

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

November 22 - December 7, 2021



A Special "Thank You" this Thanksgiving Season!

Thank you for sharing the wonders and delights of a very special US-Japan relationship, and for making the work we do at the Japan Society of Boston so meaningful. The pandemic has been painful, but throughout it all, you have shown us the beauty of people to people connections and have deepened our love for the grass-roots work we do in strengthening the bond between the US and Japan.

Please join us in our [online fundraising campaign](#), which we launched in lieu of our annual fundraising Gala that we had to cancel two years in a row due to the pandemic. There are various ways to support us, whether by bidding on a unique item on our [online auction](#), coming to our [online wine tasting](#), or our very special online event featuring [Donald Richie's book *The Inland Sea*](#), or simply by [making a donation](#). Your support, in any form, will enable us to continue bringing you the high quality programs and the language school you have come to expect from us!

Now Open for Registration!

December 2nd
[Shikoku Pilgrimage](#)

December 3rd
[Language Room](#)

December 8th
[The Inland Sea 50th Anniversary](#)

December 10th
[Holiday Extravaganza:
Online Wine Tasting with Kenzo
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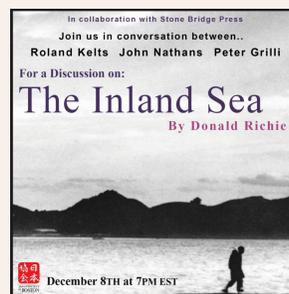
December 11th
[Ouchigohan Part 3: Matcha Marble
Cake & Matcha Latte](#)

January 26th, 2022
[JSB Book Club](#)

[Japanese Group Lesson Winter 2022](#)
[Registration in now Open!](#)

Read more about all our events below!

Featured Events & Programs



[50th Anniversary of Donald
Richie's *The Inland Sea*](#)
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
7:00 PM EST



[Shikoku Pilgrimage](#)
Thursday, December 2, 2021
6:00 PM EST

[New Podcast Episode!](#)



For our sixth episode, we interviewed **Kasia Lynch**, founder of **Ikigai Connections**. *Ikigai* translates to "reason for being" and Ikigai Connections' goal is to help job seekers with a deep interest in Japan "discover their Japan-related *ikigai*."

Kasia's Japan journey began in high school when multiple serendipitous moments led to a four-month exchange program with a high school in the middle of the Japanese countryside in Shiga Prefecture. This experience was so life changing that when she came back home, she knew her life and her work had to be centered around Japan.



[Holiday Extravaganza: Online Wine Tasting with Kenzo Estate](#)

**Friday, December 10, 2021
7:00 PM EST**



[Uchigohan Part 3: Matcha Marble Cake & Matcha Latte](#)

**Saturday, December 11, 2021
5:00 PM EST | 4:00 PM CST**

Our Fall Fundraiser Events:



[Online Auction](#)

Find unique gifts in our online auction! From paintings to pottery to special Japanese ties, there's something for everyone. Check back often as new items will be added every week until auction closes on 12/15.

A Special Sneak Peek: Obento boxes will be added to the auction next week!

[View the Auction](#)

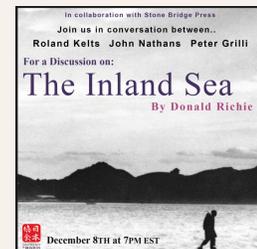


[Online Wine Tasting with Kenzo Estate](#)

We are partnering with the renowned Kenzo Estate in Napa, CA for an online experience of their three signature wines. Join us in what promises to be a magical night and support us in this important fundraiser!

**Friday, December 10, 2021
7:00PM EST**

[Register Here](#)



[Celebrating 50th Anniversary of Donald Richie's The Inland Sea in collaboration with the Stone Bridge Press](#)

A special conversation between Roland Kelts and John Nathan, moderated by Peter Grilli

**Wednesday, December 8,
2021
7:00PM EST**

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Japan Society of Boston Featured Online Events

Shikoku Pilgrimage

Thursday, December 2, 2021 | 6:00 PM EST

in collaboration with Japan Society Canada



The Shikoku Pilgrimage is the most important pilgrimage in Japan, and one of the few circular pilgrimage routes in the world. Created by Kobo Daishi - the founder of Shingon Buddhism, the 1,200 kilometer trail connects some 88 temples along the perimeter of the island of Shikoku,

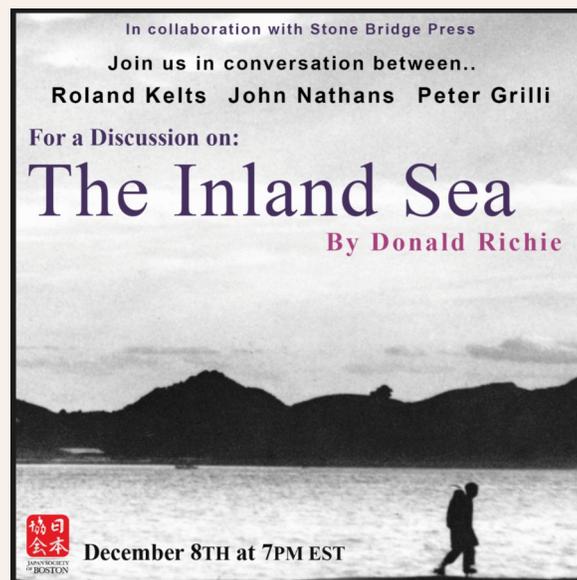
and has from its conception become an important passage for personal reflection, spiritual healing, and the custom of charitable giving known as o-settai.

