



CALENDAR

Exhibits & Events

Extended through Sun.,
September 13

[Samurai, Ghosts, & Lovers](#)
@ Dayton Art Institute

Extended through Dec.
2020

[Fired Up: Female
Ceramicists of Japan](#) @
Cincinnati Art Museum

Extended through Jan.
2021

[Yayoi Kusama: Fireflies on
the Water](#) @ Toledo
Museum of Art

Tues., September 1

[J-Chat Japanese
Conversation Group](#)
@ online platform

Wed., September 2

[Novi Library Japanese
Virtual Conversation
Group](#) @ online platform
[Cleveland Virtual Japanese
Meetup](#) @ online platform

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 6 & 12;
and September 20 & 26

[Ann Arbor Japanese
Language Meetup](#) @ online
platform

Mon., September 7

[Raion Taiko Drive-in
Concert](#) @ Royal Oak, MI

Tues., September 22

[Frank Lloyd Wright & Japan
Lecture](#) @ online platform

Wed., September 23

[Night with the Opera: Tokyo](#)
@ Grand Rapids, MI



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Virtual Saginaw Japan Week in the Works



The Consulate is pleased to be working with the [Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House, & Gardens of Saginaw](#) to organize a week-long online celebration of Japanese culture in October. "Virtual Saginaw Japan Week" will include free online activities similar to those featured at the Saginaw Japan Festival that traditionally takes place in September. Please watch for details in the next edition of this newsletter.

Consulate Expands School Visits to Include Virtual Offerings



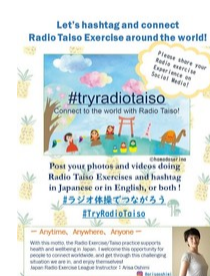
The Consulate is expanding its usual classroom visit program to include virtual "visits" via the internet. Michigan or Ohio school teachers of any subject in grades K-12 are welcome to request an online presentation by Consulate staff about Japan in general, or specific aspects of Japanese culture. To set up a visit, interested teachers are invited to contact us by email at pr@dt.mofa.go.jp.

Otsukimi "Moon Viewing" is a Fall Tradition



For more than 1000 years, people in Japan have observed the custom of viewing the full moon in autumn, when the evening air becomes clearer and cooler. Called "otsukimi" or "juugoya" in Japanese, the moon-viewing ritual occurs on the fifteenth night of the eighth month of the traditional lunar calendar (mid-September to October of the modern calendar). Around this time, people may place near their windows decorations and offerings, such as autumnal grasses, herbs, fruits, or rice dumplings shaped into white spheres, to resemble the full moon.

"Radio Exercise" Event Delivers Fitness & Fun



On August 14, more than 40 people took part in the virtual *rajio taiso* ("radio exercises") event sponsored by GEN-J Michigan, Novi Public Library, and Hirotec America, with support from the Japan News Club and the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit. Bilingual executive assistant Emelyn Rutowski served as instructor.

Participants enjoyed trying out the exercises set to music, while learning Japanese phrases related to those exercises. Thank you to everyone who participated in this successful event!

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