

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – November 29, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

It's the end of November – can you believe it?

That means that next week, JASCO is celebrating the end of the year with our annual Bonenkai party at Windchimes Chinese Restaurant in Dublin on Thursday, December 7. *Bonenkai*, or forget the year parties, are traditional gatherings held in December in Japan to celebrate the end of the year. Join us for food, fun and networking at what will surely be an event you won't want to miss! The RSVP deadline (**Monday, December 4**) is just a few days away, so don't forget to call 614-292-4002 with your registration and credit card payment before it's too late! (For your security, please DO NOT e-mail us your credit card info.)

- JASCO Staff

Fast-Approaching Events

1. **** NEW **** [Local Cultural Event: Ikebana Christmas Arrangements at Harrisburg United Methodist Church – Thursday, November 30](#)
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1. Local Cultural Event: Ikebana Christmas Arrangements at Harrisburg United Methodist Church, 1160 High Street, Harrisburg 43126 – Thursday, November 30, 7:30 p.m.

View beautiful, live Christmas displays of flowers and plants arranged in the traditional ikebana style. For more information about this event, please contact Harrisburg United Methodist Church at 614-877-4733.

2. JASCO Social Outing: Bonenkai at Windchimes Chinese Restaurant, 5742 Frantz Road, Dublin – Thursday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Translated as a "forget the year party," this traditional, Japanese salute to the end of the year will take place next week on Thursday, December 7, at Windchimes Chinese Restaurant in Dublin. Join your

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fellow JASCO members for food, fun and drinks to celebrate the end of the year. The cost to attend this event is \$20 for JASCO members and \$25 for non-members, which includes a full course meal, non-alcoholic drinks, tax and gratuity. To learn more about this party, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/Bonenkai120706.pdf>. Please RSVP for this event by Monday, December 4, by calling 614-292-4002. Given the fast-approaching timeframe of this event, pre-payment by credit card is required. (Please DO NOT e-mail us your credit card information.)

3. 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>.

4. Film Series: Kenji Mizoguchi at the Wexner Center for the Arts, 1871 North High Street, Columbus – Thursday, January 11 – Saturday, January 27

Hailed as one of the greatest Japanese filmmakers, Kenji Mizoguchi produced more than 85 films during his career, many of which were filmed during the silent era and no longer survive. The Wexner Center for the Arts will show six of his films over a two-week period in January, including “Ugetsu,” “Sisters of Gion,” “Sansho the Bailiff,” “Street of Shame,” “The Life of Oharu,” and “Story of the Last Chrysanthemums.” More detailed information will be available in a couple of weeks, but please mark your calendars now!

5. 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.

6. Application available for Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET) ; deadline December 4, 2006

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme invites university graduates from overseas to participate in international exchange and foreign language education throughout Japan. Established in 1987, the programme has earned a high reputation, both in Japan and overseas, for its efforts in youth and cultural exchanges, and has become one of the largest exchange programmes in the world. The programme offers university graduates the opportunity to serve in local government organizations as well as public and private primary, junior high and senior high schools. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in any subject by July of the year of departure; be a citizen of the country where the recruitment and selection procedures take place; have excellent skills in both written and spoken English; have a keen interest in the country and culture of Japan; be under 40 years of age and have not lived in Japan for three or more of the last eight years. For more detailed information on the programme, eligibility and responsibilities, please visit http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/jet/index.html.

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7. 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.

8. 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 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>.

9. 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>