



Japan Disaster Relief Fund-Raiser

In Japan, two weeks after the initial earthquake and tsunami, people continue to endure hardships and face ongoing challenges resulting from the situation at the nuclear power plants. In Edmonton and across the country, individuals and organizations are showing support in traditional and also in very creative ways! Much assistance is needed now and will still be needed for some time in the future.

EJCA is conducting a major Fundraiser.

- Date/time:** April 16th, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm:
- Location:** EJCA Centre at 675- 88 Street, Edmonton
- What:** Silent Auction, sales table, refreshments and entertainment.

Help EJCA help Japan

To make this event as successful as possible we need items to auction and sell and people to attend

Please Donate

Items with a value of over \$50 to the silent auction.

Please Donate

Items with a value of over \$30 to the Sales Table.

Please Donate

Your time by volunteering to help prepare or on the day of the event.

Please help by contacting your friends and connections to donate and attend.

Please help by coming out to the Fund-raiser on April 16th.

Donations can be mailed or delivered by April 11th during EJCA's temporary business hours:

Monday to Friday 10:00 to 5:00

Saturday 10:00 to 3:00

Contact the office to volunteer: 780-466-8166 office@ejca.org

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EJCA Mission & Vision Statements

Mission

- To facilitate the development of an inclusive and vibrant Japanese Canadian Community within a multicultural Edmonton.
- To support the objectives of the National Association of Japanese Canadians by promoting respect and harmony among people of various cultures in the Edmonton area.

Vision

- A dynamic and evolving community that sustains a sense of well-being built upon awareness of Japanese heritage in Canada.

President's Corner

Cathy Tennant



In the two weeks since the first shocking news of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, there have been ongoing hardships, particularly with the concern about the nuclear power plants. Many people are still missing, many have died, many are without homes or personal possessions, many are in need of food and water.

being met with a sense of community, fortitude and dignity.

However, the reality is that much help and support is needed and will be for some time to come. You can help by attending and contributing to the EJCA fund-raising events. We want to provide as much support as we can to those affected by this disaster.



Yet, everyday the newscasts show that these adversities are

Disaster Relief for Japan in Japanese Communities Across Canada

Takashi Ohki

Japanese communities across Canada have been busy organizing events to raise money for the victim of the Great Tohoku/Kantou Earthquake in Japan. As of March 25, 2011, I found out the following events.

In Whitehorse, B.C., the Whitehorse Japanese Canadian Association arranged two film showings and raised \$1,100 from the first showing alone. The association is planning to do some fundraising too.

In Vancouver, more than twenty groups got together and established the "British Columbia Japan Earthquake Relief Fund." This fund has started coordinating fundraising activities of many groups which offered their assistance to set up donations boxes at their places of activities. The fund is also planning a major fundraising concert.

In Calgary, the New Japanese Canadian Association had a fundraising open house on March 19. The Calgary Japanese Community Association is also engaged in fundraising.

In Lethbridge, the Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area is passing information to local residents on how to donate money to help the victims of the earthquake/tsunami.

In Winnipeg, the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association and the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre jointly held a fundraising event on March 20. The event included an silent auction, entertainment, refreshments, speeches from government dignitaries and taking donations.

In Thunder Bay, Ontario, the Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association and the Thunder Bay Multicultural Association jointly held a donation drive on March 20 and gave a sushi bento to 175 people who donated more than \$15. The sushi bento had miso soup, one rice ball, one teriyaki chicken drumstick, three pieces of makizushi, one inarizushi, and one-quarter of an orange.

In Toronto, the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre has created a special, dedicated disaster relief fund to aid the victims of the Tohoku Kanto earthquake in Japan. In the first phase, the centre directs donations to the Japanese Red Cross through the Canadian Red Cross. Over the next months, the centre will organize a number of special concerts and film showings.

In the next phase of recovery and rebuilding, the centre will consult with the Japanese and Canadian government to allocate donations to effectively rebuild communities in the Tohoku region of Japan.

In Hamilton, the Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre is encouraging its members and local residents to donate money to the Canadian Red Cross.

