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September Newsletter

JASDFW NEWS

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Elaine Browning, former President of JASDFW, receives the 2021 Japan Foreign Minister's Commendation

On August 20, 2021, the Government of Japan announced the recipients of the 2021 Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation, which included Ms. Elaine Browning, former President of the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth (JASDFW). Ms. Browning is to receive an award certificate and commemorative gift in recognition of her many contributions toward promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

[To learn more about Elaine Browning and the Japan Foreign Minister's Commendation, click here.](#)

The U.S. - Japan Space
Partnership:
Fostering Collaboration
on Earth and Beyond



[Online Event]
The U.S. - Japan Space Partnership: Fostering



Collaboration on Earth and Beyond

Thursday, September 16

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. CDT

Cost: FREE

Making up two of the five principal countries involved on the International Space Station, the United States and Japan continue to directly work together on exploring the final frontier. This program, led by several esteemed speakers from across the U.S. and Japan, will dive deep into the evolving landscape of historic and startup space industries, the business factors playing into current space exploration, the government policies affecting space regulations, and the benefits of U.S. - Japan joint research.

[Register Here](#)

[To learn more about The U.S. - Japan Space Partnership, click here.](#)



2021 Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner

Monday, October 4

6:00 - 9:30 p.m. CDT

There will be a live stream option for sponsors and ticket holders for the 2021 Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner. Details will be shared closer to the date of the event.

Join us at the 2021 Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner as we honor exemplary supporters of the U.S. - Japan Relationship.

Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States (2021-2018) and current President of the Japan Institute of International Affairs, and his wife Nobuko Sasae, President of the Nobuko Forum Japan and conference interpreter, will receive the **Sun & Star Legacy Award** for fostering cooperation and friendship between the two countries.

Anna McFarland will receive the **Bridges-to-Friendship Award** for her contributions to North Texas-Japan relations as former Executive Director of the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth from 1997 to 2019.

[To learn more about the Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner, click here.](#)



[Hybrid Event]

Curator Sarah Thompson on Hokusai at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Wednesday, October 20

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. CDT

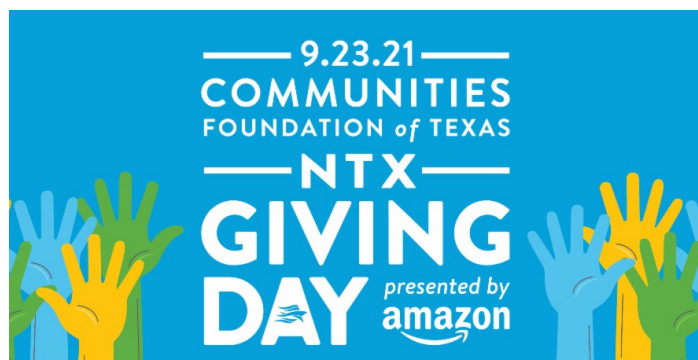
Crow Museum and YouTube

Tickets: \$10-15 in-person, FREE for online tickets

Through iconic images such as the “Great Wave,” Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849) not only revolutionized Japanese woodblock printmaking in his own day but continues to inspire artists around the world. The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston -- home of the largest and finest collection of Japanese art outside Japan -- is a major repository of the work of Hokusai, with paintings, illustrated books, and woodblock prints representing the full span of the artist’s seven-decade career.

[Register Here](#)

[To learn more about this event, click here.](#)



Support JASDFW for North Texas Giving Day!

Thursday, September 23

12:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. CDT

Dallas and Sendai became International Friendship Cities in 1997 and since then, the Japan-America Society has supported exchange activities for high school students, athletes, and members of the general public. Through these programs, we create opportunities for international and intercultural friendship and meaningful interaction. With 2022 quickly approaching, Dallas and Sendai will celebrate the Silver Anniversary of Friendship. To pay proper respect to this incredible milestone, we hope to return with our programs at full swing. However, we cannot do this without your help. Please consider donating today so that we may continue to develop these programs, recruit our citizen ambassadors, and continue to ensure that the relationship between our two cities grows stronger each year, highlighting the strong connection between North Texas and Japan.

