

The Fort Worth Japanese Society

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MAY TANGO NO SEKKU AND U.S.-JAPAN SISTER CITIES SUMMIT LUNCHEON Sun., May 17, from 12:30 PM at Yamagata Kaikan



Tango no Sekku, or Boys Day, began over 1,200 years ago as a tradition to protect *samurai* boys from evil spirits and today celebrates boys' health and prosperity. Festivities feature *koinobori* (carp streamers), *samurai* (warrior) armor, and *kabuto* (metal helmets). Our luncheon will serve *yakitori/vegitori* (meat/vegetable skewers) with rice and potato salad. Assistant Professor James Gleaton of Tarrant County College will also share highlights from his 2025 trip to Japan for the U.S.–Japan Sister Cities Summit, an international program that builds global relationships through cultural, educational, and exchange opportunities. He will recount his Summit experience and his visit to Japan, including Fort Worth's sister-city connection with Nagaoka. Prices are \$17 for adults

ages 13-69 years old; \$12 for adults ages 70 and over and for children ages 8-12; and free for children ages 7 and under. A kid's meal of chicken nuggets and tater tots is optional for \$10. Please RSVP by May 13 to Sam Sumner: 817-366-2316 or samuel.sumner@charter.net or inquiries@fwjs.org.

JUNE TRIVIA CONTEST AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL LUNCHEON Sun., July 12, from 12:30 PM at Yamagata Kaikan

Test your knowledge of Japan at this exciting luncheon that designates tables as teams to answer Japanese trivia questions. The popular Trivia Contest returns this year with fresh questions! Each member of the winning table will receive a prize. Delicious *Hiyashi Chuka Soba*, a summer dish of soba noodles with various toppings, will be served!

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SOCIETY NEWS – RECENT EVENTS

March Hinamatsuri and Ikebana Luncheon—Sun. March 15, from 12:30 PM at Yamagata Kaikan

Our *Hinamatsuri* (Girls' Day) luncheon featured *Ikebana* floral presentations by Yoko Mazza and Sandra Prachyl of *Ikebana* International Fort Worth Chapter 38. Participants enjoyed *chirashizushi* (scattered sushi) and *suimono* (clear soup with veggies), prepared by the lovely ladies of *Wakabakai* who also hosted a table of *Hinamatsuri*-themed coloring sheets and crayons. Pink *mochi* (rice dough) ice cream was served as dessert.

April Spring Fort Worth Japanese Garden Festival—Sat. and Sun. April 25 and 26

The beautiful gardens were a highlight of the celebratory weekend as the Fort Worth Japanese Society again joined the biannual Fort Worth Botanic Garden's Japanese Festival, sharing traditional arts and culture—calligraphy, *origami*, *kamishibai* (story telling), games, *yukata/kimono* dressing, concessions, and drinks. Thanks to our volunteers who made this fundraiser possible. *Arigatou gozaimasu!*

SOCIETY NEWS – UPCOMING EVENTS

May Tango no Sekku and U.S.-Japan Sister Cities Summit Luncheon—Sun., May 17, from 12:30 PM at Yamagata Kaikan

Our *Tango no Sekku* (Boys' Day) luncheon presents special guest James Gleaton, an assistant professor at Tarrant County College, for a presentation on his trip to Japan in 2025 to attend the U.S.-Japan Sister Cities Summit. Foods will include *yakitori/vegitori* (grilled meat and vegetables on skewers) with rice and potato salad. This luncheon is not to be missed! Prices are \$17 for adults ages 13-69 years old; \$12 for adults ages 70 and over and for children ages 8-12; and free for children ages 7 and under. A kid's meal of chicken nuggets and tater tots is optional for \$10. Please RSVP by May 13 to Sam Sumner: 817-366-2316 or samuel.sumner@charter.net or inquiries@fwjs.org.

June Trivia Contest and Ice Cream Social Luncheon—Sun., June 14, from 12:30 PM at Yamagata Kaikan

Test your knowledge of Japan at this exciting luncheon that designates tables as teams to answer Japanese trivia questions. The popular Trivia Contest returns this year with fresh questions! Each member of the winning table will receive a prize. Delicious *Hiyashi Chuka Soba*, a summer dish of soba noodles with various toppings, will be served! Prices are \$17 for adults ages 13-69 years old; \$12 for adults ages 70 and over and for children ages 8-12; and free for children ages 7 and under. A kid's meal of chicken nuggets and tater tots is optional for \$10. Please RSVP by June 10 to Sam Sumner: 817-366-2316 or samuel.sumner@charter.net or inquiries@fwjs.org.

July Tanabata Luncheon—Sun., July 12, from 12:30 PM at Yamagata Kaikan

Mark your calendar now for our *Tanabata* Luncheon, serving foods based on *Izakaya* (a Japanese pub), to celebrate the Japanese Star Festival! More information in the next newsletter.



