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Japan-America
Friendship Festival
日米友好祭

Saturday, Oct 25, 2025
11 am - 3 pm
Touro Park, Newport, RI



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Promoting and strengthening the friendship
between the United States and Japan.

Past Events

Members of JASNE/JANAFA-Newport participated in wonderful get-togethers throughout southern New England

Summer Party

August 9, 2025

We gathered in East Greenwich, RI, and enjoyed great food, entertainment, and fellowship

Farewell to NWC Graduates

June 5, 2025

At the deck of the Officers Club on Naval Station Newport, RI, we said farewell to our members who were graduating from the Naval War College.





Japan Day at the RI State House

April 1, 2025

The Rhode Island House and Senate declared March 31, 2025, "Japan Day" in honor of the close friendship between our countries that started with Rhode Island-native Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry's expedition to Japan and the signing of the Kanagawa Treaty on March 31, 1854

Manjiro Trail Tour

March 29, 2025

Members of JASNE/JANAFAs-Newport toured the Manjiro Trail and visited the Whitfield Manjiro Friendship House Museum in Fairhaven, MA.



Perry & Cherry Event

May 9, 2025

We held an event at the Naval War College Museum to appreciate the cherry blossoms on the trees on its lawn and to learn about the history of the friendship between our two countries.



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony

December 5, 2024

The JMSDF members of JASNE/JANAFANewport organize, and run a ceremony annually at the Naval War College. The ceremony remembers those who died on December 7, 1941, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and also focuses on the decades after the war as Japan and the U.S. became close friends and allies.

**Perry 175 is a
collaborative
initiative dedicated
to remembering,
celebrating, and
reflecting on the
175th anniversary of
Commodore
Matthew Perry's
expedition to Japan**





PERRY 175

Date	Event	175th Anniversary
24 March 1852	Commodore Perry receives orders to take command of the East India Squadron	24 March 2027
24 November 1852	Commodore Perry and USS <i>Mississippi</i> depart Norfolk	24 November 2027
8 July 1853	The four ships arrive in Japan and anchored at Uraga	8 July 2028
14 July 1853	Perry lands at Kurihama, Letter delivered	14 July 2028
13 February 1854	Perry's Squadron returns to Japan	13 February 2029
8 March 1854	Perry's "ceremonious" landing at Yokohama	8 March 2029
31 March 1854	Treaty of Peace and Amity (aka Kanagawa Treaty) Signed	31 March 2029
21 February 1855	Kanagawa Treaty ratified by the United States	21 February 2030



Planned Activities

The project's activities will begin in earnest from March 2027, the month that marks 175 years after Commodore Perry received his orders to sail for Japan



Support for Festivals

A dedicated project will provide academic support to the Perry, Black Ships, and Japan-America Friendship Festivals held in Yokosuka, Shimoda, Hakodate, and Newport. These festivals commemorate Commodore Matthew Perry's expedition and the opening of Japan to international engagement, serving as vital platforms for cultural exchange and public remembrance. By strengthening the intellectual and educational dimensions of these festivals, Perry 175 will ensure that the commemorations serve not only as moments of celebration but also as opportunities for meaningful reflection, learning, and dialogue between communities in Japan and the United States.



Japan-America Friendship Flame

This project aims to establish a commemorative flame in Newport, Rhode Island — the hometown of Commodore Matthew Perry. This flame will serve as a permanent symbol of remembrance and reflection, honoring the 175th anniversary of the expedition and the enduring legacy of U.S.-Japan relations. The Newport flame is envisioned as a trans-Pacific counterpart to the US-Japan Friendship Flame that has been flickering in Shimoda, Shizuoka since 2004, the 150th anniversary of the 1854 Treaty of Kanagawa.



Lecture Series

A seminar series will bring together historians, diplomats, maritime professionals, and community leaders to share learning about the legacy and contemporary relevance of Commodore Perry's expedition. Hosted in Japan, the United States and online, these seminars will provide accessible yet rigorous forums for examining the historical, cultural, and strategic dimensions of the expedition while fostering dialogue on its lessons for today's U.S.-Japan partnership. By combining academic insight with public engagement, the series will enrich commemorative events, support cultural engagement, and inspire cross-cultural understanding that links past encounters to future cooperation.

Perry 175 aims to:

- **Enhance Historical Context** – By partnering with scholars, educators, and museums, the project will provide lectures, panel discussions, and curated materials that deepen public understanding of the historical significance of Perry's expedition.
- **Foster U.S.-Japan Dialogue** – Academic programming will highlight shared perspectives and explore the long-term legacy of U.S.-Japan relations, encouraging reflection on both challenges and opportunities across the Indo-Pacific.
- **Support Local Communities** – Tailored content will connect festival audiences to local histories, helping each host city situate its role in the broader story of Perry's expedition and its global repercussions.
- **Engage Future Generations** – Educational workshops and resources will be designed for students and young professionals to encourage cross-cultural learning and inspire interest in maritime history, diplomacy, and international relations.

