

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – May 17, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

Our first JASCO Family Fun Event (*Kodomo no Hi*) at the Columbus Zoo was a success – we enjoyed some delightful food that all the families brought and we had fun making *koi nobori* (carp streamers) and *kabuto* (samurai helmets) with the kids. If you missed out on this fun event, don't worry – we've got *Tanabata*/Fourth of July scheduled for early July!

And, don't forget – next week is JASCO's Eight Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, May 24, at the Golf Club of Dublin. We are still accepting sponsorships, so please contact us if you're interested. Also, we need volunteers to help staff the event, so if you can afford to give us a few hours of your time, please let us know by calling us at 614-292-4002.

Finally, we're trying to update our English-to-Japanese/Japanese-to-English translator database, so if you have these skills and would like to be included, please e-mail us your resume to jasco@osu.edu. We occasionally get calls from companies seeking short-term translation services, so don't miss out on these opportunities – add yourself to our database!

There are a lot of events going on in the next few weeks, so come and join us for some!

- JASCO Staff

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1. Educational Seminar: “Unexpected Journeys: Reflections on the Significance of the Japanese American Internment Oral History / Documentary Project” at OSU’s Ohio Union, Fourth Floor – Friday, May 19, noon

This presentation is a panel discussion about the various meanings of participating in the Japanese American internment oral history project and how it led to unanticipated paths. Sponsored by the Office of Asian American Studies, the event is free and open to the public. Food will be provided. For more information, please see <http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/UnexpectedJourneys.pdf> or e-mail kwon.59@osu.edu.

2. 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.

3. 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. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/golf/2006flyerbooklet.pdf> or call us at 614-292-4002.

4. Lecture: Yukari Hirata’s “Incorporating phonetics research into second language teaching and learning” at OSU’s Hagerty Hall, Room 045 – Thursday, May 25, 4:30 p.m.

Join Colgate University’s Yukari Hirata in a presentation and discussion on how findings from phonetics studies can be useful for improving teaching and learning of a second language. Her talk will focus on issues regarding foreign accent and native English speakers’ difficulty in perceiving Japanese moras. For more information, please see <http://japan.osu.edu/ijs-lectures/hirata052506.pdf>

5. Local Cultural Event: Japanese Garden Pruning at Dawes Arboretum – Saturday, May 27, 8:30 a.m.

Let the Japanese Garden curator at Dawes Arboretum guide you through pruning techniques used in Japanese gardens. Admission to this event is \$15 for general public and \$10 for Arboretum members. A reservation is required. For more information and to RSVP for this event, please call 800-443-2937.

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6. 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>.

7. 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.

8. Local Cultural Event: 26th Ohio Regional Bonsai Show at Dawes Arboretum – Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11

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>.

9. Local Cultural Event: Ikebono Ikebana Society of Ohio Chapter Exhibit at Franklin Park Conservatory – Saturday and Sunday, June 17-18, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This traditional style of Japanese flower arranging showcases exquisite and beautiful designs. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students and \$3.50 for children 2-12. Children under two years of age are free. For more information, please see <http://www.fpconservatory.org>.

10. Local Cultural Event: Columbus Bonsai Society Show and Sale at Franklin Park Conservatory – Saturday and Sunday, June 17-18, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students and \$3.50 for children 2-12. Children under two years of age are free. For more information, please see <http://www.fpconservatory.org>.

11. Performance: Sanshi Katsura at Marysville High School – Wednesday, June 21, 6:00 p.m.

Sanshi Katsura, chairman of the Kamigata Rakugo (Kansai monologue comic storytelling) Association, will be presenting in Columbus at Marysville High School. The show is in Japanese. Admission to this program is \$30 for adults 16 and over, \$17 for children ages 7 to 15. Children under the age of seven are not permitted in the show. For more information in Japanese, please visit http://jasco.osu.edu/events/sanshi_flyer_062106.pdf.

12. Local Cultural Event: Ikebana International Columbus Chapter #84 Exhibit at Franklin Park Conservatory – Saturday and Sunday, June 25-26, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The local Ikebana Chapter presents its annual celebration of ikebana flower arrangements. Traditional and contemporary designs will be created, showcasing a diverse range of plant material. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students and \$3.50 for children 2-12. Children under two years of age are free. For more information, please see <http://www.fpconservatory.org>.

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13. 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.)

14. Local Cultural Event: Sogetsu School of Ikebana Exhibit at Franklin Park Conservatory – Friday through Sunday, July 21-23, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m.

See stunning Japanese floral arrangements from large, dramatic floor designs to more traditional vase and tabletop designs. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students and \$3.50 for children 2-12. Children under two years of age are free. For more information, please see <http://www.fpconservatory.org>.

15. 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.)

16. 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.)

17. JASCO and the Institute for Japanese Studies seek host families and English speaking partners for summer program students

More details and applications will be posted soon on our website. If you're interested, send us an e-mail to japan@osu.edu and we'll make sure you get the info when it's ready!

18. JASCO seeks sponsors for JASCO Monthly Mixers, Family Events

Is your company interested in reaching out to other companies and telling them more about what you do? Then, become a sponsor of the monthly JASCO Mixers or one of our JASCO Family Events and captivate the audience with your story, products and services. Sponsors receive exclusive speaking and advertising of their companies at the events, advertisement in the JASCO eNewsletters for the month prior to the event and advertisement on JASCO's website. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jennifer McCoy Bartko at 614-292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu.

19 WABE 90.1 FM celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with Crossing East programming on Tuesdays, May 2 – June 20, at 7:00 p.m.

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, WABE 90.1 FM will air the Crossing East programming – eight, one-hour documentaries on the many waves of Asian immigration into the United States and their impact on the making of America. Hosted by George Takei and Margaret Cho, the first public radio series on Asian history will run for the next eight weeks, airing on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For more information on these documentaries, please visit <http://www.crossingeast.org>.

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20. AFS seeks host families for 150 international high-school students to be placed in Ohio

AFS, an international, non-profit organization that provides intercultural learning opportunities, is seeking families in Ohio to host 150 high-school age students from around the world for one year. Students will arrive in August 2006 and will live with their host families until late June 2007, attending their local schools and assimilating into American culture. The students come from all over the world, but several of them will be coming from Japan. If your family is interested in hosting an AFS student for a year, please visit <http://www.afs.org/AFSI/content/page.php?uid=19> to learn more about being a host family, and contact us at 614-292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu to receive contact information for a local AFS volunteer who can assist you in your application!

21. 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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