

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

June 22 - July 6, 2020



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JSB Staff Pick of the Week

With more time at home, we've asked our staff to pick some of their favorite Japanese movies and books. Here's the staff pick of the week:



[Late Spring](#)

27-year-old Noriko is unmarried but content, preferring a life of staying at home and caring

for her widowed father. However, her father decides to take matchmaking matters into his own hands, hoping to protect Noriko from remaining single forever because of her selflessness.

1949 film directed by Yasujiro Ozu. It is the first of Ozu's famous "Noriko" trilogy of films, each depicting a different female protagonist named Noriko.

[IMDb page](#)



Japanese of the week:

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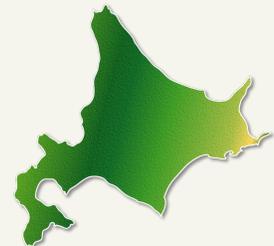
"*kissaten*"

Though coffee originally came into Japan in the early Edo Period, served to Dutch traders in Nagasaki, the Japanese did not initially like the taste. However, on April 13th, 1888, the first *kissaten*, a traditional Japanese coffee shop, opened in Japan. Growing in popularity during the start of the Shōwa Era, *kissaten* helped spread coffee drinking throughout the country. Characterized by their traditional atmosphere and their drip-style coffee, *kissaten* shops offer customers food options in addition to drinks, from sweets to "morning service" breakfast options.

Want to learn more about coffee in Japan? Join us for A Demonstration by Ogawa Coffee on June 25th at 5PM and discover how to make the perfect cup of coffee at home!

Facts about Hokkaido

Honoring the 30th Anniversary of the Massachusetts - Hokkaido sister state relationship



Did you know...

Hokkaido is a kind of dog breed that originated from the prefecture of the same name. They are also known as Ainu-ken, Seta, and Ainu dogs. Hokkaido dogs are believed to be the most primitive of all Japanese dog breeds, and Japan actually recognized them as a living natural monument in 1937, protecting them by law. Originally bred as hunting dogs, they are fearless, intelligent, and easy to train. They have been used to help with search and rescue missions but are mostly kept as family pets. Their playful, devoted, affectionate nature makes them a great addition to the family.

Join or Renew Your Membership

The Japan Society of Boston is a community of bridge makers and curious minds who have found connections with others through their common interest in strengthening the ties between the US and Japan.

Join or Renew your Membership and support us continue this important work of bridge making!

Join Now



Keep up with JSB on social media!



Ikebana Demonstration with Joanne Caccavale (Part Three)

Enjoy another flower arrangement demonstration by Joanne Caccavale, Director of the Boston Chapter of the Sogetsu School and past President twice of Ikebana International Boston Chapter. She has put together this arrangement using flowers from her own garden. Enjoy a moment of peace with Joanne's arrangement.



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Our Shared Japan! JSB's original virtual Japan Trip



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One of the many challenges of the current pandemic has been to put travel plans on hold this year.

We at JSB are putting together a virtual trip to bring Japan to our readers, especially to those who had hoped to visit around this time but are unable.

Please join us in the production of this virtual trip by sending us your pictures or videos of your travels in Japan. We welcome content from journeys both recent and long past!

We will string together all of our collected memories into one and present them as a video in our August newsletter!

Send Here!

Meet our new interns!



Ciara Jacques

Ciara is a recent graduate of Boston University, where she majored in philosophy and studied Japanese. She will go on to pursue her Master's degree in International Strategy and Economic Development in Paris this fall, continuing to study Japanese as well as French. She is looking forward to a career that will eventually bring her to Japan.



Daiki Tsumagari

Daiki is Japanese American from Singapore, he aims to understand and explore his cultural background as an Asian American new to Boston. He majors in History at Boston University.



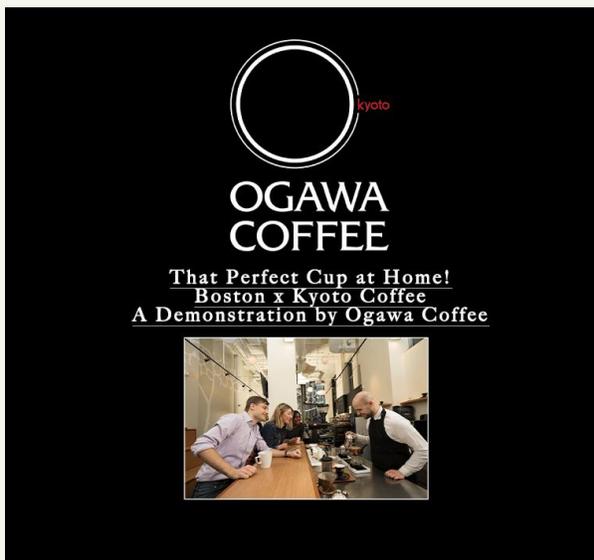
Emily Knick

Emily is currently a student at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, majoring in Linguistics and Japanese. With an interest in Japanese literature, she enjoys reading and writing poetry in both English and Japanese. In the future, she hopes to pursue graduate school to further her studies of the language and its literary culture.