Join us for this special presentation as author and photographer, John Lander, takes us through idyllic landscapes and stunning temples to share the origins and stories of this sacred trail, documented in his most recent publication *The Shikoku Pilgrimage - Japan's Sacred Trail*, and learn why so many people devote themselves to undertaking the pilgrimage year after year.

[Register](#)

50th Anniversary of Donald Richie's The Inland Sea

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 | 7:00 PM EST



The Inland Sea (1971), the poetic travelogue by Donald Richie, detailing several months in the late 1960s he spent voyaging amongst the islands and coastal towns of the 内海, Japan's inland sea which separates Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu, has become an enduring classic for many people. Last month was the 50th Anniversary of the first publication of this famous book that is often considered the finest book on Japan ever written.

Join us in a conversation between writer, editor, lecturer and author, Roland Kelts and translator, filmmaker and scholar John Nathan, moderated by Peter Grilli, President Emeritus of the Japan Society of Boston and learn why The Inland Sea is very often the most memorable book one reads about Japan.

[Register](#)

[Holiday Extravaganza: Online Wine Tasting with Kenzo Estate](#)

Friday, December 10, 2021 | 7:00 PM EST

In lieu of our Annual Fundraising Gala, The Japan Society of Boston is partnering with the renowned Kenzo Estate in Napa, CA for an online experience of their three signature wines. With vineyards cultivated by celebrated viticulturist David Abreu, and wine artistically crafted by world-renowned winemaker Heidi Barrett, Kenzo Estate's wines are celebrated all over the world. Join us in what promises to be a magical night and support us in this important fundraiser!

Registration will close on 12/1 to allow for the wines to be shipped to the address you provide in time for the event. Sign up early!



[Register](#)



[Ouchigohan Part 3: Matcha Marble Cake & Matcha Latte](#)

Saturday, December 11, 2021 | 5:00 PM EST / 4:00 PM CST

Join us in this family friendly event hosted by The Japan-America Society of Georgia, The Japan Society of Boston, and Japan-America Society of Houston as we cook along with Table for Two's innovative food program, Wa-Shokuiku: Learn.

Cook. Eat Japanese! Make simple, healthy homestyle Japanese food to enjoy with your friends and family.

All classes will be taught by Debra Samuels, lead curriculum and recipe developer for Wa-Shokuiku, cookbook author, cooking teacher and 2020 recipient of the John E. Thayer III Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cultural Exchange Between the United States and Japan.

Register

Japan Society of Boston Recurring Online Events

The JSB Language Room Virtual Language Exchange

Friday, December 3, 2021 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM EST
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Hosted online via Zoom

(you will be sent the meeting code upon registering)

*The theme for this exchange:
Winter Festivals & Traditions*

Practice your Japanese or your English at our next online language exchange!

Join us for two hours of conversation where you will be grouped based on your proficiency level. We will begin speaking in Japanese, followed by English. We will conclude the meeting with free, casual conversation in Japanese and/or English until we hit 8 PM.

*The JSB Language Room is currently free for all. To help us continue offering our language exchange, please consider **making a donation** or **becoming a member** today!*

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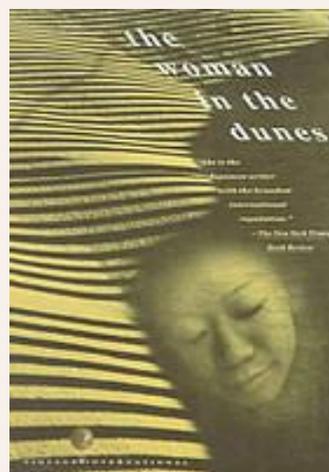
JSB Book Club

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 | 6PM EST

Hosted online via Zoom

(Zoom link will be sent before the event)

Do you love Japanese literature? The JSB Book Club will be meeting to discuss *The Woman in the Dunes* by Kobo Abe. The purpose of the JSB Book Club is to strengthen the Boston community of Japan enthusiasts by coming together to discuss Japanese literature.



The club is limited to Japan Society of Boston Members. Interested in joining but not yet a Member of the Japan Society of Boston? Consider *becoming a Member* today! If you are already a Member and interested in the group, please *contact us* to have your name added to the club mailing list

Additional Resources

[Japanese study resources](#)

[Tofugu: Learn Hiragana](#)

[Tofugu: Learn Katakana](#)

[WaniKani](#)

[Tae Kim's Guide to Learning Japanese](#)

[Learn Japanese with Erin](#)

[NHK-World Japan: Easy Japanese Grammer](#)

[How to Read and Write Hiragana](#)

[Google Arts & Culture Virtual Museum Collections](#)

[Tokyo National Museum](#)

[The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo](#)

[Kyoto National Museum](#)

[Fukuoka Asian Art Museum](#)

[Yamatane Museum of Art](#)

[Adachi Museum of Art](#)

