



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

Monthly Newsletter



Bruce Stronach

President of Showa Boston Institute

How long have you been in Boston?

In some ways I have been in Boston all my life. I was born in Weymouth but we moved to Maine when I was about one year old. However, my grandparents lived in Quincy so we visited Boston about twice a year. In addition, I studied at BU for two years, did my graduate work at the Fletcher School and Harvard GSAS while living on Comm Ave between Dartmouth and Exeter. And even when living in Tokyo, we had an apartment in Brookline for my wife, who worked at Harvard, and kids, who went to middle and high school in Brookline.



What does your organization do?

[Showa Boston Institute](#) (SBI) is the American campus of Showa Women's University (SWU), a private women's university in the Sangenjaya District of Tokyo, two subway stops west of Shibuya. In addition to serving as a study abroad location for SWU students, SBI also serves students from other Japanese universities and runs a number of summer short term programs for elementary school, middle school, and high school students. We also have a variety of Japanese language classes available for the public.

Showa Boston Institute is one of the very few American campuses of a Japanese university and it is an integral part of SWU's global education strategy. SBI also acts as a nexus of Japanese-American cultural and academic exchange through programs with local universities. Our mission is to educate Japanese students about America and American students about Japan. SBI offers students the ability to improve their English while studying global issues by active participation and engagement through field trips, guest speakers, as well as project-based research assignments.

Click [here](#) to read the full interview!

Announcements from JSB

JSB members, please visit the [Member Portal](#) and log in to explore exclusive discounts and other perks!

Currently featured is access to the second half of Roland Kelts' *Letters from Tokyo!*

We are pleased to announce that JET Programme alumni can now [sign up](#) for JSB membership at 25% off regular price.

*Please note that the JET Alums discount only applies to the "Individual" level.



Calling all artists and designers!

We are excited to announce our Summer 2023 Design Contest, open now through August. A winning design will be printed on T-shirts and Crewnecks available for purchase to fundraise for JSB.

The contest is open to all ages, multiple entrees are allowed. The top designs will be nominated by JSB, and then the final design will be chosen by popular vote. The winner of the contest will be featured and will receive a free shirt with their design!

Submission deadline: August 31st, 2023

Submit designs to: info@japansocietyboston.org

[Questions? Email joanneha@japansocietyboston.org](mailto:joanneha@japansocietyboston.org)

[Details](#)

[Long Hill](#) estate in Beverly, MA is offering free general admission to JSB members who bring their membership cards. This limited time opportunity runs



until the end of their visitor season on **October 29th**. Please note that special programs and events would require additional tickets.

Visit Long Hill to see their vast collection of Japanese native plants and enjoy the beauty of their private gardens surrounded by woodland trails!

JSB Programming

Abare Matsuri

THE FESTIVAL OF
FIRE AND VIOLENCE

Wednesday, July 19th @6PM ET



Abare Matsuri: The Festival of Fire and Violence Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 - 6:00 PM ET Online

The town of Ushitsu in Ishikawa Prefecture holds a very different type of summer festival. Join the Japan Society of Boston as we explore how the people of Ushitsu celebrate fire, violence, and rampage in a summer festival that people from all over Japan come to see!

This is a free, hour-long presentation with Q&A hosted on Zoom.

[Register](#)



Arnold Arboretum Private Tour



Thursday, August 10th @2pm

\$5 JSB members
\$10 Non-members

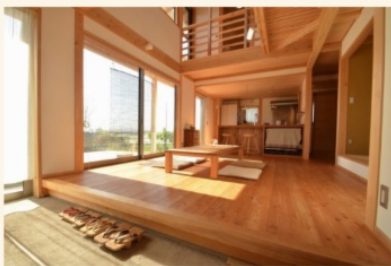
Arnold Arboretum Private Tour **Thursday, August 10th, 2023 - 2:00 PM ET** **The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University**

An expert docent will lead us through the 281-acre landscape and share Arboretum history, collection information, and seasonal highlights with a focus on the East-West connection and Asian plants. Viewing of the Bonsai & Penjing Pavilion will be included as part of the tour.

Space is limited for this event. Visitors should be prepared to be standing/walking for up to an hour.

JSB members get discounted \$5 tickets, non-members can register for \$10.

[Register](#)



INSIDE THE JAPANESE HOUSE: PART I

with Adam Zgola

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH @6PM ET

Inside the Japanese House: Part I **Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 - 6:00 PM ET** **Online**

The Japan Society of Boston is proud to present *Inside the Japanese House*, a three-part series exploring traditional Japanese homes through the lens of Architecture, Culture, and Handcraft. The series will be hosted by Adam Zgola, a carpenter who specializes in traditional Japanese wooden construction with over two decades of experience in Japan.

Part I will delve into Adam's early experiences as an apprentice craftsman in Japan.

We will discuss the opportunities and challenges of a Japanese apprenticeship, a process that results in a unique insight in the importance of tradition in handcraft and the responsibilities of craftsmen in the context of culture and society.

