

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – November 10, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

A few new things have been recently added to our calendar that might be of interest to you or someone you know. Next week, there is an informational seminar on Thursday for Japanese families regarding financial planning for higher education. This seminar will be presented in Japanese and is free to attendees.

The week after Thanksgiving, JASCO will hold a Winter Craft Workshop on *sashiko*, a traditional Japanese stitching technique. If you're looking for a new hobby or need a unique idea for a holiday present, join us to learn the basic techniques of this needlecraft and start on a simple, yet beautiful project that will turn you into a *sashiko* expert in no time!

Finally, applications for JASCO's 2007 Japanese Language Speech Contest are now available. Interested high school and university students can submit their applications for their chance to compete for cool prizes in the Contest on Saturday, March 3, 2007, on The Ohio State University's campus. The deadline to apply is February 7, 2007, so start practicing now!

More information on these and other events are below. Check them out!

- JASCO Staff

Fast-Approaching Events

1. [Local Cultural Event: Dr. Masaru Emoto Lecture – Messages in Water: The Relationship between Music, Water and Hado – Saturday, November 11](#)
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4. [Informational Seminar: Financial Planning for Higher Education \(in Japanese\) at Dublin Community Recreation Center – Thursday, November 16](#) **** PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 15 ****

Future Events

5. [JASCO Workshop: The Art of Sashiko Stitching. A Great Gift for the Holidays, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – Tuesday, November 28](#) **** PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 21 ****
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1. Local Cultural Event: Dr. Emoto Lecture – Messages in Water: The Relationship between Music, Water and Hado at Unity Church, 4211 Maize Road – Saturday, November 11, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Masaru Emoto will discuss Hado, seeing water, the effects of playing music to water, an introduction to the device which can measure sound, a discussion of music and healing, and an introduction to the Emoto Project which gives free books to children all over the world. Dr. Emoto is the author of the best-selling books: Messages from Water, The Hidden Messages in Water and The True Power of Water. Tickets are \$30 for pre-registered attendees and \$40 the day of the event. Tickets are available at the Morse Road location of Gentle Wind. Contact 614-471-2281 for more information.

2. Local Cultural Event: 10th Annual Ikebono Ikebana Flower Arrangement Exhibition at Dublin Clarion Hotel, 600 Metro Place North, Dublin – Sunday, November 12, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presented by Ikebono Ikebana Room 101, this exhibit features workshops, demonstrations and miniature displays of traditional Ikebono-style Japanese ikebana flower arrangement. Two workshops will be offered during the day (12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.) and the cost to participate is \$6.00 for supplies. For more information, please visit <http://www.columbusarts.com/eventdetail.asp?EventId=39783>.

3. Cultural Event: San Jose Taiko Group Performance at Owens Community College's Center for Fine and Performing Arts in Toledo – Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.

For 30 years, San Jose Taiko has been mesmerizing audiences with the powerful, spellbinding and propulsive sounds of the taiko drums. Inspired by traditional Japanese drumming, San Jose Taiko performers express the beauty and harmony of the human spirit through the voice of the taiko as they strive to create new dimensions in Asian American movement and music. Tickets for this performance are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and \$13 for seniors. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.owens.edu/arts/>.

4. Informational Seminar: Financial Planning for Higher Education (in Japanese) at the Dublin Community Recreation Center, 5600 Post Road, Dublin – Thursday, November 16, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Presented by New York Life Insurance Company, this seminar is designed to give Japanese parents an overview of the latest trends for college savings plans in America, as well as an overview of college tuition trends in Japan. Presented in Japanese, this seminar will provide Japanese parents with straightforward, easy-to-understand explanations of the different savings and investment options available for their college-bound children's study at either American or Japanese institutions. Refreshments will be served. This seminar is free and open to the public, but an RSVP is needed. For more information, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/NYLifeEvent111606.pdf>. To RSVP for this event, please call JASCO at 614-292-4002 or e-mail your name, address and phone number to jasco@osu.edu.

