



**CALENDAR**  
**Exhibits & Events**

Friday, September 14th  
[CJS Thursday Noon Lecture Series | "The Big House" Project: How and Why We Made the Documentary in Observational Method and Style @ Weiser Hall](#)

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[IJS Lecture: Richard Torrance, "The Infrastructure of the Gods: Izumo in the Yayoi and Kofun Periods" @ Hagerty Hall](#)

Sunday, September 16  
[Saginaw Japan Festival @ Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House, and Gardens of Saginaw](#)

Thursday, September 20  
[CJS Noon Lecture Series | "Cheerful Disguise of Japanese Militarism: Geisha's Performances in the 1930's" @ Weiser Hall](#)

Monday, September 24th  
[OSU Lecture - An Introduction to Shinto and Gagaku: Japan's Traditional Religion and Music @ Jennings Hall](#)

Thursday, September 27th  
[CJS Thursday Noon Lecture Series | "After Thirty Years" @ Weiser Hall](#)

Saturday, September 29th  
[September Culture Club - Indigo Dyeing @ Dublin Arts Council](#)

Sunday, October 7th  
[Novi Japan Festival @ Novi High School](#)



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**Michigan-Shiga 50th Anniversary Celebration**



The Michigan-Shiga 50th anniversary celebration, which began in Otsu, Shiga last September, continues this month. A Shiga delegation, including Governor Mikazuki, has traveled to Michigan to participate in several ceremonial events with Governor Snyder and other Michigan representatives. During their time here, representatives from the delegation will split off and visit the 14 Shiga sister and friendship cities in Michigan.

There are many public events occurring all over the state including a sculpture exhibition at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park ("Process and Presence: Contemporary Disability Sculpture") and a calligraphy exhibition at the Ann Arbor District Library ("SYODO"). Shiga Tonda-Ningyo and Ningyo-Joruri puppet performers will also be performing at the Detroit Institute of Arts. You can find more information on these events at the following links.

[Meijer Gardens](#)

[Ann Arbor District Library](#)

[Detroit Institute of Arts](#)

We are proud to celebrate the strong relationship between Michigan and Shiga and are looking forward to many more decades of meaningful relations.

**Midwest U.S.-Japan Conference**



Midwest U.S.- Japan Association

On September 9th-11th, in Omaha, Nebraska, The Midwest – Japan 50th Anniversary Conference will be held. The conference is coordinated through the Midwest U.S.-Japan Association, which is made up of Japan, several Midwestern states, and many companies. The event will include panels, galas, small group meetings, and break-out sessions. According to their most recent agenda, the conference will be headlined by keynote speakers including His Excellency Shinsuke Sugiyama, Japanese Ambassador to the United States and Ted McKinney, U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

**Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati Celebrates 30 Years**

The Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati (JASGC) hosted a gala celebrating their 30th anniversary in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 12th.

JASGC is one of 37 Japan-America societies in the United States and one of three located in Michigan or Ohio. The Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati is a non-profit created to "promote a better understanding and cultural awareness between the people of Japan and the residents of the Greater Cincinnati Region." The Honorable Bob Taft, former governor of the state of Ohio, and Consul General Wada serve as honorary trustees on the JASGC board.

Congratulations on 30 years of fostering Japan-US relations. We look forward to continued ties in the next 30 years

To learn more about JASGC, please visit their website [here](#).

**Saginaw Japan Festival**

On Sunday, September 16th, the Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House, and Gardens of Saginaw will be hosting their annual Japan Festival. The public is welcome to enjoy performances including taiko, martial arts, dancing and singing. There will be demonstrations of origami paper folding, shodo calligraphy, and ikebana flower arranging. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to play traditional Japanese games. For further information about the festival, please click [here](#).

**Save the Date for Novi Japan Festival**

This year, the Novi Japan Festival will be held on Sunday, October 7th at Novi High School. Please save the date and stay tuned to the Japan Business Society of Detroit website [here](#).

**Welcome Mr. Hanizaki**



The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit is pleased to welcome Mr. Mitsuru Hanizaki as the newest member of its staff. Mr. Hanizaki succeeds Mr. Tokumori as the Vice Consul.

Mr. Hanizaki traveled here from South Africa, where he served as the IT Attaché at the Embassy of Japan in South Africa. He enjoys playing tennis and video games. His favorite food is stuffed peppers and his favorite drink is beer.

Welcome Mr. Hanizaki and Yoroshiku-onegaishimasu.

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