In Ottawa, the Ottawa Japanese Community Association and the Ottawa Japanese Cultural Centre is posing on its web site a schedule of fundraising events by various groups including the Ottawa Branch of the Canadian Culinary Federation and the Ottawa Chapter of the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program Alumni Association,

NAJC President's Message - February 2011

Ken Noma

Treasures from our History

In an effort to identify, preserve and document Japanese and Nikkei antiques, folk art of value to Japanese Canadians, the Heritage Committee of the NAJC and the Manitoba Japanese Cultural Centre will conduct a public art evaluation on Saturday, March 19th in Winnipeg. If time permits, a survey of the MJCCC collection will be conducted as well. This pilot project will identify and determine the value of artifacts; some which may have been family heirlooms for generations. If the one day event is successful, we hope to offer this evaluation to other Nikkei communities. It is fitting that we are holding the pilot project in Winnipeg since it will honour the memory of Mr. Yoshimaru Abe, artist, actor, gardener, community and political activist and collector of Japanese antiques. Mr. Abe was a vital member of the Winnipeg community and the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre until his passing on March 9, 2006. Years earlier, as a beginning collector, Mr. Abe graciously welcomed me into his home and allowed me to examine his large Japanese sword collection, woodblock prints (ukiyo-e) and other antiques. Equally important were the stories that he told me of how these pieces 'found him'. He inspired collectors to go beyond the artifacts and to do the necessary research so that one can truly be the custodian of Japanese and Japanese Canadian history. Mr. Abe was a modern day Renaissance Man. *(I highly recommend you read the 2007 biographical book on Mr. Abe, "Shaku of Wondrous Grace", co-authored by Art Miki, Henry Kojima and Sylvia Jansen. Copies are available from the NAJC Winnipeg office.)*

Inspired by Mr. Abe and other collectors, I have had the opportunity over the years to organize evaluation workshops - similar to the famous TV show from England. One of the earliest evaluation was on Japanese swords led by Mr. Kotoken Kajihara, a well-known sword polisher (togishi) from Fukuoka, Japan. Over the course of two days, Kajihara sensei assessed (kantei) over fifty swords brought in by private collectors in Toronto. Later, he examined the eighty four blades in the collection of the Royal Ontario Museum.

Although we did not see blades that could be classified as "National Treasures", there were many good quality blades from the feudal period. Of equal historical importance was the family story associated with the blade which enhanced its value. A Nikkei veteran brought in a wakizashi blade (smaller of the two blades worn by the samurai) in World War II Japanese army mounts with a signature of the famous smith, Nosada. This family sword, was given to him by a Japanese officer while he was in the Pacific theatre serving as an interpreter. In another incident, an elderly Nisei mother brought an outstanding family blade that was in high quality mounts (daimyo quality). She noted that the blade had been brought into Canada by her family prior to the war but now she wanted to sell it so that it could go back to Japan. Having two sons, she was afraid that they would not appreciate the historical value of the blade and was concerned that they will fight over it once she passed away. Mr. Kajihara later reported that the

sword had been sold to a collector in Japan who already had a blade made by the same smith. One wishes that it had remained in the family given its history.

A photograph taken in 1930 at Powell Street shows two men mounted on horses wearing complete suits of armour (tosei gusoku) with long swords. There are stories of Japanese Canadians who threw their family blades into the Fraser River rather than having it confiscated by the authorities before they were sent off to the internment camps. During the 1907 Vancouver anti-Asian riot organized by white workers, Manjiro Kato joined others and forced back the rioters from the Powell Street area, brandishing a Japanese sword. I often wonder what became of that nihonto?

Japanese antiques were brought to Canada by Christian missionaries, Western visitors and Nikkei pioneers. The beloved Grace Tucker visited Japan in the 1930's and returned home with typical Japanese works of art available at that time: a child's parasol, a kimono, geta (clogs), hashi, metal bento box, dolls, serviettes and coasters from a Kyoto restaurant. Although all of the pieces are typical tourist souvenirs, they do have historical and sentimental value due to the owner's legacy. Grace was educated at the Anglican Women's Training College in Toronto and sent to Vancouver in support of the Japanese Canadian community. During the period of 1942 to 1946, she was assigned by the Church to work as a welfare worker at the Slocan Internment Centre. It is commonly believed that her strong support of the rights of the Nikkei community brought her into conflict with the Anglican Church. Grace continued to serve the resettlement of Japanese Canadians who relocated to Toronto. Ms. Tucker's catalogued collection is now housed at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre.

