Support JASDFW with End-of-Year Giving!

As we approach the end of 2021, we are looking at how we can reimagine our engagement with students, new graduates, and young adults for our long-term future. Therefore, JASDFW is asking you to support our Next Generation Engagement Initiative! Your donation will support JASDFW and invest in our goal for a sustainable future for the US-Japan Relationship in North Texas.

Donations can be made NOW through December 31!
2021 Bonenkai Forget-the-Year Party
Saturday, December 11
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. CST
Tickets: $45 for Members, $55 for General Admission

Close out 2021 with food, drink, and good company! Bid the year farewell with your fellow members as we welcome new friendships and opportunities on the horizon.

This will be the first Bonenkai in our new office, which is a beautiful and spacious setting to celebrate the return of our traditional end-of-year party.

There will be a unique whisky tasting experience and attendees will be eligible to win fun door prizes! There will be a Special Silent Auction for guests wishing to win items for their holiday shopping.

Register Here

To learn more about Bonenkai, click here.

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2022 Mochitsuki New Year's Celebration
Sunday, January 23
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. CST
COST: Member $5, Public $10, Children (ages 6-12) $3, Children (5 and under) FREE
Tickets available at door and we accept cash or check

Please join us for the return of Mochitsuki as an in-person program. Celebrate the Year of the Tiger with delicious mochi (rice cakes), music and dance performances, and authentic cultural activities. Learn about Japan’s rich New Year’s traditions and connect with the local Japanese community.

**The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth will continue to monitor the COVID situation in the City of Richardson and Collin County.**

Pre-register Here
[Online Event] Japanese Language Workshops
The Art of Desu: TODAY, December 2 and Tuesday, December 7
Learning Japanese through Media and Entertainment: Thursday, December 9 and Tuesday, December 14
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. CST
Cost: $55 members, $75 non-members ($95 members, $130 non-members for both workshops)

Join JASDFW for two exciting workshops. Both are designed for beginners and learners with some experience to the Japanese language. **Workshop #1** introduces a variety of expressions and sentences using the Japanese copula verb of "desu." The lesson covers the basic sentence structure using adjectives, nouns, and "desu," along with an introduction to the "wa" and "ga" particles. **Workshop #2** focuses on the listening and speaking aspect of Japanese by learning through media. Popular forms of entertainment that we will discuss include movies, TV shows, commercials, and music. The course is designed to offer real-world application of the Japanese language and how it is used in platforms that are distributed around the world.

Register Here
JAL Foundation's 17th Annual World Children's Haiku Contest 2021-22

Now - February 28, 2022
Entry Cost: Free

Originating from Japan, Haiku is the shortest form of poetry in the world. In a short descriptive verse, it captures a moment in the poet’s life, or simply expresses the beauty of nature. Haiku is now enjoyed in many countries around the world.

Through the World Children's Haiku Contest, children are given the opportunity to compose haiku that will encompass their memories. The theme of this year's 17th contest is 'Towns.' All Grand-prize haiku will be collected and published next year as an anthology titled Haiku By World Children, Volume 17, and will be shown in the entertainment programs of Japan Airlines international flights.

Application Rules:

- One entry per child (either typed or handwritten) on the theme of "Towns".
- Applicants must be the age of 15 and under on February 28th, 2022.
- The haiku must be accompanied by hand-drawn or hand-crafted artwork on the same page, using A4-sized paper (21 cm x 29.7 cm) or letter-sized paper (8.5 in. x 11 in.).
- Glue the application form on the back of the work.

To learn more and to enter into the contest, click here.
Studio Ghibli Fest 2021
Now - Sunday, December 9
For Tickets and Prices, check your local showtimes.

For decades Studio Ghibli has created breathtakingly beautiful movies that have captivated and inspired audiences for generations through masterful storytelling and stunning visuals. Join GKIDS and Fathom Events for the annual Studio Ghibli Fest to experience the wonder of these groundbreaking, beloved animated films.

The studio has produced some of the world's most beloved films, including Ponyo, Kiki's Delivery Service, Princess Mononoke, Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind, Tale of the Princess Kaguya, and Whisper of the Heart. Most of these films have won various international awards, such as the Academy Awards, due to their classic animation techniques and storytelling.

Studio Ghibli Fest 2021 returns with four of its most noteworthy and impactful films – Spirited Away, Howl’s Moving Castle, Castle In The Sky, and My Neighbor Totoro. Tickets are ON SALE NOW.

Learn More

Ikebana International Dallas Chapter 13
Meeting
Thursday, December 16
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. CST
Join Ikebana International Dallas Chapter 13 for its December monthly meeting. Sue Smith, Somu Sogetsu teacher, will instruct the audience about holiday arrangements through a demonstration and workshop. Regular Membership is $80, Friend Membership is $25, and Dual Membership is $20. Contact ikebanadallas@gmail.com for more information.

NEW MEMBERS

Corporate
Hatamoto
Don Meiners

Individual/Family
Taylor Banks
Deborah Cheng
Zoe Ching
Cindy Downey
Debby Downey
Jason Dusek
David Fong
Jonathan Garis
Tiara Harris
Stephen Hunt
Kevin Jin
Kazumi Kojima
Evan Olsen
Matthew Sayer
Nobi Sawyer
Gaurav Sethi
Jayden Thomas
Mizzi Yang

UPCOMING EVENTS:
- December 2 and 7 | Online Event Japanese Language Workshop - The Art of Desu
- December 3-5 | Anime Frontier
- December 9 and 14 | Online Event Japanese Language Workshop - Japanese Language through Media and Entertainment
- December 11 | Bonenkai Forget-the-Year Party
- January 23 | 2022 Mochitsuki New Year’s Celebration
- February 10 | SAVE-THE-DATE Human Rights Past and Present: Reflecting on 80 Years since Japanese American Internment
- February 17 | SAVE-THE-DATE Special program on tourism in Hokkaido
- March 9 | SAVE-THE-DATE 2022 Japan Currents Symposium

ONGOING:
- Now - December 31 | Crow Museum of Art: Born of Fire - Contemporary Japanese Women Ceramic Artists
- Now - December 9 | Studio Ghibli Fest

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