



Japan-America Society of Central Ohio
セントラルオハイオ日米協会

Special points of interest:

February 19-21, 2009,
8:00pm

[Japan Dance Now at the Wexner Center.](#)

February 7, - April 26, 2009

[Kimono Exhibit at Canton Museum of Art.](#)

August 28, 2008 – March 1, 2009 [Japanese Obi Sashes at Kent State University](#)

Wednesday, March 25, 2009
[Kodo Drummers of Japan at the Palace Theatre](#)

Asian American Community Services: [Family Support Program](#)

[Shakuhachi lessons](#) on Saturdays/Sundays

[Volunteers needed at JASCO and IJS](#) please print and complete or Contact our office at jasco@osu.edu.

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JASCO Pulse

Newsletter Date: January 07, 2009

Dr. Bradley Richardson, Founder of JASCO is honored

Many of you know Dr. Bradley Richardson, professor emeritus at OSU, but did you know he founded both the Institute for Japanese Studies at OSU and the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio?

Recently Dr. Richardson added another honor to his name, Japan's Order of the Rising Sun. This is a great honor that has been granted to only two other American scholars. Please read full articles regarding this honor at the links below.

[Columbus Dispatch 12/10/08](#)
[OSU Lantern 01/07/09](#)



Have you renewed your JASCO membership?

JASCO recently studied way to provide the best membership options for the variety of members we have. From this study we were able to create a membership tier to fit all levels of need. The most inclusive level is the Benefactor level. This will provide the most benefit and includes: free tuition to the Japanese language class for four employees and the opportunity to have one Japanese Culture/Communication and/or American Culture/Communication seminar at your facility OR ten people may attend a JASCO scheduled seminar for this topic.

Please see the JASCO website at <http://jasco.osu.edu/> for all the details. Or follow this link to view the [new membership levels](#).

JASCO to offer two levels of Japanese Language Class

JASCO is again offering Japanese Language classes for adults. The classes begin in early January and are held at Oxley Hall at OSU. Please see the descriptions to the right.

Registration is over but please watch for details regarding the Spring classes.

Japanese Language Class for Beginner I
Jan. 7 - Feb. 25, 2009

This class is designed for beginners with no Japanese language skills. The class is designed to be fun and interactive. Class size is limited to 12 and there must be 8 to hold the class. It is open to those high school age and older [FLYER](#)

(Take a look at the new membership levels - you may be able to go for FREE)

Japanese Language Class for Beginner II

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This class is designed for advanced beginners who have already taken Beginners I. The class is designed to be fun and interactive. Class size is limited to 12 and there must be 8 to hold the class. It is open to those high school age and older [FLYER](#)

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Kimono Exhibit

Canton Museum of Art



Kimono as Art: The Landscapes of Itchiku Kubota features forty oversized kimono created by Master Kubota. Kimono will tour the United States for six months with only two stops: San Diego, California and Canton, Ohio.

The centerpiece of the display is his 30-piece landscape kimono panorama, "Symphony of Light." An homage to nature and the passing of seasons, "Symphony of Light" consists of fifteen kimono depicting autumn and fifteen depicting winter. The ten additional kimono in the exhibit celebrate Kubota's reverence for the natural world of Japan.

A video presentation of Kubota's life and work will also be featured in this Ohio kimono display. See a preview of the video at:

<http://www.kimonoexhibit.com/video.htm>

See a listing of all the events at <http://www.kimonoexhibit.com/events.htm>



Opening night is February 7, 2009



Bringing the Japanese and American Communities together.

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Wild about the Japanese language or just enjoy a good challenge? The Japanese Language Speech Contest is the place for you to be! Meet others who are learning Japanese and who are interested in Japan!

Win great Prizes! Categories for both high school and college students.

March 7, 2009

**Announcing the Japan-
America Society of Central
Ohio 10th annual Speech
Contest!**

日本語

Deadline is January 27, 2009

丑 Year of the Ox 牛 Nengajo Contest for students of Japanese

We received many great entries for this years Nengajo contest. It was obvious the students were very excited about the project and were very creative in their work.

Judging will begin in the next week or so. Watch the website to see all the entries and for a list of the winners.

Sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio, the Institute for Japanese Studies at The Ohio State University, the Ohio Association of Teachers of Japanese (OATJ) and the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit.

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Mission:

The Japan-America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) is a private, not-for-profit membership association of Americans and Japanese who desire to bring the Japanese and American communities together, promote goodwill through the sharing of knowledge about Japan, and provide a forum for informed discussion regarding the Japan-U.S. relationship. The Japan-America Society of Central Ohio is one of 39 Japan-America Societies located throughout the United States and is a member of the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

使命:

セントラルオハイオ日米協会は非営利の団体であり、その使命は、日米両社会の交流をはかり、日本についての知識を分かち合うことを通して日米友好を促進し、日米関係における諸問題について、より開かれた議論のための場を提供していくことと考えています。セントラルオハイオ日米協会は全米にある38の日米協会のひとつであり、全米日米協会連合に加盟しています。