

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – June 6, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

What a gorgeous couple of days we're having right now – too bad the Memorial Tournament didn't happen this week!

If you don't have plans for this weekend, consider going to see the Columbus Crew take on Kansas City this Saturday. The Crew is offering JASCO members and their families discounted tickets and free Crew scarves for each person that goes. Purchasing information is below, but don't delay because the deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, June 8.

Finally, applications are being accepted for internship sponsors, English Conversation Partners, host families and host schools for the many summer programs sponsored by the Institute for Japanese Studies at The Ohio State University. Details and links to the applications are below.

Hope you're having a great June!

- JASCO Staff

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1. Sports Event: JASCO Discount for Columbus Crew Game at Crew Stadium – Saturday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Cheer on the Columbus Crew in a victory over Kansas City and receive a free Crew scarf for attending! The Columbus Crew, a door prize sponsor at JASCO's golf outing this year, is extending its golf outing discount offer to all JASCO members and their families on tickets to Saturday night's game. Order your tickets by Thursday, June 8, and receive \$9 off the regular price per ticket and a free Crew scarf for each attendee! For more information, please see http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/Crew_Flyer_061006.pdf.

2. 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>.

3. 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>.

4. 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>.

5. Performance: Picnic with the Classics - "Maestro Magic: - Introducing Junichi Hirokami" on the lawn at Chemical Abstracts, 2540 Olentangy River Road – Wednesday, June 21, 8:15 p.m.

The Columbus Symphony begins its 24th summer session on the lawn of Chemical Abstracts with a celebration you won't want to miss: a Picnic with the Classics concert conducted by the orchestra's new music director, Junichi Hirokami. To the honor the new Maestro and share the excitement of a new era of music-making for the Columbus Symphony, lawn seating for this concert is FREE! (no tickets are required.) For more information, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/CSOPicnic062106.pdf>.

6. 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

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not permitted in the show. For more information in Japanese, please visit http://jasco.osu.edu/events/sanshi_flyer_062106.pdf.

7. Local Cultural Event: Ikebana International Columbus Chapter #84 Exhibit at Franklin Park Conservatory – Saturday and Sunday, June 25-25, 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>.

8. 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.) Please RSVP to this event by Wednesday, July 5, by calling 614-292-4002 or via e-mail at jasco@osu.edu.

9. 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>.

10. 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.) Please RSVP to this event by Wednesday, August 2, by calling 614-292-4002 or via e-mail at jasco@osu.edu.

11. 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.)

12. First traditional Japanese acupuncture clinic in Central Ohio opens

Using traditional Japanese acupuncture, Sei Ki Clinic in Delaware is hoping to introduce an ancient form of healing to the Central Ohio area. Unlike Chinese acupuncture which inserts needles into the body, Japanese acupuncture, or *hari*, superficially touches gold and silver needles to the body without ever piercing the skin, says Brian Neill, Sei Ki Clinic owner and practitioner. Neill, who has a master's degree in Oriental Medicine from the Academy of Oriental Medicine in Austin, Texas, trained under master *hari* acupuncturist Takayuki Koei Kuahara to learn this ancient form of medicine that brings healing to the body, heart and soul. For more information about *hari* and the Sei Ki Clinic, or to schedule an appointment with Neill-sensei, please visit <http://www.seikiclinic.com>.

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13. Around the World Gourmet offers promotional discount on gourmet sauces and salsas to JASCO members

Around the World Gourmet, a tee-gift sponsor at JASCO's golf outing this year, is extending its golf outing discount to the entire JASCO membership! Receive 20% off your purchase of delicious salsas, wing sauces and salad dressings with the promotional discount code of "Japan" when ordering online or via the telephone. To view and purchase your goodies, please visit <http://www.aroundtheworldgourmet.com> or call 888-789-ATWG.

14. Japanese government passes laws that require fingerprinting and photographing of foreigners upon entering Japan

Foreigners traveling to Japan will now be fingerprinted and photographed upon entry into Japan as a measure to prevent terrorism. This new bill was passed by the House of Councilors in May and will target all foreigners, including those with permanent, work or spouse visas. Exempted individuals are people under 16 years of age, ethnic Koreans and other special permanent residents, and diplomats entering Japan invited by the government or visiting for official purposes. For more information, please visit http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20060517/od_nm/japan_fingerprinting_dc_2.

15. Institute for Japanese Studies seeks internship sponsorships and host families for Saitama Internship Program (SOI)

This summer, the State of Ohio has invited two young Japanese citizens from Saitama Prefecture to visit Ohio to learn about business practices and operations in the United State, and specifically, the State of Ohio. The Institute for Japanese Studies is looking for companies or organizations to host these individuals for any length of time, preferably a week or two weeks, between July 14 and August 18. For more information about the interns and becoming an internship sponsor, please see http://japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/2006/saitama_host_comp.pdf. We are also looking for host families during their stay in Ohio for the weekend of August 11-13. If you're interested in being a host family, please submit an application at <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/2006/hostfamily.pdf>.

16. Institute for Japanese Studies seeks English Conversation Partners and host families for Shizuoka Summer English Program (SSEP)

For three weeks during the month of August, students from the University of Shizuoka will be studying English at Ohio State as part of the OSU Shizuoka Summer English Program. Two important aspects of the program are the conversation partner program (July 31-August 18) and the host family weekend experience (August 11-13) through which these Japanese university students gain experience using English outside of the classroom in a real-world environment. To apply to become an English Conversation Partner, please visit <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/2006/shizuoka-ecp.pdf>. To apply to become a host family, please submit an application at <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/2006/hostfamily.pdf>.

17. Institute for Japanese Studies seeks host schools and host families for Young Japanese Teachers Program (Ohio Educators and Administrators Only)

Each year, the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Education and the Institute for Japanese Studies at the Ohio State University are pleased to have the opportunity to host a delegation of Japanese teachers during the fall. The group consists of approximately 9 teachers from diverse geographical areas and teaching specializations. An important component of the program is the host school and home host portion of the visit. The group will have homestays from October to December. For more information about the program, please visit <http://japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/2006/yjt.pdf>. If you are an Ohio educator or administrator and are interested in hosting a Japanese teacher for all of part of the time, please complete an application form at <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/2006/yjt.pdf>.

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18. JASCO seeks sponsors for JASCO 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 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>.

20. 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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