than 100 bonsai specimens at this annual show. For more information, please visit the Arboretum's site at <http://www.dawesarb.org/events/special-events-public.asp>.

11. 2007 Goldman Sachs Foundation Youth Prize for Excellence in International Education

Spring is fast turning into summer and school is almost over, but there is still a chance that students could win a \$10,000 scholarship prize and a free trip to New York City as part of the 2007 Goldman Sachs Foundation Youth Prizes for Excellence in International Education! We need your help to spread the word and to encourage students to complete their entries before spring fever sets in. **The deadline for applications for the Youth Prize is June 11, 2007.** The 2007 competition asks students to select a problem or challenge that affects their local community as well as a community outside the United States; to create an in-depth written, audio, video, or animated feature that compares and contrasts how these two communities have addressed the issue; and to explain what lessons the different communities could learn from each other. Five winners will be selected and will receive up to \$10,000 each as well as an all-expense paid trip to New York City in early November 2007 where they will be recognized at Asia Society's Gala Annual Dinner. Please visit <http://askasia.org/students/gsfprizes.html> for the contest question, guidelines, rules, and online application.

12. Columbus Bonsai Society Show and Sale – June 16 & 17, 2007

Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Saturday and Sunday, June 16 & 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Atrium. View a wide variety of bonsai trees artistically displayed and labeled in this popular show. Demonstrations, a sales area for bonsai plants, pots and supplies, and advice from area experts are highlights of this weekend. Also during the show, please visit the Conservatory's permanent display of more than 40 bonsai specimens. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and students, \$4.00 for children, and children under 2 are admitted free. For more information, please visit <http://www.fpconservatory.org/plantshows.htm>.

13. Ikenobo Ikebana Society Ohio Chapter Exhibit – June 16 & 17, 2007

Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Saturday and Sunday, June 16 & 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Atrium. This traditional style of Japanese flower arranging showcases exquisite and beautiful designs. Members will be available to answer questions and discuss the designs. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and students, \$4.00 for children, and children under 2 are admitted free. For more information, please visit <http://www.fpconservatory.org/plantshows.htm>.

14. Ikebana International Columbus Chapter Exhibit – June 23 & 24, 2007

Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Saturday and Sunday, June 16 & 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Atrium. The local Ikebana International Chapter presents its annual celebration of ikebana flower arrangements. Traditional and contemporary designs will be created and showcase a diverse range of plant material. Specialists will be available throughout the weekend to answer questions and interpret designs. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and students,

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15. Volunteers needed to share Japanese culture!

Are you looking to share your knowledge of Japanese culture with others? If so, this is the opportunity for you! We are currently looking for volunteers with knowledge of Japanese culture such as tea ceremonies, Japanese dance and drumming to name a few. JASCO receives many requests for individuals with these talents. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Nori Ito at (614) 292-4002 or by email at ito.12@osu.edu.

16. ConsuLink Newsletter now available from the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit!

The Consulate General of Japan is now offering the ConsuLink Newsletter! Check it out at www.cgjdetroit.org.

17. The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Midwest Newsletter

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has released a newsletter highlighting changing economic fundamentals in Japan. The latest installment can be viewed at http://www.jetro.org/documents/JETRO_Midwest_Apr07.pdf.

18. Japan Economic Currents – March 2007

The Keizai Koho Center is pleased to announce the newest "*Japan Economic Currents*," a newsletter designed to provide readers with information about economic and social developments in Japan and the US-Japan business environment. The March issue can be viewed at <http://www.keidanren-usa.org/publications/currents/documents/March2007JEC.pdf> Back issues of e-JEC newsletter can be found at <http://www.keidanren-usa.org/publications/currents/archive/default.asp>.

19. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at www.columbusworldaffairs.org.