Please join us for this very special one-of-a-kind seminar series. This is a free, hour-long presentation with Q&A hosted on Zoom.

Register



Ouchigohan!
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featuring

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SUMMER OYATSU COOKALONG
via ZOOM

\$10 | JAS/JS Members
\$15 | Non-members



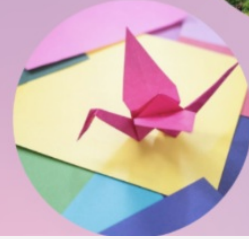
□□□□□□! Ouchigohan Dorayaki
Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 - 5:00 PM ET
Online

Dorayaki sandwiches are made of *anko* (□□ - red bean paste) between two castella pancakes for the perfect on-the-go snack or light dessert.

Join special guest Aoi Tsuchida, founder and owner of Kyoto-based OYATSU AOI, and beloved Ouchigohan! instructor Debra Samuels in making *dorayaki* three different ways. A Q&A session with Tsuchida-san will also provide insight into the world of *wagashi*, Japanese sweets.

JSB members get discounted tickets!

Register



Celebrate Japan! at Long Hill Gardens in Beverly, MA

Join JSB on
Saturday, July 15th, 2023
10AM - 3:30PM

Celebrate Japan! **Saturday, July 15th, 2023 - 10:00am - 3:30pm ET** **Long Hill Gardens in Beverly, MA**

JSB and Long Hill gardens are collaborating again this year to celebrate Japanese culture. With their many Japanese artifacts and plantings, Long Hill is excited to celebrate Japanese culture through music, arts, and much more!

[Register](#)

Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English Virtual Language Exchange

Sponsored by:

JSB Language Room
Friday, July 21st, 2023 6:00 to 8:00 PM ET
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Online

Practice your Japanese (or your English) at our next online Japanese / English language exchange. Our monthly language room is sponsored by [Temple University, Japan Campus \(TUJ\)](#). TUJ is the oldest and largest foreign university in Japan.

[Register](#)



Connect with JSB!

Downeast Cider House Pop-up
256 Marginal St. #32, East Boston, MA

Connect with JSB!
Thursday, July 20th, 2023 - 6:00 PM ET
Downeast Cider House Pop-up
256 Marginal St. #32, East Boston, MA

Join Japan Society of Boston staff and members for a night of drinks on the waterfront! Connect with JSB is a great way to get to know us better, meet other society members, practice your Japanese in a casual environment, and enjoy the sights of Boston.

This event is open to JSB members only. Registrants are welcome to bring a plus one, but their guest must be included in the registration. All attendees should be prepared to pay for their own meal/drinks.

[Register](#)



JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON MEMBER

BOOK CLUB

PRO BONO BY SEICHO MATSUMOTO

JSB Book Club
Wednesday, July 26th, 2023 - 6:00 PM ET
Online

Do you love Japanese literature? The JSB Book Club will be meeting to discuss *Pro Bono* by Seicho Matsumoto. The purpose of the JSB Book Club is to strengthen the Boston community of Japan enthusiasts by coming together to discuss Japanese literature.

Find a copy of *Pro Bono* [here](#).

Register

More Content from JSB



#MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Japan Society of Boston

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Member Highlight

The Japan Society of Boston is pleased to introduce you to the wonderful members of our community through this new blog series.

Each month, we will feature a JSB Member and ask them to share with us their Japan Story.



This Month: [Danielle Cochran](#)

Full Article

JSB MEETS JET ALUMNI

An interview series on alumni experiences in Japan



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's JET Alum is [Eirene Tran Donohue](#) - Kamigoto, Nagasaki (2002-2004).

Eirene has also written a film based on her own life and experiences meeting her now-husband in Asia! "A Tourist's Guide to Love" was the #1 movie on Netflix in April 2023.

[Read the Blog](#)



Famous in Japan

Studying individuals from around the world who are famous in Japan, both past and present.

This month, read about [Hokusai](#) and learn what made this Japanese ukiyo-e artist so popular.

[Read the Blog](#)



JOHN E. THAYER III AWARD

The John E. Thayer, III Award was established in 1991 to commemorate the work and commitment of John E. "Jack" Thayer, III, a longtime member of the Japan

Society's board of directors who was dedicated to furthering relations between Japan and the U.S. This award was established to recognize the achievements of individuals, groups of individuals, or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the progress of the understanding and friendship between the people of the United States and Japan.

Apply for the Thayer Award

Other Japan-Related Events



Music Worcester presents

MIDORI

with **FESTIVAL STRINGS LUCERNE**

November 3 @ 8PM | Mechanics Hall

Midori with Festival Strings Lucerne
Friday, November 3rd, 2023 - 8:00 PM ET
Mechanics Hall
321 Main St, Worcester MA 01608

Internationally renowned violin soloist Midori joins The Festival Strings Lucerne, an established string orchestra featuring Swiss conductor and violinist Rudolf Baumgartner.