Works of art also covers what is known as 'folk art' - art created by amateur artists. Examples of folk art could be Buddhist alters made from scrap wood or downhill skis made by young Nisei in New Denver. A Nikkei in Tashme internment camp made a sword from scrap metals and this blade was in the 1977 Centennial sword exhibition held at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto. The historic value of folk art to our community is priceless and must be preserved.

I urge Nikkei families to have their family 'treasures' authenticated and to digitally record the family history surrounding the artifacts. It is my hope that portions of the Winnipeg evaluation will be recorded and posted on the NAJC national website. For those of you in the Winnipeg area who would like to register to have their antiques evaluated on March 19th, please contact: Kelly Koga at mjccc@mts.net, (Tel: 204-774-5909). There will be a nominal evaluation charge per item.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Stan and Masako Fukawa, recipients of the 2010 Canada-Japan Literary Prize in English for "*The Spirit of the Nikkei Fleet*". A special reception in their honour is being held at the Japanese Ambassador's residence on February 3rd and the NAJC will be represented by Hitomi Suzuta, President of the Ottawa Japanese Community Association. Stan and Masako are long time educators and community activists and are well deserving of this honour.

JAPAN DISASTER Relief Project

On March 21, EJCA created a short-term project for dealing with all activities related to the Japan Disaster Relief. The project will look after:

1. Donations
2. Fund Raising events
3. Communication (members and media) and liaison with other organizations
4. Information gathering - updates from Japan, and other information EJCA needs to know.
5. Social/psychological services if anyone in Edmonton requires help.
6. Supporting events being held by other organizations by providing resources etc.
7. Lobbying the Governments for their action
8. Maintaining resource people/volunteers for related activities
9. Maintaining the project cost within an approved budget - The EJCA Board decided to allocate \$1,000 for the project to start with.

A project committee was created with the following members, roles, and representation area:

Sanae Ohki:	Chair	EJCA Vice President
Brenda Madsen:	Secretary	EJCA Secretary
Jim Hoyano:	Finance	EJCA Treasurer
Daiyo Sawada:	Finance	EJCA member
Cathy Tennant:	Communication	EJCA President
Takashi Ohki:	Information gathering	EJCA member and NAJC Treasurer
Stephanie Bozzer:	Fund-raiser Silent Auction	EJCA Vice President
Tom Nakashima:	Fund-raiser Sales and Auction	EJCA member
Ted Asai:	Fund-raiser Food and refreshment	EJCA member and Restaurant service
Jocelyn Hudon:	Fund-raiser Presentation	Japanese Church
Jeff Kucharski:	Liaison with Government	EJCA member and Alberta Government
Rick Hirata:	Fund-raiser Entertainment	EJCA Board member
Hideko Kucharski:	Fund-raiser Entertainment	EJCA member
Erin Munro:	Volunteers	EJCA Board member
Shiho Asano:		EJCA Board member
Yoshie Schultz:	Volunteers	EJCA member
John Priegert:	Facility	EJCA Centre Manager

The roles may be changed as the activities are added. EJCA volunteers will work with the committee members.

By March 25, 2011, the committee established:

1. Relationship with media. (Had many interviews with media)
2. Donation processes for sending donation directly to Japan Red Cross and to Canadian Red Cross.
3. Donation box borrowing process.
4. A new bank account for donations.
5. Donation activities during the Hina Matsuri and Sukiyaki Dinner on March 19th.
6. Extended EJCA Office with volunteer assistance: from Monday to Friday 10 - 5 and Saturday 10 - 3.
7. Website for posting activities and information

Currently, the committee is working towards the major Fund Raiser event to be held on April 16, 2011. Please refer to the request for help on page 1.

JAPAN DISASTER FAMILY BAZAAR

Date/time: Saturday April 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Location: EJCA Centre at 6750 - 88 Street.
 What: Children and adult clothing, toys, books, bake sale, and more.