Yokko Mazza presenting *Ikebana* florals to raffle winners at March luncheon



FWJS members assisting with the 2026 Spring Festival Tea Ceremony



Enjoy warm *yakitori/vegitori* with potato salad and rice at May luncheon

日本人会会報 – 最近のイベント

三月雛祭りとしけ花ランチョン – 日曜日、3月15日、12時半よりヤマガタ会館にて

雛祭り（少女の日）ランチョンは生け花インターナショナル フォートワース第38チャプターのヨーコ マツザさんとサンドラ プラキルさんによるお花のプレゼンテーションを特集しました。参加された皆様は同時に雛祭りのテーマの塗り絵とクレヨンを提供された若葉会の素晴らしいレディ達が作られたちらし寿司（散らばった寿司）、と吸い物（野菜入りの澄んだスープ）をエンジョイしました。ピンクもち（米のこね粉）アイスクリームがデザートとして出されました。

四月フォートワース日本庭園春祭り – 土曜、日曜、4月25日、26日

フォートワース日本人会が再度加わったフォートワース植物園にての年二度のお祝いのハイライトは美しい庭園です。伝統的な美術や文化 – 書道、折り紙、紙芝居、（ものがたりを聞かせる）、ゲーム、浴衣/着物の着付け、コンッセッション、飲み物 – を分かち合います。このファンドレイザーを可能に出来るヴォランティアの皆様へ感謝します。ありがとうございます！

会のニュース – これからのイベント

五月端午の節句とUS – Japanシスター シティ サミットランチョン – 5月17日、12時半よりヤマガタ会館にて

端午の節句（少年の日）ランチョンには特別ゲストとして2025年にUS-Japanシスターシティサミットに参加されたテラントカウンティカレッジの助教授ジェイムスグリートンさんの日本へのトリップについてのプレゼンテーションがあります。食事は焼き鳥/ヴェジ鳥（グリル肉とグリル野菜スキューワー）、とご飯、ポテトサラダ等々！このランチョンは逃せません。値段は13才から69才までの大人は一人\$17.00、70才以上の方と8才から12才の子供は\$12.00、7才以下は無料。子供向けの唐揚げ、フライドチキンとテータットを\$10.00で提供しています。5月13日までにサムサムナーさんまでご連絡下さい。（817）366-2316又はメールで samuel.sumner@charter.net か inquiries@fwjs.org です。

六月、日本トリヴィアランチョンとアイスクリーム ソーシャル – 日曜日、6月14日、12時半よりヤマガタ会館にて

各テーブルがチームとなり日本のトリヴィア問題で日本の知識をお試し下さい。今年は新しい問題でこの人気あるトリヴィアゲームを用意してあります。勝ちチームの各々のメンバーが賞品をもらえます。美味しい冷やし中華蕎麦、色々なトッピングがそば麺の上に乗った夏のお料理が出されます。値段は13才から69才までの大人は一人\$17.00、70才以上の方と8才から12才の子供は\$12.00、7才以下は無料。子供向けの唐揚げ、フライドチキンとテータットを\$10.00で提供しています。6月10日までにサムサムナーさんまでご連絡下さい。（817）366-2316又はメールで samuel.sumner@charter.net か inquiries@fwjs.org です。

七月セタランチョン – 7月12日、12時半よりヤマガタ会館にて

日本の星祭りを居酒屋スタイル（日本のパブ）の食べ物で祝うセタランチョンを今からカレンダーに書き込んで下さい。次の会報でもっとお知らせします。



A lucky raffle winner of *Ikebana* floral arrangement at March luncheon—Go, Raiders!



Décor and activities for *Hinomatsuri*



At the May luncheon, James Gleaton will present on his trip to attend the U.S.-Japan Sister Cities Summit



Refresh with *Hiyashi Chuka Soba* at our June luncheon

FWJS JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES

Summer and Fall Registration

Summer Adult Class

This adult Japanese language summer program is an informal conversational group to help students feel more comfortable in speaking, listening, and comprehending Japanese. No textbooks is required. Students will be required to speak in Japanese, must be 16 years or older, and have previous enrollment in Japanese language class.

- Meets once a week for ten weeks
- Mondays, 5/18 – 7/20, at 6:00 PM for 45 minutes
- Members, \$150; Non-members, \$190
- Registration ends May 11

**All classes meet at the Yamagata Kaikan.
Register NOW to save your spot!**

For more information and access to registration links, visit [Language Classes — FWJS](#).

Fall Adult and Children Classes

The FWJS Japanese Language School offers classes for adults from beginning to advanced levels. In addition, it offers children's classes that are fun and age-appropriate. Classes are instructed by first-language Japanese speakers, who strive to make a comfortable and stressless learning environment. Class sizes are small and personable.