Organizational Partners



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The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society

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Intro

An organization whose goal is the strengthening of ties between Japan & the USA. Please contact Gerry Rooney at 508-269-4659 to schedule a tour of the Friendship House.

Page · Museum

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Price Range · \$\$\$\$

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Featured



The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship S

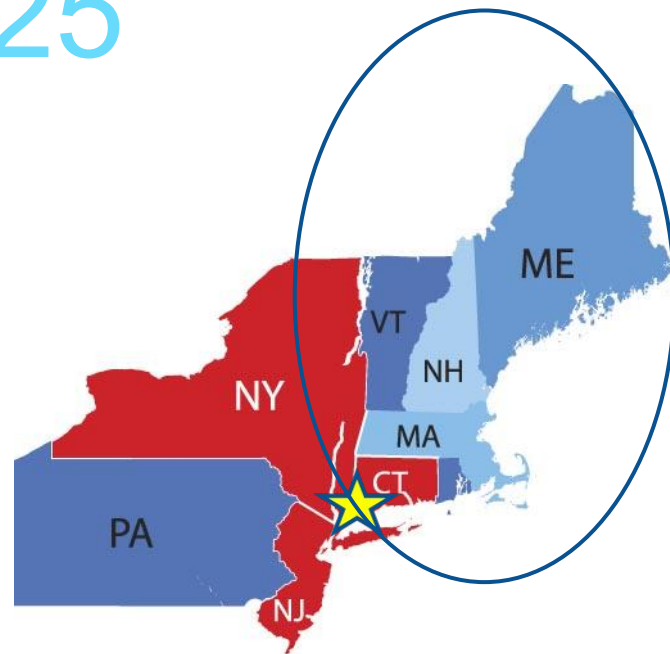
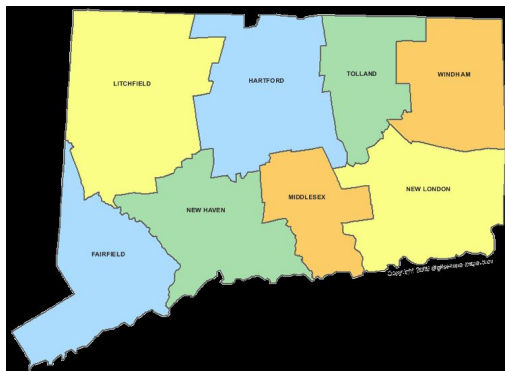
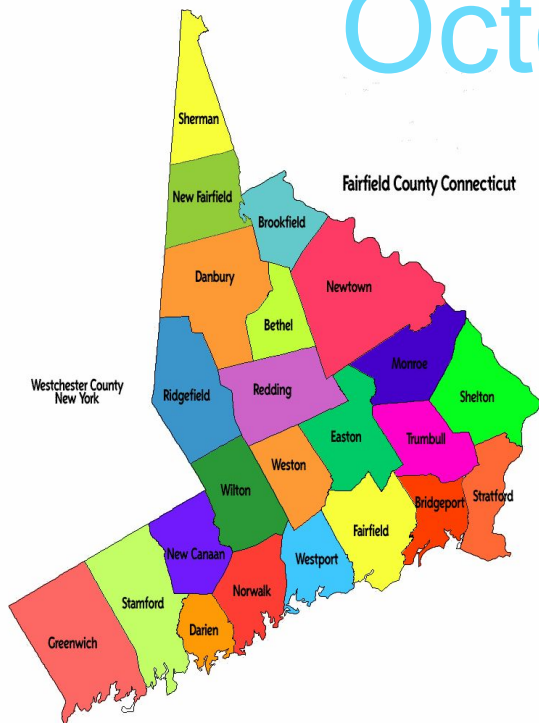
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JAPAN SOCIETY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

October 26, 2025



JSFC Annual Membership Report

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Corporate Members	0	0	0	2	2	3	4
Patrons (\$200 and up)	3	7	4	7	7	5	9
Benefactors (\$100-199)	9	5	9	9	10	10	8
Family	16	18	18	16	17	15	24
Individual	10	13	18	21	16	14	17
Student	1	1	1	2	0	0	1
Total	39	44	50	57	52	47	63

Submitted by
Nancy Beck, Membership Chair



Penguin Environmental
Design

Aikido of Norwalk



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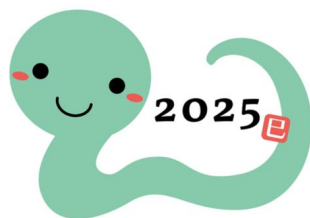
Annual Meeting & Featured speaker

Talk and sampling of small batch shoyu by Founder Bob Florence

November 2024



Oshogatsu New Year's Celebration



FREE
Admission



Japan Society of
Fairfield County

SATURDAY
September 6th
1-4pm

**raindate 9/7*

2025 秋祭り Japanese Fall Festival

Jesup Green, Westport, CT
next to Westport Library at 20 Jesup Rd

Taiko Drum
by NY Taiko Aiko Kai



Bon Odori Dance

Tanko Bushi, Hanagasa Ondo,
Awa Odori, Dancing Hero, TOKYO ONDO.