The bazaar is being coordinated by young mothers from the **Nihongo Kids Club** and volunteers. Please donate sales items by delivering them by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2011. Please join the bazaar with your friends.

Kodomo no Hi (Children's Festival)

The Devonian Garden held a new Kodomo no Hi Festival in 2010. It was the same concept as the Japanese Kodomo no Hi or Tango no Sekku. The event is becoming an annual activity since the first event was so successful.

EJCA offered many volunteers and assisted in displaying Koi nobori, Gogatsu dolls, and other dolls. This year, EJCA will display Koi nobori and Gogatsu dolls, coordinate origami and folktale book readings. Please plan to join the event and enjoy the first signs of spring at the Kurimoto Garden!

Date/time: Sunday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Kurimoto Japanese Garden at the University of Alberta Devonian Garden,
Devon, Alberta
Events: Koinobori, origami and other crafts, Japanese folktale reading, Tea ceremony,
Display of Dolls

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Saturday Afternoon Japanese Movies and Dramas

Come out and enjoy an afternoon of movies and dramas where you can escape, at least for a few hours, from the recent tragic events in Japan. Please join us with your friends and family!

All the movies/dramas have English subtitles and current-timely themes.

The first episodes of the 2 dramas will be shown to whet your appetite for these very popular dramas.

The complete episodes will be available in the library for you to sign out

Admission is free and snacks and refreshments will be provided

Date: Saturday April 9, 2011

Times: 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Place: EJCA Centre, 6750 - 88 Street, Edmonton

Theatre 1; 1:00 - 2:40 pm My Darling is a Foreigner (Darling was Gaikokujin)
(Lounge 1-2) 3:00 - 4:50 pm Tora-san - Volume 48 (last in series)

Theatre 2: 1:00 - 2:30 pm Jin - episode 1
(Lounge 3) 2:45 - 3:30 pm Dr. Koto's Clinic - episode 1
4:00 - 5:30 pm Apartment with a Rooftop (Okujou no Aru Apaato) - TV Drama Special

Tora-san Volume 48: Directed by Yoji Yamada, released in 1995

This is the last episode of one of the longest running film series in cinematic history. Star Kiyoshi Atsumi passed away in 1996 shortly after completing this film. This is a love story of two couples; Tora and his long-time friend Lily; and Tora's nephew, Mitsuo and the girl whom he secretly loves, Izumi. Will the younger couple be united, what will happen to Tora and Lily?

My Darling is a Foreigner: Directed by Kazuaki Ue, released in 2010

This film tells the quirky story of a Japanese woman and an American man as they enter into a relationship and eventually marry. But the road to marriage is filled with many bumps along the way, such as disapproving parents. The movie is from the popular manga series written by Saori Oguri, which is based on her own life with her husband Tony Laszlo.

Apartment with a Rooftop

This TV drama special was broadcast on TBS on March 21, 2011. This is a story of a young woman coming of age. Asako, 27, having recently lost her job at a small publishing company, decides to change her life by moving out of her parents home and into her own apartment which comes with a rooftop. That move brings with it a mix of new and old friends as well as a new job and the potential for new loves.

Matsu No Kai Spring Lunch & Bake Sale

(All proceeds go to Matsu no Kai (Seniors) Club Operations for 2011)

Date: Saturday May 14, 2011
Times: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Location: EJCA Centre, 6750 - 88 Street, Edmonton

All the details of this annual event have yet to be finalized, but several delicious menu items will be served!
Lunch will be served from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm (times approximate)
Bake sale items go on sale 11:30 to 2:00 or when sold out, and other activities may be on the schedule.
Stay tuned for further details, but mark the date on you calendar!

EJCA Origami Workshops

Session 1: Beginners and Advanced
Saturday, May 7, 2:00 - 4:00

Session 2: Beginners and Advance with a guest origami teacher from Japan, Komatsu Sensei
Saturday, June 18, 2:00 - 4:00

Fee per workshop: \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members
(Fee includes materials, take home products, and handout)

Each class will be limited to minimum 8 - maximum 25.