5. JASCO Workshop: The Art of Sashiko Stitching, A Great Gift for the Holidays, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Corner of High and Woodruff, on OSU's campus – Tuesday, November 28, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Looking for a unique holiday gift? Enjoy needlework and other stitching crafts? Then this is the workshop for you! Join the Japan America Society of Central Ohio and Japanese ladies from Azalea-no-Kai in a fascinating workshop that will teach you the skills and techniques of sashiko, a decorative stitching technique from Japan. Learn the basics and start on a simple, yet beautiful sashiko project that you can keep for yourself or use as a unique, handmade holiday gift for that special someone. The cost to attend this workshop is just \$7 for JASCO members and \$12 for non-members and includes all supplies needed. To learn more about this event, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/SashikoFlyer.pdf>. Please RSVP for this event by Tuesday, November 21, by calling 614-292-4002 or e-mailing jasco@osu.edu. Pre-payment of fees is required. Checks and credit cards accepted.

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6. JASCO Social Outing: Bonenkai – Thursday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars now as preparations are underway for JASCO's Bonenkai. This traditional, Japanese salute to the end of the year will take place on Thursday, December 7, at a location to be determined. Join your fellow JASCO members for food, fun and drinks to celebrate the end of the year. More details will be available soon, so save the date! **(An e-mail will be sent next week with more details!)**

7. Cultural Event: "A Thousand Cranes" Play at Toledo School for the Arts Junior High Theatre, 333 14th Street, Toledo 43624 – Friday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Presented by the Toledo School for the Arts Junior Division, this play is a moving, true-story about a young girl who was a victim of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Her story survives as a cry for world peace. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens. To learn more about this performance or to purchase tickets, please call 419-246-8732 or visit <http://ts4arts.org>.

8. Application available for Suzuka English Fellow Program (SEF); deadline December 4, 2006

The Suzuka English Fellow Program (SEF) aims to enhance English language education in Suzuka, Mie-ken, Japan, and to promote international exchange at the local level primarily through the fostering of ties between Japanese junior high school students and SEF program participants. The SEF participants serve as Assistant English Teachers in a local government organization (the Suzuka Board of Education) as well as local kindergartens, elementary and junior high schools. Applicants must be an undergraduate or graduate student at the time of application (or recently graduated) and expect to have a B.A./B.S. by July 2007. Applicants must also hold U.S. citizenship, be native speakers of English, have the ability to acclimate to living and office conditions different from those in the U.S. and demonstrate a sincere interest in Japan and Japanese culture (e.g. studies or are currently studying the Japanese culture and/or language.) For more detailed information on the program, eligibility and responsibilities and to download the application, please visit <http://japan.osu.edu/fellowships.php/suzuka> or contact JJ Nakayama at (614) 292-5816 or nakayama.1@osu.edu.

9. Application available for JASCO's 8th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest (Saturday, March 3, 2007): deadline February 7, 2007

The JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest is an annual competition designed to showcase and challenge the Japanese-language speaking and comprehension skills of high school and university students throughout Ohio. The contest is open to high school and university students in Ohio who have not lived in Japan for more than six months or who do not come from homes where Japanese is spoken regularly. Speeches are three-minutes in length and can cover any topic. Applicants must submit a standard-sized cassette recording of their speech along with an original, handwritten version of the speech and one photocopy by Wednesday, February 7, 2007. Submissions for each category (high school and university) will be reviewed by a panel of Japanese-speaking individuals, and finalists will be chosen to compete in the contest on Saturday, March 3, 2007, on The Ohio State University campus. Prizes are awarded to first, second and third place winners in both categories. For more information and application materials, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2007/2007SpeechContestFlyer.pdf> or contact JASCO at 614-292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu.

10. Application available for Youth For Understanding USA (YFA USA) scholarships to Japan through Japan-US Mutual Understanding Program (JUMP); deadline February 13, 2007

YFU USA is currently accepting applications for full-year scholarships to Japan. The Japan-US Mutual Understanding Program for the 21st Century (JUMP) offers 25 high school students the opportunity to spend an academic year in Japan. Sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan, JUMP commemorates the 50th anniversary of the signing of the San Francisco Peace Treaty. The government of Japan hopes to create a mutual understanding between the U.S. and Japan through youth exchanges

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like JUMP. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, sophomores or juniors at the time of application and must have birthdates between 12/1/88 and 1/15/92. Applicants must also have academic grade point averages of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. Prior language skills in Japanese are not required; however, applicants must have strong interests in Japanese culture and language. JUMP recipients are required to depart for Japan in early March 2007 and return to the U.S. in January 2008. JUMP recipients must pay a \$600 tuition contribution; the rest of the tuition is covered by the JUMP scholarship. Personal expenses for passports, visas and spending money are not included. The deadline to apply is February 13, 2007. For more information about this program or to download the application booklet, please visit <http://www.yfu-usa.org>.

11. 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>