

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – July 26, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

Our summer programs are in full swing! The Saitama interns have arrived and the Shizuoka students are coming this week, so make sure you sign up to attend some of the upcoming events where you can meet them! Events that they'll be attending include the JASCO Social Event on Sunday, August 6, to celebrate the Bon Festival and the JASCO Night at the Columbus Crew (reduced ticket prices for JASCO members and friends) on Wednesday, August 16, so join us for some fun and some new friendships. More information on these two events are below.

Also, if you have children between the ages of 10 and 14, sign them up to attend the Passport to Japan Program at OSU on Friday, August 11. This is a special passport program taught by the Shizuoka students, so your kids can learn about Japan and Japanese culture without leaving Central Ohio! The program fee of \$5 per child covers all materials and snacks.

Finally, if you're in search of a new Japan-related job, check out the new listings on our website. We've recently posted several new opportunities that might be of interest to you or someone you know.

We hope to see you at future events!

- JASCO Staff

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1. Local Cultural Event: Bonsai for Kids at Dawes Arboretum – Saturday, August 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Let the Dawes Arboretum nurture your child's creativity through the art of bonsai. Often thought of as an adults-only practice, bonsai is appropriate for nearly any age. For this class, the Dawes Arboretum's bonsai curator will encourage your 11-14 year-old children to create a unique perspective through various techniques. The cost of the event is \$15 for Arboretum members and \$25 for non-members, which includes the plant and container.

2. JASCO Social Outing: *Bon Odori* Lunch at St. Stephens Episcopal Church – Sunday, August 6, 12:00 p.m. (noon) – 2:00 p.m.

Join us for some traditional Japanese dance as we celebrate the ancient Buddhist holiday of *Bon*, 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.) For more information, please visit http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/JASCO_Crew_Night_081606.pdf To RSVP for this event, please call 614-292-4002 or mail at jasco@osu.edu by Friday, August 4. Please include the names of all people in your party attending, including children.

3. JASCO Workshop: Passport to Japan for Middle School Kids at OSU Campus – Friday, August 11, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Come and experience Japan without leaving Ohio! Our annual Passport to Japan program with the University of Shizuoka students is back again, giving middle school students (ages 10-14) a chance to learn all about Japan and Japanese culture in a hands-on workshop. Fun activities include crafts, food and games that are indigenous to Japan and taught by native Japanese university students who are here for a summer program. There is a \$5 materials fee per child; checks can be made out to "Japan-America Society of Central Ohio." Space is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, so RSVP soon to Jennifer at 614-292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu. Kids' names and ages are required for registration.

4. JASCO Social Outing: JASCO Night at the Columbus Crew – Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m.

Join JASCO members, interns from Saitama, Japan and students from Shizuoka University in Japan as we cheer on the Columbus Crew in a victory over Salt Lake City. Sit in the North end, enjoy \$1 brats at the game and mingle with everyone for just \$10 a ticket. To order your tickets, please contact Rusty Comeaux at The Columbus Crew via phone at 614-447-4189 and don't forget to tell him you're with JASCO!

5. Cultural Event: Jump to Japan! at the Toledo COSI Museum – Opening in Late September

Discover Japanese culture at COSI through the popular art forms of animation, *manga* (comics) woodblock prints and traditional scrolls. Step into the magical Cat Bus from Hayao Miyazaki's film *My Neighbor Totoro*; visit a *manga* shop; dress in a *kimono* and serve tea in a traditional Japanese house; or create your own animation and *manga*. For more information about this upcoming exhibit, please visit Toledo's COSI website at http://www.cositoledo.org/calendar/Jump_to_Japan.htm.

6. JASCO Social 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.)

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7. Natsuki Nambu and Yuko Yagi, interns for Saitama-Ohio Company Internship Program, complete first week of internships at The Wellington School and Wachovia Insurance Group

Every summer since 2001, The Ohio State University's Institute for Japanese Studies, in cooperation with the Governor's Office and the Ohio Department of Development, has invited interns from Saitama, Japan to work in Central Ohio companies and organizations to gain experience and perspective on working in America. This year, Ms. Natsuki Nambu and Ms. Yuko Yagi were selected to the program. Nambu, a student in a pharmacy master's program at Tokyo University, finished her first week and will continue working this week and next at the Wellington School in Upper Arlington where she is helping with a day camp. Yagi, an employee of Seiryu Publishing Company, spent last week at Wachovia Insurance Group working under the mentorship of JASCO Vice President Suzanne McKenna and is interning this week at Deloitte & Touche as arranged by JASCO Treasurer Tanya Crawford. Other companies/organizations sponsoring internship opportunities later in the program include Clintonville Community Market, Columbus Dispatch and The Ohio State University's Main Library. Both women say they are truly enjoying their work experiences so far and are looking forward to meeting more JASCO members at the Bon Odori event and Columbus Crew Night.

8. University of Shizuoka Students arrive in Ohio on Friday/Saturday to participate in an intensive English study program at The Ohio State University

Thirteen students from the University of Shizuoka will suddenly find themselves putting their English educations to use when they arrive in Columbus this Friday and Saturday. These students will participate in the third annual Shizuoka Summer English Program, a three-week-long intensive program to study English and American culture. During their stay, the students will be matched up with English Conversation Partners and will be required to spend at least six hours a week practicing and honing their English speaking skills. They will also participate in a weekend home stay program with families throughout Ohio to experience American family life first hand. After soaking up all that culture and language, the students will put their knowledge to the test by presenting a research project and speech in English while being taped! So, help these kids out by engaging them in conversation at the Bon Odori and Columbus Crew events! They will appreciate your help – and your friendship!

9. 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.

10. New Job Opportunities Posted 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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