Application for EJCA Origami Workshop in the Spring 2011

Name (please print): _____ Signature : _____

E-mail address: _____ Home telephone: ____-____-_____

Please check all Origami Workshops you are attending:

- Session 1: Origami, May 7, 2:00 -4:00 Fee \$10 for member, \$15 for non-member
- Session 2: Origami, June 18, 2:00 - 4:00 Fee \$10 for member, \$15 for non-member

Total fee: \$ _____

Send the application form and a cheque for the total fee (payable to EJCA) to the EJCA Office at 6750 88 Street, Edmonton, T6E 5H6, by Thursday, April 28, 2011. If you are applying for session 2 only, please apply by Friday, June 3. Fees will be refunded if any workshop is cancelled.

Japanese Language Class starting in April

The winter session of the Japanese Language class ended on March 16, 2011. It was another successful learning opportunity. The spring session (6th of the series) will be from April 13th to June 15th. It will have two levels: beginners and intermediate.

The closing date for applications is April 7, 2011. Applications and cheques can be sent or delivered to the EJCA office. For more details and for a registration form, please go to the EJCA Website at <http://www.ejca.org/schools.html>

Sushi Making Workshop

Through the workshop you will learn how to make Futomaki, Chirashi-sushi, and Sushi-rolls (Temaki)

Session 1: Saturday, May 28, 10:00 - 12:00 (morning)

Session 2: Saturday, May 28, 2:00 - 4:00 (afternoon)

Note: Sessions 1 and 2 have the same content

Fee per workshop: \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members

(Fee includes materials, take home sushi, and handout)

Classes will be limited to minimum 8 - maximum 16.

Join the workshop with apron, head cover, tea towel, and cutting knife.



Application for EJCA Sushi Making Workshops in the Spring 2011

Name (please print): _____ Signature : _____

E-mail address: _____ Home telephone: _____ - _____ - _____

Please check Sushi Making Workshop you are attending:

Session 1: Sushi, May 28, 10:00 - 12:00 Fee \$25 for member, \$35 for non-member

Session 2: Sushi, May 28, 2:00 - 4:00 Fee \$25 for member, \$35 for non-member

Total fee: \$ _____

Send the application form and a cheque for the fee (payable to EJCA) to the EJCA Office at 6750 - 88 Street, Edmonton, T6E 5H6. Please register by Thursday, May 12. Fees will be refunded if any workshop is cancelled.

VOLUNTEER AND DONOR APPRECIATION

EJCA's activities have been successfully carried out with the help of many volunteers and a variety of donations. The EJCA Board members think it is very important to recognize volunteers and donors in a consistent manner. So this year, volunteers and donors for each activity will be reported in the Moshi Moshi as an independent article.

Note:

Volunteers for the March 19 Hinamatsuri and Sukiyaki Dinner and Japan Disaster Relief activities will be acknowledged in the next issue of Moshi Moshi

Matsu No Kai Club - News

Peter Wong

Matsu no Kai members (the Japanese seniors) had many relatives and friends living in Japan when the 8.9 magnitude earthquake and tsunami hit northern Japan on Friday, March 11. Fortunately, most of them have been reported to be safe and surviving the disasters. But now they are facing another threat from nuclear contamination due to the Fukushima Nuclear Power plants breakdowns. Our members are supporting the EJCA disaster relief efforts to raise funds and to send them to the Japan Red Cross to help the surviving victims!

The local news is that our club membership has grown to over 40 members registered for 2011. Our members are scattered throughout Edmonton (mostly in the north, the west and the south Edmonton communities). Additional members are encouraged from the east and Millwoods areas. Also, we have a couple living in Sherwood Park but no one else from the surrounding towns of St. Albert, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain or Leduc. If you know some seniors (aged 55 years plus) who would enjoy a Japanese lunch and some social time with other seniors once a month, please have them contact the Club President (**Peter C. Wong** at **780-487-7099** or petercwong@shaw.ca).

In 2011, the Matsu no Kai Club's monthly outings have included a movie & Udon lunch in January; lunch at Cora's in February and a museum visit and lunch to the Stony Plain Multicultural Heritage Center in March. With various Japan relief efforts happening over the next few months, no outings are being planned for April or May. We are hoping to visit a greenhouse or maybe a brewery in June. Then we look forward to various activities during June and July in preparation for the Japan pavilion at this summer's Heritage Festival.