Japan Society of Boston Online Events

That Perfect Cup at Home! Boston x Kyoto Coffee A Demonstration by Ogawa Coffee

Thursday, June 25th
5:00 PM (US Eastern Time)
Friday, June 26th 6:00 AM (Kyoto Time)



Free, but donations accepted
All donations go to [Grounds for Health](#)

Hosted online via Zoom
(you will be sent the meeting code after registering)

Is it possible that a cup of coffee can make the world a better place? Ogawa Coffee and its coffee artisans from Kyoto, Japan, have been dedicated to the pursuit of coffee perfection since 1952.

We will be connecting baristas from both Ogawa Boston and their head store in Kyoto to learn about the craft of creating the perfect cup of coffee at home. Hear about the history and pride established in the Ogawa brand, and Ogawa's own vision of what it means to connect communities.

[Read More](#)

[Easy Japanese Home Cooking for the Non-Chefs! -Part 3-](#)



Saturday, June 27th (Napolitan)
5:00 - 6:30 PM

Hosted online via Zoom
(you will be sent the ingredient list and meeting code a few days before the event)

Naporitan or Napolitan is a popular Japanese pasta dish. The dish consists of spaghetti, tomato ketchup or a tomato-based sauce, onion, and other ingredients depending on how you make it! Naporitan is claimed to be from Yokohama, a city which totes a history of cross cultural connections between Japan and the world.

Momoko Hasegawa, an exchange student from Tokyo, studying graphic design in Boston, is excited to join and bring to you the steps she takes in order to prepare her favorite Napolitan dish!

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Virtual Japanese/ English Language Exchange

Friday, June 26th
6:00 to 8:00 PM

Hosted online via Zoom Meetings
(you will be sent the meeting code after registering)

Our language gatherings have been growing so expansive that we now have **participants all the way from Japan!** This really ties into our mission of being the bridge between Japan and the US. Come join for 2 hours of conversation based on your level of proficiency and be a part of our **community!**

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Online activities from other Japan Societies across the US



Columbia Sportswear and the Global Pandemic: How One Company is Weathering the Storm

Wednesday, July 1, 3:00 - 4:30 PM PST
(12:00 to 1:30 PM EST)

Columbia has a presence in over 90 countries and around 40 percent of revenue is generated abroad, a tremendous modern-day global success. However, the current global pandemic has deeply challenged contemporary business planning; forcing leaders to re-set their thinking in all areas of operations. From supply chain to overseas investment and manufacturing, employee work-from-home procedures to customer behaviors and online retail operations, the world is changing. And Columbia aims to keep pace.

Join us for 45 minutes with one of Oregon's most influential businessmen, with a presentation followed by Q&A session.

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Fri, June 26, 2020 5:00 - 6:00 PM EDT

#EdamameChamp is an annual chopstick skill competition to promote healthy ways of eating through Japanese cuisine and to raise funds to provide food education programs to children. This year, the JICC, Embassy of Japan is collaborating with Table for Two to provide a fun, interactive and educational workshop on soy!

[#EdamameChamp
Competition and Cooking
Workshop with Table for Two](#)

In this workshop, attendees will learn more about the nutritious benefits of soy, participate in a fun #EdamameChamp live chopstick challenge, and learn new Japanese recipes from a live cooking demonstration!

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[Virtual Tour
Energy Released:
Ceramics by Ken Matsuzaki](#)

Take a virtual tour of the exhibition, which is on view through 5 July 2020.

[Visit Here](#)



[Potter's Talk with Ken
Matsuzaki and Andrew Maske](#)

Witness Pucker Gallery artist Ken Matsuzaki and Professor Andrew Maske for a Potter's Talk in conjunction with the exhibition Energy Released.

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[TEA Summer Movie Nights
at NCTA](#)



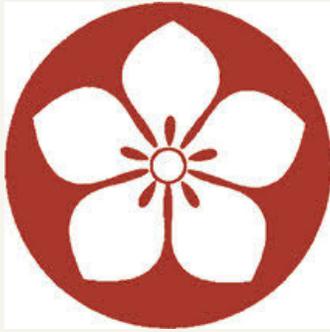
Watch film in advance and then join Zoom live for discussion.

[Godzilla \(Gojira, 1954\)](#)

June 24, 7-8pm ET

[Your Name \(2016\)](#)

July 14, 7-8pm ET



The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia



[Virtual Tour: Tokyo Tower Day and Night](#)

Tokyo Tower is a communications and observation tower in the Shiba-koen district of Minato, Tokyo, Japan. At 332.9 meters, it is the second-tallest structure in Japan. The structure is an Eiffel Tower-inspired lattice tower that is painted white and international orange to comply with air safety regulations.

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