Currently led by the violinist Daniel Dodds, who was appointed artistic director in 2012 and has particularly extended the scope of the ensemble, the orchestra is led from the concertmaster's chair.

JSB members, see the [Member Portal](#) for 20% off adult ticket prices!

Tickets

NATSUMI MALLOY ORGAN CONCERT

King's Chapel
Tuesday, July 25th | 12:15 PM

Organ Concert
Tuesday, July 25th, 2023 - 12:15 PM ET
King's Chapel
58 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02108

As part of King's Chapel's Tuesday Recitals series, Natsumi Malloy will be playing the CB Fisk Organ. The recital will run between 30 and 40 minutes.

Originally from Japan, Natsumi has studied at Kunitachi College of Music, Berklee College of Music, and the New England Conservatory of Music. An accomplished pianist, organist, and composer, she has given numerous concerts, including the organ recital series at the Old West Organ Society, Saint Anthony of Padua, and First Night Boston.

Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5, which is given to the performer.

[Info](#)



Sumie Kaneko

Kaji Aso Studio

Special Summer Concert

Sunday, July 30th | 3pm



Fumi Tanakadate

Special Summer Concert
Sunday, July 30th, 2023 - 3:00 PM ET
Kaji Aso Studio
40 Saint Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115

Kaji Aso Studio is hosting a free summer concert featuring traditional Japanese instruments in their art gallery. Performers: Sumie Kaneko on *koto* and *shamisen* and Fumi Tanakadate on Japanese flutes; *shinobue*, *ryuteki*, and *nokan*.

Event is free. RSVP to administrator@kajiasostudio.com

Info



Japanese Tea Ceremony
Sunday, July 30th & Sep 24th, 2023 - 2:00 PM ET
Art Complex Museum
189 Alden Street, Duxbury, MA 02331

The Art Complex Museum's tea ceremony is performed by tea masters from Urasenke Boston and a narrator will explain the ceremony as it unfolds in the tea hut. Audience members are encouraged to ask questions and will receive a cup of tea at the end of the ceremony, which typically lasts for an hour and a half.

Admission is free. All are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis.

Info



Black Ships Festival
August 11-13, 2023
Bristol & Newport, Rhode Island

Celebrate Japanese culture at the 40th annual Black Ships Festival, a family-friendly

three-day festival held in Bristol and Newport, Rhode Island.

This year's Black Ships Festival is bigger and better than ever, with three full days of activities and entertainment for the whole family. Immerse yourself in Japanese culture at the free Cultural Marketplace Fair with traditional demonstrations and fun activities.

Info

Summer Camp in Rishiri Island, Hokkaido for college & graduate students



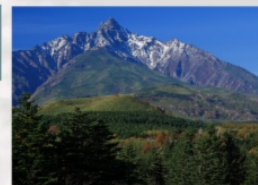
Enjoy Rishiri Island's beautiful scenery and learn about kombu kelp from a local fisherman while living with Japanese college students. You will be sure to make lifelong friends!

When: August 25-29, 2023

Where: Kyodaiso, Rishiri Island, Hokkaido

Cost: ¥50,000 (includes accommodation and transportation around the island)

Contact: [Souta Imai](#), Kyoto University



Application form

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Find the official Japanese website [here](#)

Info

OZU 120: THE COMPLETE OZU YASUJIRO

The Harvard Film Archive

June 9 - August 13



OZU 120: The Complete Ozu Yasujiro
June 9th - August 13th, 2023
The Harvard Film Archive
24 Quincy St, Cambridge, MA 02138

OZU 120, a complete retrospective of the Japanese director and screenwriter's extant work commemorating both the 120th anniversary of his birth and 60th anniversary of his death, will run at the Harvard Film Archive from June 9th through August 13th.

Presented by the Harvard Film Archive and Shochiku, in partnership with the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies and the Japan Foundation, this complete Ozu Yasujiro retrospective offers the rare opportunity to see all of Ozu's extant films screened on 35mm film. Select screenings will feature live musical accompaniment.

Tickets



Join [Showa Boston](#) for their annual **Summer Friendship Program** and make friends from Japan!

Rising 5th and 6th-grade children are invited to apply to become "Ambassadors for Boston." Participate in week-long activities on the Showa Boston campus with visiting Japanese children from Showa Tokyo.

Program fee: \$650 (includes lunch, transportation, and all admissions)

August 7-11, Monday-Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Website



Hokusai: Inspiration and Influence

Through July 16th

Museum of Fine Arts Boston

Last chance to see the works of the ever-popular Katsushika Hokusai (1760–1849)! This major exhibition explores in detail his impact on other artists—both during his lifetime and beyond. Throughout a career of more than 70 years, Hokusai experimented with a wide range of styles and subjects, producing landscapes such as the instantly recognizable *Great Wave* and *Red Fuji* (both about 1830–31), nature studies known as “bird-and-flower pictures,” and depictions of women, heroes, and monsters.

Tickets

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