May 14 (Saturday from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm) will be our **Seniors Lunch & Bake Sale** at the EJCA Center. You are all invited to bring your family or friends to attend a Japanese lunch (a choice of 5 dishes - Sushi plate, Curry Chicken on rice, Onigiri, Yakisoba (fried noodles) or Oyako Donburi bowl plus various baked goods for your gourmet tastes). In past years, many of the lunch selections have sold out during the first hour so plan to arrive early to ensure your choice of your favourite foods! Donations of baked goods for our sale are also welcomed.



Enjoying lunch at a monthly outing

Now we just need spring to start and for all the snow to melt away.

New Tea Ceremony Club for Beginners to start on April 7

The "Way of Tea" is a Japanese cultural activity originating in the 9th century. The ceremony is not about drinking tea, but it is about aesthetics preparing a bowl of tea from one's heart.

Up till now there was no place to take tea ceremony lessons in Edmonton. Members of Matsukaze tea ceremony group have volunteered to create such opportunity for Edmontonians so they can share the experience of the tea ceremony.

The first session will be from April 7 to May 26. Practice will be held in Lounge 3 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM every Thursday. No seiza (kneeling down) is involved in the practice.

We will practice bonryaku temae in the first session. The bonryaku temae is a simple procedure for making usucha (thin tea). This procedure originated in the Urasenke school. It is usually the first temae learned and is the easiest to perform. It may easily be done sitting at a table, or outdoors.

If you would like to join, please contact Naoko Kerr, naoko@kerrzone.com and see you on April 7.



Directory of EJCA Affiliated Clubs & Groups

Sabaki Go Club

Purpose: To learn and enjoy playing Go for all ages
Meetings: Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm
Contact: Chuck Elliot at 452-1874, <Chuckbrenda@shaw.ca>
Website: <www.sabaki.org>

The Edmonton Gojukai Karate Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays (except holidays)
Children, 7-12 years of age: 6:00-7:00 PM
Youths, 13-17 years of age: 7:00-8:15 PM
Contact: John Priegert - 436-1825, <priegert@telus.net>

Edmonton Kendo & Naginata Club

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Fridays at 7:00 pm
website: www.eknc.org
Contact: info@eknc.org

Kita No Taiko

Japanese Drumming Group
Practices: Monday and Wednesday from 7 pm
Contact: 431-0300 or <info@kitanotaiko.ca>
Website: <www.kitanotaiko.ca>

Keifukai of Edmonton

Japanese Brush Calligraphy
Contact: Kazuko Hirata - 780 438-2747

Chigiri-e Art

Torn paper art work creation
Contact: Keiko Frueh - 780 436-5843

Edmonton Nihongo Kids Club

(Japanese communication club for kids)
Tuesdays from 10:00 am
Contact: Mizuho - 780 472-1580

Women's Gojukai Karate Club

Contact: Dana Nawata at dnawata@shaw.ca

Awa Odori

Japanese Folk Dance
Practices: 2nd Sunday of each month, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Contact: Emiko Kinoshita at 780-451-6196

Chorus Club

Practices: 1st and 3rd Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Contact: Emiko Kinoshita at 780 451-6196

Bonsai Club

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:30-9:30 pm
Contact: Les Dowdell at <hokkoku@telusplanet.net>

Karaoke Club

Practice: 1st & 3rd Fridays at 8:30-11:00 pm
Contact: Takashi Ohki at 780 459-3862

Matsu no Kai

EJCA Seniors activities (55 years and up)
Contact: Peter C. Wong at 780 487-7099 or
<petercwong@shaw.ca>

Table Tennis

Practice: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, 1:00-3:00 pm
Contact: Sanae Ohki at <sanaeohki@shaw.ca>

EJCA Art Club

Watercolour painting
Contact: Yumiko Hoyano <yumiko@shaw.ca>

Wakaba Kai

Traditional Japanese Dance
Contact: Keiko Frueh - 780 436-5843

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日時： 4月16日（土）4時—8時
場所： エドモントン日系センター
内容： サイレントオークション、品物販売、食べ物、余興
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EJCA会長の言葉