- Meets once a week for sixteen weeks
- Optional weekdays available
- Adults meet 1.5 hours from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
- Children meet Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM
- Adults: Members, \$210; Non-members, \$250
- Children: Members, \$210; Non-members, \$250
- Registration ends July 17

SATURDAY, MAY 16, A DAY OF IKEBANA

Morning and Afternoon Demonstrations

Enjoy a full day of Ikebana with a morning session offered by Ikebana International Fort Worth Chapter #38 and an afternoon session offered by Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

Ikebana International Fort Worth Chapter #38 presents

IKEBANA

 Demonstration & Year-end Luncheon
(Japanese Flower Arranging)

Flower arranging Without Kenzan

Marilyn Calley, 4th Grade Certified Teacher of Sogetsu School of Ikebana will give a demonstration focused on the theme of "Without Kenzan".
By arranging flowers without using a kenzan (flower frog), you not only give the piece a clean uncluttered look but also further accentuate the beauty of the water's surface and the vessel itself!



**5/16/2026 (Sat.)
10:30 AM-1:00 PM
at: Yamagata Kaikan
3608 Park Lake Dr.,
Fort Worth, TX 76133**

Free Admission

What to bring: Small dish to share for the luncheon.
Reserve your seat !!
Email to: ikebanafortworth@gmail.com
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Ikebana Workshop: *Curvy Compositions*

Presented by internationally-certified expert instructor
Amira Matsuda at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Saturday, May 16, 1:00–3:30 PM
\$48 Nonmembers / \$42 Members
Deadline for registration is May 13



For more information, visit the Fort Worth Botanic Garden website at www.fwb.org and access its Events > Adult Education



BEGINNER TAIKO PROGRAM STARTING SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Interested in learning Japanese Taiko Drumming? This 6-week summer program is a great start! Classes meet Sundays at Yamagata Kaikan from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. For more information, email dondokotaikofw@gmail.com.

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FORT WORTH CHAPTER #38 OF IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL May Program

May 16, Sat.—Ikebana without a Kenzan

The Sogetsu instructor Marilyn Calley will demonstrate "Ikebana without a Kenzan," followed by the year-end luncheon. Reserve your seat at ikebanafortworth@gmail.com

June 6, Sat.—Ikebana Day

"Ikebana Day," established by Japan Ikebana Art Association in 2020, is based on the ancient Japanese concept that June 6 at the age 6 is a good day

to start any traditional art lessons. Celebrate this special day by decorating with flowers found around you!

June, July, and August—Summer Break

Thank you for your support during 2025-2026. Activities will resume in September. Our 2026-2027 calendar will be published soon!

Contact ikebanafortworth@gmail.com for additional information. All events are at the Yamagata Kaikan unless otherwise noted.



Join Our Society's Activities



Kurumi Ningyo – This group has been active for over 20 years with many of their creations decorating the Yamagata Kaikan. Meetings are various Tuesdays. Contact inquiries@fwjs.org.



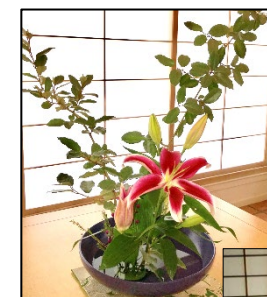
Dondoko Taiko (Drum Group) – This group performs at many metroplex festivals and special events. Regular practice is every Sunday 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Contact Cassi Southerland at dondokotaikofw@gmail.com.

Classical Japanese Dance – This group meets at the Society every Monday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The members enjoy dancing with other Fort Worthians at the Spring and Fall Japanese Festival. Contact Nobue Collins at 817-851-5604.

Ikebana – Learn and enjoy the art of Japanese flower arrangement. Class times vary. Contact Yoko Mazza at ikebanafortworth@gmail.com.

Japanese Language Class - Adult and children (6 years and older) classes offered at a reasonable tuition. Visit our website at www.fwjs.org and click Language School. Contact Elishia Flowers at ebflow@yahoo.com.

Japanese Tea Ceremony – Learn the art of Japanese tea ceremony, including tea preparation and performing as a host or guest. Flexible scheduling available. Contact Haruko "Anna" Herness at 817-560-8761 or email Sarah Miles at sarah.r.miles@gmail.com.





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City/State/Country

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Let us know which activities interest you, such as volunteering at the Japanese Garden Festivals, joining Taiko drumming, enrolling in our Japanese Language School, learning about Japanese cooking, etc.

Please mark (x) to indicate if this is a new membership or a renewal.

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Please mark (x) the classification you are joining.

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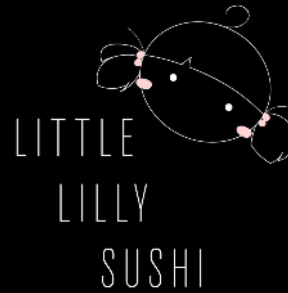
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