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**FALLING FOR FALL COCKTAILS:
A COCKTAIL DEMO BY
MURASAKI SAKE LOUNGE'S
JUN TAKANARITA**

Featuring: Jun Takanarita, Owner,
Murasaki Sake Lounge

**Thursday, September 9, 2021
6:00-7:00 pm CST**

FREE ADMISSION
EVENT WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM
www.jaschicago.org

The Japan America Society of Chicago - YPC Murasaki Cocktail Demo

Thursday, September 9

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. CDT

Tickets: FREE

Jun Takanarita will lead this presentation offering an in-depth explanation of Japanese alcohols such as Japanese whiskey and sochu. Takanarita will also walkthrough how to make two of Murasaki's cocktails: "Sweet Oak" and "Far East" that are perfect for the fall season. "Sweet Oak" is a Japanese whiskey based cocktail with Amaretto and Godiva White Chocolate Liquor. "Far East" is a layered cocktail with barley sochu, Midori, Soho, orange juice, cranberry juice, and cherry.

Jun Takanarita, owner of Murasaki Sake Lounge, began his journey as a bartender 15 years ago. Passionate about Japanese alcohol beverages and the craftsmanship behind them, Tananarita gained experience while working at a Japanese bar in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood and eventually took over the lounge 8 years ago. Takanarita also became owner of Summertime Jazz Cafe/Lounge located in Mount Prospect in 2019 spreading his knowledge of Japanese whiskey, sake and shochu to



the Chicago suburbs.

[Learn More](#)

**Japan Society of New York -
The Japanese Garden: Living Classroom of
Nature, Architecture & Culture**

Tuesday, September 28

7:00 - 8:15 p.m. CDT

Tickets: FREE

The Japanese garden is not simply a place of beauty, serenity and contemplation grounded in a long tradition, but it is also a holistic art form functioning as a place of discovery and innovation that continues to evolve through cross-pollination with other cultural forms. This talk explores the historical journey of one of the world's oldest land art forms and examines its evolving relevance to the world. Inviting experts of critical acclaim from various creative fields, this interactive webinar delves into how Japanese landscape design principles and aesthetics have impacted the ways in which modern society approaches art and architecture while helping mold the human relationship with nature. ***This is the first of the five-part Living Traditions webinar series.***

[Learn More](#)

**[Online Event] Born of Fire: A Conversation
with the Artists, Webinar by the Crow
Museum of Asian Art**

Wednesday, September 22

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. CDT

Tickets: FREE

Join the Crow Museum for a special conversation with Fujikasa Satoko, Futamura Yoshimi, and Hayashi Kaku, three celebrated ceramic artists whose works are featured in the exhibition, *Born of Fire: Contemporary Japanese Women Ceramic Artists*, currently on view at the Crow Museum of Asian Art of The University of Texas at Dallas.

Women have traditionally played only a minor role in Japan's long history in clay. Pioneering new forms and technical and aesthetic innovations in the medium, these remarkable artists are breaking barriers and forging new ways of creating and thinking about ceramics that reflect changes occurring in contemporary Japanese art and society. Their works express the influence of nature, innovations in ceramic making techniques, and a diverse array of practices.

This exhibition draws from the collection of Carol and Jeffrey Horvitz, who have amassed an important encyclopedic collection of major Japanese modern and contemporary ceramics. Their collection of more than 1,000 works is the largest, public or private, of contemporary Japanese ceramics outside of Japan.

[Learn More](#)

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Events Calendar

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Allan Lao
Anthony Macias
Gracie Macias
Mia Macias
Jennifer Perry
Rachel Rose
Sharilyn Sakamoto
Rebekah Tissell
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- [September 16 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] The U.S.-Japan Space Partnership: Fostering Collaboration on Earth and Beyond](#)
- [September 16 - November 4 | JASDFW Japanese Language Class](#)
- [October 4 | 2021 Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner](#)
- [October 20 | Curator Sarah Thompson on Hokusai at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston](#)
- [November 20 | Save-the-Date - 2021 Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival](#)

ONGOING:

- [Now - August 28 | PAO Projects: Joji Nakamura - Popcorn](#)
- [Now - September 5 | Crow Museum of Art: Divine Spark - Kana Harada](#)
- [Now - December 31 | Crow Museum of Art: Born of Fire - Contemporary Japanese Women Ceramic Artists](#)
- [Now - December 31 | Samurai Collection: Iron Men: The Artistry of Iron in Samurai Armor](#)

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