キャシー・テナント

日本の地震と津波の第一報が届いてから2週間たちますが、困難な状況は今も続いており特に原子発電所の問題は心配です。多くの方の行方が分からず、多くの方が亡くなり、多くの方が家や所持品を失い、食べ物や水を必要としています。

そんな中でも毎日のニュースでは、人々はこの困難な状況を連帯意識と忍耐と尊厳をもって耐えていることを伝

えています。

そして、現実には多くの援助と手助けが必要とされています。皆様はEJCAで計画している義援金集めの活動に参加し、賛助することによって援助することが出来ます。

この災害にあった方々のために出来るだけ力になりたいと思っております。

日系コミュにいティーの義援金募集活動

カナダ全国の日系コミュニティーで次のような東北関東大地震被災者のための義援金募集活動が行われています。

ユーコン準州のホワイトホースには小さな日系コミュニティーがありますが、地震の被害がわかるとすぐに日本映画会を開き義援金を集めました。反響が大きかったのもう一度日本映画会を開く予定です。

バンクーバーには数多くの日系、日本人団体がありますが、「隣組」が中心になって20以上の団体の義援活動をまとめています。これらの団体が一緒になって「BC日本地震義援基金」を創設して、メンバーそのほかの団体の催し物会場での募金活動、町での募金活動を支援しています。またチャリティーコンサートを企画しています。

カルガリーではカルガリー新移住者協会が3月19日に義援金募集のオープンハウスを開催しました。またカルガリー日系協会も義援金募集活動をしています。

レスブリッジでは日系人、カナダ人からの義援金についての問い合わせが数多くあり、カナダ赤十字を通じて被災地に義援金を送る方法を知らせています。

ウィニペグではマニトバ日系人協会とマニトバ日系文化会館が共同で3月20日の義援金募集の会を開きました。サイレントオークション、義援金の受付、政府関係者のスピーチ、余興がありました。

オンタリオ州レークヘッドの日系文化協会はサンダーベイの多種文化協会と共同で3月20日募金活動の会を開き、15ドル以上の寄付をした人に寿司弁当を提供しました。寿司弁当は会員のてづくりで、豆腐とネギの味噌汁、おにぎり、鶏の唐揚げ、巻き寿司三きれ、いなり寿司、オレンジ四分の一が入っていました。寿司弁当の材料は寄付してもらいました。

トロントではいろいろな団体が義援活動をしています。トロント日系文化会館は大地震義援基金を創設して、義援金を先ずはカナダ赤十字を通じて日本赤十字の送っています。第二段階では日本政府、カナダ政府に相談して被災地の復興に役立つような義援金の使用方法を考えています。またチャリティーコンサートを企画しています。

ハミルトンではハミルトン日系文化会館が赤十字を通じての義援方法を宣伝しています。

オタワではいろいろな団体が義援活動をしています。オタワ日系協会とオタワ日系文化会館は共同でこれらの支援活動のリストをホームページで公開しています。カナダ調理師協会オタワ支部の義援金募集ディナーなどが載っています。

こどもの日

2010年5月にはじめての「こどもの日」の行事がアルバータ大学植物園の中の栗本日本庭園で行われました。

「こどもの日」が参加した皆さんに好評だったので、アルバータ大学植物園では年間行事にすることにしました。特に庭園のあちこちに飾られたたくさんの大きな鯉のぼりは日本でも見たことがないような素晴らしさでした。庭園の方の独創的な飾り方が印象的でした。

今年もEJCAでは、鯉のぼりと5月人形をお貸しし、折り紙と日本昔話の読み聞かせを手伝います。東屋陽子さんが中心になってCulture Programの方々が手伝います。当日はこのほかに、松風会の茶の湯、庭園のガイド、鯉のぼり作り、などが予定されています。早春の日本庭園を散策する素晴らしい機会です。是非参加されるようご案内いたします。

日時： 5月1日〔日〕

場所： アルバータ大学植物園の栗本日本庭園



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一回目のセッションは4月7日から5月26日まで行われます。ラウンジ3にて、毎週木曜日、午後6時半から8時までお稽古いたします。正座をする必要はありません。

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