JASDFW Advocate Runs for Dallas-Sendai Awareness

Long-time Japan-America Society of Dallas Fort Worth (JASDFW) friend and volunteer David Ball recently ran his 15th consecutive Boston Marathon and, in the process, raised awareness for the Dallas-Sendai connection. A North Texas native, Ball’s mother is from the Japanese city of Sendai, which became an International Friendship City with Dallas in 1997. Read more about his story through the link below.

Learn about David Ball
Our Popular Otsukimi Program Returns!
Saturday, November 20
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. CST
Cost: FREE

Please join us for the 2021 Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival, taking place in Frisco for only the second time ever and our first in-person Otsukimi celebration in two years. This will be the 22nd annual Otsukimi, which has become one of North Texas’ largest Japanese cultural events. Musical performances and haiku readings will help us connect to Japan’s autumn traditions. Vendors will sell Japanese festival food and collectibles. Themed art and cultural activities will be fun for the entire family.

Please contact madoka@jasdfw.org or visit the link below if you would like to register to be a vendor. All vendors must comply with health code regulations from the City of Frisco.

Vendor Registration

Please contact paul.pass@jasdfw.org or visit the link below if you or your company are interested in event sponsorship.

Sponsorship

Please contact info@jasdfw.org or visit the link below if you want to volunteer.

Volunteer Sign-up

To learn more about Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival, click here.
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.

We also plan to have a special whiskey and spirits tasting session.

All attendees will be eligible to win fund 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.

[Online Event] Japanese Language Workshops
The Art of Desu: Thursday, 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 will we 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

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES**

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"**See You There**" - Book Launch
Saturday, November 6 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. CDT
Pollock Gallery
6116 N. Central Expressway, Suite 101
Dallas, TX 75206

"See You There" is a full-color artbook by contemporary Japanese-American visual artist Nishiki Sugawara-Beda, surveying her artwork from 2012 - 2020 in painting and installation. Drawing upon her Japanese heritage, Sugawara-Beda explores themes related to culture, language, and spirituality. The book features texts by writer Samantha Burns and art historian Dr. Robert E. Gordon, in both English and Japanese.

The **FREE** book launch on November 6 will include ikebana activities led by Motoko Ishihara, a prize
[Online Event] SMU Tower Center Sun & Star-Japan's Geoeconomic Strategy
Thursday, November 11
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CST
Cost: FREE

Speaker: Mireya Solís

- Brookings Institution Director of the Center for East Asia Policy Studies, Philip Knight Chair in Japan Studies, and a Senior Fellow in the Foreign Policy Program


Register Here
Fort Worth Japanese Society Fall Festival
Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14
9:00 am - 5:00 pm CST both days
Fort Worth Botanic Garden
3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Join the Fort Worth Japanese Society for its feature autumn event. Enjoy traditional Japanese dance, taiko drummers, martial arts, sword demonstrations, raku pottery, food trucks, and more. Event admission is included with entry into the Botanic Garden. Prices: Adults $12.00, Seniors (65+) $10.00, Children (6-15) $6.00, Children 5 and under Free. Fort Worth Botanic Garden (FWBG) and Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) members receive free entry during the Fall Festival.

Register Here

Ikebana International Dallas Chapter 13 Meeting
Thursday, November 18
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. CST
Hyatt Place - 3100 North Dallas Pkwy, Plano TX 75093
Admission included with membership
Visitors able to join for two free meetings

Join Ikebana International Dallas Chapter 13 for its November annual meeting. Lucia Jentz, Jonin Sanyo Sogetsu teacher, will instruct the audience about table arrangements using two or more containers. Regular Membership is $80, Friend Membership is $25, and Dual Membership is $20. Contact ikebanadallas@gmail.com for more information.

Learn More

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**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**.

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**Gallery - Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner 2021**
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Hioki USA Corporation
Nippon Tei-en

Individual/Family
Cassin Young Dyson
Melissa Hilliard
Ayako Mori
Mark Orbach
Suhas T

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- December 11 | Bonenkai Forget-the-Year Party

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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