



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON  
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

# Monthly Newsletter

## Message from JSB Staff

Hello Everyone!

My name is Emily Buttner, and this month I am so happy to join the Japan Society of Boston as the Program Associate and English Teacher.

As a recent returnee from Japan, working with Japanese families on their English is something that is already bringing me so much joy. I'm also looking forward to contributing to JSB's programming, including the continuation of our **BUDŌ** series this Summer and Fall. I feel so lucky to join such a warm and inspiring organization, and I am eager to get to know our members and audience better in the months to come.

I can't wait for our online Aikido Event with the Aikido Tekkojuku of Boston, this June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. It'll be my first event as a member of the JSB team - hope to see you all there!



**Emily Buttner**  
Program Associate at the Japan Society of Boston



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**JSB Programming**

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# GREEN GALA

A SHARED U.S. - JAPAN ECOLOGY

June 16th, 2022



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## Registration Now Open!!

After 2 full years of not being able to hold our fundraising Gala due to COVID, we are bringing our in person Gala back on 6/16 at the Gardens at the Elm Bank in Wellesley.

This year, we are honoring **Katherine Collins, Head of Sustainable Investments at Putnum and Shigeatsu Hatakeyama, fisherman turned environmentalist and Kyoto University professor** - two individuals whose impact, from Sustainable Investing to Ecological Restoration continues to inspire green initiatives world wide. We are calling it our first Green Gala!

[Register Here](#)

The JSB Annual Gala Dinner

# Auction

ONLINE: JUNE 1ST- 14th | IN PERSON: JUNE 16th

Flights to Japan,  
Restaurants Gift Cards,  
Art and Ceramics,  
Event Tickets,  
Hotel Stays

**Online Auction: June 1st - 14th**

**In Person Auction: June 16th at JSB's Annual Gala Dinner**

Silent Auction is one of the highlights of JSB's Gala. For those of you who cannot make it to our Gala in person, we have made some items available online during our pre-Gala online auction.

You can also preview some of the in-person silent auction items we will have at the Gala on June 16th!

**Featured Items:**

- 1. U.S. Open Practice Round Tickets for June 15th!!**
- 2. Two JAL Economy Tickets to Japan!!**
- 3. Hyatt Regency Boston Staycation Hotel Reservation!!**

[Go to Auction!](#)



**Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 7:00 PM EDT**  
**Budo Series: Aikido**

Join Aikido Tekkojuku of Boston in an overview of why people practice Aikido. This is the second installment in our BUDŌ series featured by the Japan Society of Boston.

Attendees will learn not only about the history of Aikido at large, but also get an overview of how it is practiced in New England through the story of the Dojo as well as interviews from its participants. We hope you will join us.

[Register Here](#)

OUCHIGOHAN II: PART 4

# CREAM ANMITSU

JULY 9th at 5:00 PM EDT



**Saturday, July 9th, 2022 5:00 PM EDT**  
**Ouchigohan II: Part 4 - Cream Anmitsu**

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

Ouchigohan II will continue with cream anmitsu, a sweet dating back to the Meiji period that features kanten jelly cubes, matcha ice cream, red beans, and fruits. The event will also include a Tanzaku activity celebrating Tanabata, the Japanese Star Festival.

[Register Here](#)

# Poetry Imprisoned

Verses from the Japanese American WWII Incarceration

Tuesday, July 12th, 2022  
at 6PM (EDT)

**Tuesday, July 12th, 2022 6:00 PM EDT**  
**Poetry Imprisoned:**  
**Verses from the Japanese American WWII Incarceration**

What happens to poetic tradition when it's carried across an ocean to a new continent, only to be locked away in wartime detention centers and concentration camps? In our next Poetry Club meeting, we'll explore how Japanese-Americans fought to maintain poetic connection when they were imprisoned in World War II camps.

[Register Here](#)



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# Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English  
Virtual Language Exchange

Friday, June 17th, 2022 6:00 to 8:00 PM EDT

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Registration closes at 12 pm on the day of the event.

**Theme of this month's Language Room:** Summer Events

Come practice your Japanese or English at our next online language room.

[Register Here](#)

## JSB Member Programming

# Between the Lines

A Monthly Discussion of **the Tale of Genji** for JSB members held on the third Tuesday of the Month



Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

Join us to discuss the Tale of Genji by Murasaki Shikibu. We will be discussing **chapters sixteen through twenty**. This event will be held on the third Tuesday every month through September.

[Register Here](#)

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# BOOK CLUB

FLOATING CLOUDS BY FUMIKO HAYASHI



**Wednesday, July 27th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT**

Do you love Japanese literature? The JSB Book Club will be meeting to discuss **Floating Clouds** by **Fumiko Hayashi**. The purpose of the JSB Book Club is to strengthen the community of Japan enthusiasts by coming together to discuss Japanese literature.

[Register Here](#)

## News from JSB



## JOHN E. THAYER III AWARD

**Announcing our 2022 Thayer Award Recipients**

**Sarah Thompson:**  
**Curator of Japanese Art at the Museum of Fine Arts  
Boston**

It is Sarah Thompson's welcoming and enthusiastic generosity in sharing her knowledge, deep respect and affection for the arts of Japan which makes her stand out as a teacher, lecturer and curator at the MFA. Sarah's scholarly research spans the whole spectrum of Japanese art and she continues to spread the joy of knowing Japan, the people, the arts, the history and the culture to an ever-widening audiences.



### **JB Line:**

JB Line was born when its founder, Satoko Watanabe, lost touch with her relative living in a distant city in North America, but had no one to turn to in finding him. Luckily, he was found later with the help of a Japanese network in that city. This critical incident made Satoko see a great need for a social safety net for Japanese people in the U.S.

The small group she started in the fall of 2010 as a 24/7 Japanese language hotline, named JB Line, has since grown into a non-profit organization with its Board of Directors and staff as well as about 100 volunteers. Today, it is truly a crucial lifeline for the wellbeing of the Japanese and Japanese American communities in New England.



### **JSB Meets JET Alumni:**

As part of our partnership with the United States Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association (USJETAA), the Japan Society of Boston features a new JET Alumni in our monthly blog!

**This month:**

**Jill Schimmel  
in Osaka Prefecture!**



[Read the Blog](#)

**Other Japan Related Programming**

The Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Adelaide

June 5th 8:30 PM EDT

[Miyawaki Miniforests Symposium](#)

Japan Foundation New York

June 21st 11 PM EDT

[Takashi Harada – The Ondes Martenot – Special Video Event](#)

Coolidge Corner Theater

June 27th 7 PM EDT

[AKIRA Film Screening](#)

Newark Museum of Art

June 28th 7 PM EDT

[Museum Crawl: Passport to Tokyo](#)

Japan America Society of Chicago:

June 30th 8 PM EDT

[Sake Through the Ages](#)

## From the Archive



Every newsletter, the Japan Society of Boston will pull an image from our archive. This postcard was sent back to Boston from Japan in 1914. The back says:

"View of Yokohama from the 'Bluff' which is the choice residence district for



foreigners and rich Japanese."

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