



CALENDAR

Exhibits & Events

- Through October 3:
[Rinpa Exhibit](#) @ Cleveland (OH) Museum of Art
- Sun., May 2
[JASCO Children's Day Origami Workshop](#) @ online platform
- Sun., May 2 & 8, and Sat., May 16 & 22
[Ann Arbor Japanese Language Meetup](#) @ online platform
- Tues., May 4
[Novi \(MI\) Library Edamame Chopsticks Challenge](#) @ online platform
[JASCO E-tegami Workshop](#) @ online platform
- Wed., May 5
[Cleveland Virtual Japanese Language Meetup](#) @ online platform
[J-Chat Japanese Conversation Group](#) @ online platform
- Sat., May 8
[JASCO Japanese Children's Day Event](#) @ Dublin, OH
- Mon., May 3, 10, 17, & 24
[Postcards from Japan Grab Bag](#) @ Akron-Summit County Public Library, Akron, OH
- Wed., May 12
[JASGC Webinar on Early Japanese-American Settlers in Cincinnati](#) @ online platform
- Sat., May 15
[MSU Workshop for Teachers of Japanese](#) @ online platform
- Sat., May 22
[CAPA Splendor of the East](#) @ online platform
- Fri., May 28
[JASGC Origami for Kids Workshop](#) @ online platform
- Sat. & Sun., May 29 & 30
[Columbus Asian Festival](#) @ online platform



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15th Annual International Manga Award

Contest Invites Submissions

Submissions are being accepted for the 15th International Manga Award, a global contest established by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to promote manga culture and international cultural exchanges through manga, or Japanese-style comics.

Applicants living in Michigan or Ohio are asked to submit their original, eligible manga (of 16 pages or more) electronically to pr@dt.mofa.go.jp, or via postal mail to the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit (at the address in footer of this newsletter).

The deadline for submission is Thursday, July 8. Additional rules and details may be found [here](#).



2022 MEXT Scholarship Application Deadlines Approach

Applications for the 2022 MEXT (*Monbukagakusho*) Scholarships are now being accepted. These scholarships from Japan's Ministry of Education offer undergraduates the opportunity to study at a university or specialized training school in Japan, and graduate students the opportunity to conduct research in Japan. The application deadline for both the undergraduate and the graduate scholarships is Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Please visit our website for more information on how to apply for the [undergraduate scholarship](#) or [graduate-level research scholarship](#).

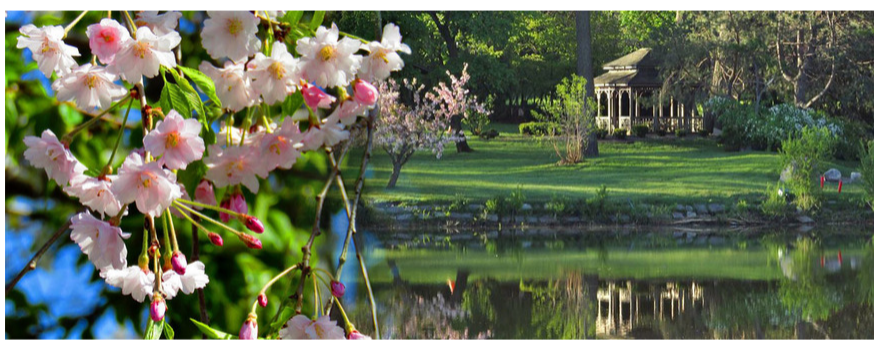


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Japanese Gardens in Michigan and Ohio Begin to Reopen to the Public

There are a variety of Japanese-style gardens throughout Michigan and Ohio, featuring arrangements of the natural elements of water, stones, and trees associated with traditional *Nihon teien* gardens in Japan. Several of these area gardens recently announced that they have reopened to the public, subject to ongoing public-health safety precautions and restrictions.

In Michigan, these include the [DeVos Japanese Garden](#) at the Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, the [Tokushima-Saginaw Friendship Garden](#) at the Japanese Cultural Center in Saginaw (pictured below), and the [Japanese Garden at Cranbrook Educational Community](#) in Bloomfield Hills. In Ohio, Japanese-style gardens may be found at the [Cleveland Botanical Garden](#) in Kirtland, the [Dawes Arboretum](#) in Newark, and [Schedel Arboretum & Gardens](#) in Elmore, among other locations.



Japan's Golden Week Holiday

Culminates in Children's Day Celebration

In Japan, the month of May begins with a series of national holidays known collectively as "Golden Week," when many take a week-long break from work and school. April 29 is Shōwa Day, honoring Japan's longest-reigning emperor, May 3 is Constitution Day, May 4 is Greenery Day, and May 5 is Children's Day.

On Children's Day, some Japanese families may fly colorful streamers shaped like carp, called *koinobori* (pictured below), outdoors. The carp symbolize strength and persistence. On Children's Day, families pray for the continuing health and happiness of their children. For more details, please see the Children's Day video, which will become available on Wednesday, May 5, on the [Consulate's YouTube channel](#).



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