



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

Monthly Newsletter

JSB Bids Warm Farewell to Our Executive Director, Yuko Handa

It is with much appreciation that the society bids a warm farewell to Yuko Handa, who had successfully led the society through the pandemic and the most challenging of times. She did so with great dedication. We are all sad to see her leave us, but we wish her continued success in whatever next adventure is in store for her.

At the same time, we are delighted to announce the promotion of Naoko Takayanagi to the position of Director, Japan Society of Boston. Naoko has led our operations for several years, is closely familiar with all of our programs, and is a well known and respected figure to all of our members and other friends of the society. Naoko and all of us at the JSB look forward to your continued support. Thank you.



Be sure to follow us on social media to stay updated with all of Japan Society of Boston's offerings!

Give to Japan
Society of
Boston today!

JSB Programming

**Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 — 6:00 PM EST
Online**

Lee Schneller Sligh went to Japan for the first time in 1974 and has designed hundreds of gardens in New England, many of them Japanese-inspired.

Join us to hear about Lee's journey and her work while learning about some of the

Japanese garden design principles such as "Hide and Reveal" and "The Beauty of Empty Space". Lee will also talk about rock work and how to achieve a natural effect in the garden. Questions will be welcomed throughout the talk.



Register



Saturday, February 11th, 2023 - 5:00 PM EST
Online

JSB is pleased to join our friends at The Japan America Society of Houston, The Japan-America Society of Georgia, Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia, and The Japan-America Society of Washington DC in this 2023 installment of the family-friendly cooking series Ouchigohan! - Japanese Home Cooking with Table for Two in Atlanta, Boston & Houston!

Register

Inside Contemporary Poetry:

A Lecture and Interactive Workshop

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH AT 6PM



Thursday, February 16th, 2023 — 6:00 PM EST

Online

Join us on February 16th and “dive in” to an interactive workshop on multimedia digital exhibitions of contemporary Japanese poetry. Get ready to let loose, read aloud, and consider how different sounds, shapes, colors, and performances interact with contemporary literary texts. Please join us on Zoom for this digital immersive adventure! Lecture and discussions will be held in English, with texts provided in both English and Japanese.

Register

Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English
Virtual Language Exchange



Sponsored by:



Friday, February 17th, 2023 - 6:00 PM EST

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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. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.tuj.ac.jp/ug>

Register

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP WITH

KODO

TAIKO DRUMMERS

MARCH 11 @ 1PM EST

CAMBRIDGE FOUNDRY, 101 ROGERS STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MA



 Celebrity Series of Boston



Lecture and Demonstration with Kodo Taiko Drummers In-Person

Join JSB and the Celebrity Series of Boston on March 11th at the Cambridge Foundry for a unique and exciting community drumming workshop by Kodō, the award-winning Japanese Taiko Ensemble.

Additionally, KODO's latest work, *Tsuzumi*, will be presented by Celebrity Series of Boston on Sunday, March 12, 5pm at Symphony Hall, Boston. Tickets are available at the [Celebrity Series of Boston](https://www.celebrityseriesofboston.org) website. Use code KODO25 for a 25% discount*.

*Offer valid thru 3/10 at Noon. Valid for up to 4 tickets. Not valid on previously purchased tickets.

Register



Friday, February 10, 2023 — 8:00 PM EST
St. Paul Church, Cambridge

One of the world's most illustrious period instrument ensembles, Bach Collegium Japan and its legendary founder Masaaki Suzuki return for their 8th tour of North America in a thrilling collaboration with celebrated British baritone Roderick Williams. Join these distinguished artists for a program of music by Bach, Telemann, and Janitsch, including Bach's transcendently beautiful cantata *Ich habe genug* (*I have enough*).

Register

Programs for JSB Members

Between the Lines

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



Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 - 6:00 PM EST
Online

Join us to discuss *The Tale of Genji* by Murasaki Shikibu. We will be discussing **the entirety of the book**.

Register



JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON MEMBER

BOOK CLUB

A QUIET PLACE BY SEICHO MATSUMOTO

Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 - 6:00 PM EST
Online

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

Find a copy of *A Quiet Place* [here](#).

More Content from JSB



#MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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JSB 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: **Michele Fujii**



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 **Amy Su**, Tasaki, Gunma (2013-2014).



[Read the Blog](#)



JSB Blog

Famous in Japan: Celebrities from Around the World

This month we featured [Makoto Shinkai](#), a Japanese animation director, writer, producer, animator, editor, cinematographer, voice actor, manga artist, and graphic designer.

[Learn about Makoto Shinkai](#)



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