



CALENDAR Exhibits & Events

Thurs., October 3
[East Asian Language Skills and Global Competencies Workshop](#) @ Ohio State Univ., Columbus, OH

Sat., October 5
[Origami Workshop Led by Mark DeWolf-Ott](#) @ Japanese Cultural Center, Saginaw, MI

Sun., October 6
[Novi Japan Festival](#) @ Novi High School, Novi, MI

Wed., October 9
[Ikebana Presentation & Demonstration](#) @ Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH

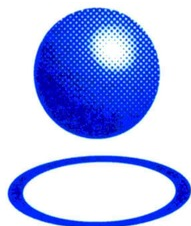
Thurs., October 10
[Mari Katayama: My Body as Material](#) @ Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, MI

Thurs., October 10
[An Evening with Adam Jones: Bonsai Lecture & Demonstration](#) @ Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland, OH

Sat., October 12
[Adam Jones Bonsai Lecture & Demonstration](#) @ Franklin Park Conservatory, Columbus, OH

Sun., October 13
[Cranbrook's Japanese Garden: A Vision for the Future](#) @ Bloomfield Hills, MI

Sun., October 27
[Kwaidan: Lafcadio Hearn Reading Performance](#) @ Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH



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Consulate General of Japan in Detroit Co-Hosts Annual Saginaw Japan Festival



On September 15, the Saginaw Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House, and Gardens hosted the annual Saginaw Japan Festival, with the collaboration of the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit and other sponsors.

Consul General Tsutomu Nakagawa and Saginaw Mayor Floyd Kloc joined attendees in enjoying the festival's activities, which included tea ceremony demonstrations, taiko drumming, Okinawan dancing, and a special Awa Odori dance performance for which Saginaw's sister-city of Tokushima is famous. Guests also had the opportunity to learn traditional Japanese arts such as origami and calligraphy from visiting Saginaw Valley State University Japanese exchange students.

Ann Arbor and Hikone Commemorate 50th Sister-City Anniversary



On September 21, Ann Arbor commemorated 50 years of sister-city relations with Hikone, Shiga by hosting a Sakura tree planting ceremony at Cobblestone Farm. Ann Arbor residents were visited by Hikone's city mascot Hikonyan, who stopped by the University of Michigan, Lakewood Elementary, and the Ann Arbor District Library before joining Mayor Christopher Taylor and Deputy Consul General Yuki Sakai at the tree planting ceremony. During the ceremony, Mayor Taylor shared his experience of having visited Japan for the first time when he went to Hikone last August.

For 40 years, Ann Arbor Public Schools and Hikone have participated in an annual student exchange program for junior high school students from Hikone to Ann Arbor, while Ann Arbor sends middle schoolers to study in Hikone every other year. Hikone is also home to the Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU), through which students from Michigan public universities can pursue a semester of Japanese language and cultural studies in Hikone.

Consulate General of Japan in Detroit to Feature Onigiri Workshops at Annual Novi Japan Festival October 6



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On October 6, the Japan Business Society of Detroit (JBSD) and the JSD Women's Club will co-host the 2019 Novi Japan Festival with the coordination of the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit. Please invite friends and family to take part in traditional Japanese arts workshops, sample Japanese food, enjoy performances, and interact with Novi's vibrant Japanese community.

The Consulate will also be holding three *onigiri* (rice ball) workshops at 1:00pm, 2:00pm, and 3:00pm, where participants can learn how to make their own *onigiri*. Admission is free and open to the public.

Adam Jones Bonsai Lecture and Demonstration Series Comes to Ohio



This October, the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit will welcome Japan-based bonsai expert Adam Jones to hold a series of special bonsai lectures and demonstrations in Ohio. Mr. Jones will discuss the history and tradition of bonsai, offer stories of his experience as the first Westerner to operate a bonsai garden in Japan, and share advice for budding and veteran bonsai enthusiasts alike.

Mr. Jones' lectures and demonstrations will take place at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens on October 10, and at the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus on October 12. Registration is required for both events.

For Cleveland event details and registration, please visit [here](#).
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