

# Bi-Weekly Newsletter: Upcoming Japan Events

## March 6 - March 17, 2020



**Now open for registration!**

3/11 Japanese/English Language Exchange

3/20 Jazz Series with Boston Higashi Jazz Band

**-Cancelled-**

3/27 Tamagawa Taiko & Dance Performance

**-Cancelled-**



**Japanese of the week:**

□□□ (□□□□□): "Hinamatsuri"  
**Doll Festival**

On March 3rd, the Japanese observe □□□ (hinamatsuri or the Doll Festival). Families display intricately crafted dolls dressed in the traditional court attire of the Heian period (794 – 1185) to celebrate their young daughters' happiness and health. The dolls are displayed only once a year and are quickly put away the day after hinamatsuri because superstition dictates that leaving the dolls out too long will delay a daughter's marriage. Hinamatsuri is also called □□□□ (momo no sekku, the Peach Flower Festival), and many Japanese women have fond memories of spring, setting up the dolls carefully with their families, then taking them down when the peach flowers bloom.

### Did you know??

**Facts about Hokkaido in honor of the Massachusetts  
Hokkaido Sister State Relationship**

Did you know that this year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Massachusetts Hokkaido Sister State Relationship?

There are two cities in Hokkaido, that have sister-city relationships with cities in Massachusetts. Springfield and Takikawa City became sister cities in 1993 and in 1997, after a five year courtship, the Concord Town Meeting voted to formalize the sister city relationship with Nanae Town in Hokkaido.

Look forward to more Hokkaido facts in our future newsletter!

**Keep up with JSB on social media!**



**Japan Society of Boston Events**

**Japanese/ English Language  
Exchange**

**Wednesday, January 8th**

6:00-8:00pm at CIC Boston  
50 Milk St, Boston

Free for all!

Join us for a Japanese/English language exchange with native Japanese speakers! This monthly event begins with a half an hour of speaking in Japanese, followed by a half an hour of speaking in English, and alternate until we hit 8 PM. We hope that our guests will meet others and find new paths for improving and enjoying their Japanese and English language skills. We expect all guests to come with a friendly disposition to learn and help others learn!

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## JSB Jazz Series presents: The Boston Higashi School Jazz Band

**Cancelled**

Inspired by Japan's long-time love of jazz music, the Japan Society of Boston is hosting a jazz night!

We welcome the Jazz Band from the Boston Higashi School. The Higashi School's mission is to help children and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder learn to reach their full potential through the methodology of Daily Life Therapy®.

Japanese Appetizers will be served.



Cancelled

Tamagawa Taiko

## Cancelled



The president of Tamagawa University has decided not to allow the students to travel abroad at this time. We have enjoyed hosting the Tamagawa Taiko group for many years and know that their artistry, energy, and mastery of taiko will be bank in Boston in the future.

Those who have purchased tickets will be issued refunds promptly.

Cancelled

## Other Japan Events Around Boston



### Shogi Night

Wednesday, March 11  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Fox Library  
175 Massachusetts Ave  
Arlington, MA

No registration needed.

### 3.11 Memorial Candle Event



Disaster in Japan on March 11th, 2011  
**3.11 Memorial Candle Event**  
-Pray for Japan from Boston-

3.11

2-4pm @GrayMist Studio & Shop, 364 Huron Ave, Cambridge, MA  
**Saturday, March 7th, 2020**

Information from disaster areas / Free Coffee & Snacks

*TEWASSA is a long-term volunteer project devoted to Japan Earthquake and Tsunami relief through handmade arts+crafts.*

tewassa.org 

**Wednesday, March 11**

**Harvard Film Archive  
24 Quincy Street  
Cambridge, MA**

It's been 9years since the Grate East Japan Earthquake.  
There will be a memorial event at GrayMist Studio & Shop in Cambridge with information from disaster areas.

Admission is free so you can enter and leave as you please.  
Please feel free to attend.

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## **Boston Flower and Garden Show**



**March 11 - 15**

**Seaport World Trade Center  
Seaport Ln  
Boston, MA**

The Boston Flower & Garden Show is about inspiring, educating and motivating the region's gardeners. Whether for curb appeal, backyard, kitchen, indoor, rooftop or community gardens, this is where New England's green lovers go to discover new ideas while having fun with family and friends.

Ikebana International Boston Chapter will be displaying many Ikebana arrangements from the Ikenobo, Ohara, Sogetsu and Ichiyo school.  
There will also be a Hina Doll Display by the Consulate of Japan in Boston.

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## [Painting Edo: Japanese Art from the Feinberg Collection](#)

**February 14th - July 26th**

**Harvard Art Museums  
32 Quincy Street  
Cambridge, MA**

Painting Edo — one of the largest exhibitions ever presented at the Harvard Art Museums — offers a window onto the supremely rich visual culture of Japan's early modern era. Selected from the unparalleled collection of Robert S. and Betsy G. Feinberg. More than 120 works in the exhibition connect visitors with a seminal moment in the history of Japan, as the country settled into an era of peace under the warrior government of the shoguns and opened its doors to greater engagement with the outside world.

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