Bi-Weekly Newsletter: Upcoming Japan Events

July 22nd - August 4th, 2019

Mark Your Calendars!
Registration is open for our upcoming events including "Summer Shinbokukai", "Allure of the Shamisen", "Incense Appreciation" and "Kogei-Kyoto"
Click here to view our calendar and register today.

#PrayforKyoAni
Kyoto Animation is home to some of Japan’s most talented animators who have spread joy across the world through their work. The senseless act of violence at KyoAni is devastating and we send our deepest condolences to the families of those killed in the arson attack and wish a speedy recovery to those injured. #PrayforKyoani

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Japan Society of Boston Events

Paper Lanterns
With Peter Grilli and Barry Frechette

Wed, July 31, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 PM
CIC Cambridge, Mosaic (3rd Floor)
245 Main Street
Cambridge MA 02138

Please join us as we welcome Peter Grilli (Co-Producer and President Emeritus of the Japan Society of Boston) and Barry Frechette (Director) for a screening of "PAPER LANTERNS".

"PAPER LANTERNS" tells the little-known story of the twelve American POWs who were killed by the atomic bomb at Hiroshima in August 1945. It is also the story of Mr. Shigeaki Mori, himself
an A-bomb victim, an extraordinary peace activist who has devoted most of his life to insuring that the American POWs will not be lost to historical obscurity.

JSB Summer Shinboukai 朋友会 at the Boston Children's Museum

Friday, August 9, 2019 From 5:30PM - 7:30PM
Boston Children's Museum, outside tent
308 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210

$5 for refreshments
Please pay the $1 admissions fee (after 5pm on Friday) to the Boston Children's Museum

Shinboku 朋友 means "friendship" and 会 means "meeting" so 朋友会 is an informal meeting where friends get together to enjoy each others company. So why not a JSB Summer Shinbokukai to meet your fellow JSB friends and enjoy some Japanese snacks and drinks! Japanese popsicles or ice cream will be served to the first 15 guests.

The Boston Children's Museum is celebrating the amazing art and stories of the Studio Ghibli films 8/5 - 8/9 with special programs such as Cosplay (Meet Totoro and Kiki!), Crazy Creature Art, Decorate Uchiwa Fans, Origami Totoro, Ghibli Jam & Family Yoga, and so much more! Come take advantage of their TJX Fridays $1 admissions fee from 5pm to 9pm and enjoy some Ghibli activity at the Museum while also stopping by at the JSB Shinbokukai! To learn more about the Celebrate Studio Ghibli event at the Museum, please visit the Boston Children's Museum website.

Kogei-Kyoto x SA+C
Boston: Contemporary Innovators in Japanese Arts
Contemporary Innovators in Japanese Arts and Crafts

Tues, September 10th - Sun, November 10th, 2019
Society of Arts + Crafts
100 Pier Four Blvd, Suite 200, Boston, MA 02210

Free and Open to the Public

The Japan Society of Boston is co-presenting, "Kogei-Kyoto at SA+C Boston: Contemporary Innovators in Japanese Arts and Crafts" with the Society of Arts in Crafts Seaport gallery from Sept. 10 to Nov. 10, 2019. Nearly 30 artists from the Artists Group Kogei-Kyoto crafts collective in Kyoto, Japan will contribute exquisite handmade items to the Group's first American exhibition. Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience the beauty of design and the true artistry of Japanese craftsmanship. This is part of a city-wide celebration of Boston's 60-year sister city relationship with Kyoto.

Gallery hours and exhibit information is available at societyofcrafts.org.

Kodo 🕃 - Incense Appreciation

Mr. Masataka Hata
President of the Shoyeido Incense of Kyoto

Session 1: Saturday, October 5th, 2019, 2:30 - 3:45 PM
Session 2: Saturday, October 5th, 2019, 4:30 - 5:45 PM

Registration required.
Seating is limited to 12 people per session.

JSB Members $15 per person | $30 General Admission

Mr. Hata will instruct participants in the art of incense appreciation. The Shoyeido Incense Company began in Kyoto in 1705, becoming the world's premiere incense-making company and the preferred supplier of incense to most temples in Japan. In the early 18th century, Rokubei Moritsune Hata began incorporating methods he learned while working at
the Imperial Palace in Kyoto. He applied the court's secret traditions of blending incense, previously enjoyed only by royalty, to commercial production. Twelve generations later, Masataka Hata continues this legacy, and today Shoyeido offers customers a wide variety of unique high quality incense.

Register for the 2:30 Seating

Register for the 4:30 Seating

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**Allure of the Shamisen**

with Janet Pocorobba, Lesley University

3rd Floor, Mosaic, 245 Main Street, Cambridge, MA
Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 6:00pm

JSB Members $5 per person | $10 General Admission

Join us for an insightful discussion about the history and features of the shamisen with Janet Pocorobba, author of *The Fourth String: A Memoir of Sensei and Me*.

Janet Pocorobba's involvement with Japan stretches back more than twenty years. She has studied shamisen, the three drums of the kabuki orchestra (ko-tsuzumi, o-tsuzumi, and shimedaiko), and Japanese dance. She has performed in concert halls, schools, museums, culture fairs, backyards, and in the home of the Consul-General of Japan in Boston. In 2009, she created and toured, "17 Views of a Shamisen," a spoken word and music performance relating the paradoxes and angst of cross-cultural living.

Register Here

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**Other Japan Events Around Boston**

**Tea Ceremony at Art Complex Museum**

**Regattabar Summer Courtyard Series: Hatsune Hirakura**
Sunday July 28th, 2019 2:00 PM

Art Complex Museum
189 Alden Street
Duxbury, Massachusetts

Tea Master Glenn Sorei Pereira is Chief of Administration at the Boston Chapter of the Uransenke School of Tea and an instructor. He has spent years of study in both the United States and Japan. He will explain the presentation and answer questions. The ceremony, itself, is a quiet, simple ritual based on hospitality. The program will be conducted in one of the very few tea huts in New England, called Shofan, Wind-in-the-Pines Hut.

Monday July 29th, 2019 6:00 PM

Courtyard at Regattabar and Henrietta's Table,
1 Bennett Street,
The Charles Hotel, Cambridge, MA

Hatsune Hirakura is a jazz pianist who has performed with many bands in the Osaka and Tokyo areas of Japan, including as a leader of the Hatsune Hirakura Trio. She played piano for Terri Lyne Carrington’s summer jazz workshop band.

36th Annual Black Ships Festival

Friday, August 9th - Sunday August 11th, 2019

Independence Park
419-459 Thames St,
Bristol, RI

Join the Japan America Society of Japanese Association of Greater Boston's Tanglewood Tour

Wednesday August 24th, 2019 2:30 PM

JAGB office,
792 Mass Ave,
Arlington, MA
Rhode Island for the 36th Annual Black Ships Festival August 9-11. A celebration of the friendship and culture between Japan and the United States and the trading treaty negotiated by Rhode Island’s Own Commodore Matthew C. Perry, USN over 150 years ago. From Arts & Crafts, Taiko Drumming and Martial Arts to the Sushi & Sake Sail and the Black Ships Gala there are a variety of events and activities for all ages and interest.

Our friends at the Japanese Association of Greater Boston are organizing a tour to Tanglewood this summer! Join your Japanese neighbors on this fun tour. For more information or to register, go to [www.jagb.org](http://www.jagb.org) or email info@jagb.org