



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

Monthly Newsletter

Message from JSB Staff

Happy May from the Japan Society of Boston!

So much has happened since I first joined the JSB team over a year ago, but one thing remains constant - the amazing support from you, our audience and members.

With your support, we've added some new programs this year, such as *Between the Lines: A Tale of Genji Discussion Group* and the *Celebration of the Japan Bookseller's Award*, while continuing our old favorites like our *Poetry* program, our *Ouchigohan* and *Pop-Culture* series!

Please look forward to some exciting programs coming up. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy my Haiku I wrote with JSB in mind.

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The day dawns
The bridge beckons
Let's go!



Chris Ellars
Program Associate at the Japan Society of Boston



The Green Gala

GREEN GALA

A SHARED U.S. - JAPAN ECOLOGY

June 16th, 2022



JAPAN SOCIETY
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Honoring:

Katherine Collins and Shigeatsu Hatakeyama

This year, our Gala will honor two individuals whose impact, from Sustainable Investing to Ecological Restoration, continues to inspire green initiatives worldwide.

Gala Co-Chairs:

Megan Gates and William Whelan
William Hunt and Yuko Kageyama Hunt

Tickets go on Sale May 23rd

[More Information](#)

JSB Programming

Ouchigohan!

おうちごはん!

Japanese Home Cooking!

TEDDY BEAR OMU RICE

a special collaboration

T TABLE FOR TWO



Saturday, May 14th, 2022 - 5:00 PM EDT

Join us for Table for Two's innovative food program,
Wa-Shokuiku: Learn. Cook. Eat Japanese!
Ouchigohan continues with Teddy Bear Omurice!

[Register Here](#)

Celebrate Japan!

A weekend of fun with the Japan Society of
Boston and the Trustees of the Reservations

5/21- 5/22

Long Hill | Trustees of the Reservations | 572 Essex St, Beverly, MA

TAIKO | CALLIGRAPHY | INCENSE APPRECIATION | FLOWER ARRANGING | TEA CEREMONY | GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, May 21st - Sunday, May 22nd 2022

Join the Japan Society of Boston and the Trustees of the Reservations at Long Hill the Weekend of May 21st and 22nd for a series of Japan Themed Events!

Saturday will commence with a Taiko performance by Odaiko New England, **free and weather permitting** with admission to Long Hill. Sunday will continue with **five separately ticketed events**: A garden tour, incense

appreciation, flower arranging, calligraphy, and tea ceremony.

JSB Members must show card for free admission to Long Hill.

[More Information and Registration](#)



**Join the JSB
Language Room**

A Japanese and English
Virtual Language Exchange

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会本**
JAPAN SOCIETY
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Friday, May 20, 2022 6:00 to 8:00 PM EDT

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

Come practice your Japanese or your English at our next online language room. Registration closes at 12 pm (EDT) on the day of the event.

[Register Here](#)



Okinawa

Explore the diverse regional cultures of Japan series

MAY 22nd

Workshop starts at 9:30, 10:30, 2:00 and 3:00 in Art Lab

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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(Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis)

At Art Lab (Floor 2), Boston Children's Museum

Join Boston Children's Museum and the Japan Society of Boston for the fun,

interactive, hands-on workshops that highlight different regions of Japan and celebrate their beauty. May's workshop is the final program of this special series, and we will learn about Okinawa. Meet guest presenters and participate in a hands-on workshop making your own bath salt.

[More Information](#)

日本全国の書店員が選んだ
いちばん売りたい本

2022年本屋大賞
Celebrating Japan's most treasured literary prize.
2022 Japan Booksellers' Award

Celebrate the Honya Taisho at Brookline Booksmith Until May 23rd, 2022

In honor of the Japanese Booksellers award, the Japan Society of Boston partnered with Brookline Booksmith to offer a unique selection of books from authors celebrated by the award over the years.

This month long celebration also marks the release of Japanese Language Books at Brookline Booksmith.

The Japanese Literature Section will be on view until May 23rd and books can also be purchased online!

[More Information](#)

Between the Lines

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



Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

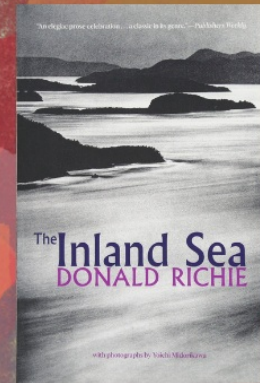
Join us to discuss the Tale of Genji by Murasaki Shikibu. We will be discussing **chapters eleven through fifteen**. This event will be held on the third Tuesday every month through September.

[Register Here](#)

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BOOK CLUB

THE INLAND SEA BY DONALD RICHIE



Wednesday, May 25, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

Do you love Japanese literature? The JSB Book Club will be meeting to discuss **The Inland Sea by Donald Richie**. The purpose of the JSB Book Club is to strengthen the Boston community of Japan enthusiasts by coming together to discuss Japanese literature.

[Register Here](#)



JSB Meets JET Alumni:

As part of our partnership with the United States Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association (USJETAA), we will be sharing excerpts of interviews with JET alums in our newsletter!

This month:

Cameron Manning in Shiga Prefecture!

[Read the Blog](#)



Missed your chance to catch Bill Tsutsui and Alexander Zahlten's incredible discussion on Godzilla over the Years? If so, head on over to our Youtube and see what they had to say!!

Other Japan Related Programming

Engage Asia:

May 14th, 2022 7 PM EDT

[Yabusame: Traditional Horseback Archery in Japan - Ritual or Martial Art?](#)

Showa Boston:

May 21st, 11:30 AM EDT

[:Re Party • Lunch & Music • Learn Japanese](#)

The Japan America Society of Northern California:

May 24th, 2022 7 PM EDT

[The Future of Precision and Predictive Healthcare](#)

Columbia University Center on Japanese Commerce and Business:

May 24th 7 PM EDT

[Japan in the Uncertain World: Security, Economic Security, Diversity, and Governance](#)

Japan America Society of Chicago:

May 27th 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 April of 1914 and depicts fishing boats on the Inland Sea.

Want to learn more about the Inland Sea? Join us for our bi-monthly book club on May 25th where we read Donald Richie's ethnography of it.

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