**Pop-up booths
& demos**



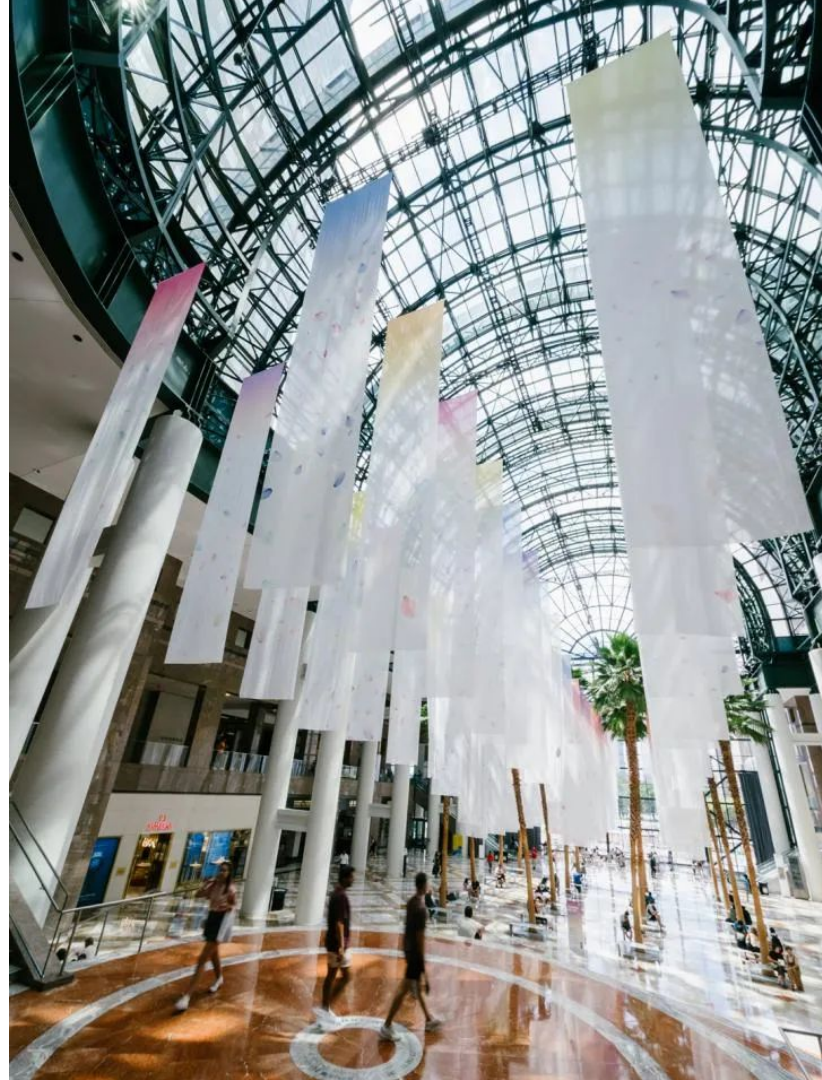




Programs

Reconnecting with Nature Through Art and Architecture:

A Conversation with Miya Ando and Yoko Kawai
Collaboration with East Asian Studies Dept @ Yale
December 2024



Tea Ceremony Kimono



Culture Collaborations

□ Third Annual Cherry Blossom Picnic/Ohanami - Stamford Mill River w/ ASCEND CTW

□ Asian Culture Show with OCA/FC – CT State College

□ Pan Asian Collective AAPI Month Signature Event: "Passport to Pan Asia" Stage

May 21 | 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Stamford, CT

Experience an exciting Panel Discussion on Generative AI: Dive into the Fusion of Pan Asian Cuisine, Captivating Entertainment, Beverages and Vibrant Music!



Sakura Manbon – Spreading Goodwill from Boston to New York



- Jay Heritage Center
- Mead Memorial Gold Star Walk
- (spring 2026) – Greenwich Japanese School 50th Anniversary



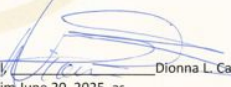


TOWN OF NEW CANAAN

PROCLAMATION

Cherry Blossom Tree Dedication

- WHEREAS,** The Cherry Blossom has long stood as the harbinger of spring, symbol of peace, friendship, and fleeting beauty of nature, treasured by cultures around the world, most notably by Japan, where the annual blooming is a moment of deep reflection and joy; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2017, a Cherry blossom tree was donated to New Canaan by the Japan Society of Fairfield County (JSFC) in commemoration of its 30th Anniversary and planted on the southern bank of Mead Memorial Park pond during the first of several Cherry Blossom Festivals sharing Japanese culture with the community; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2021, a cherry blossom tree gift was presented to New Canaan to replenish one of the 38 flowering trees of Mead Memorial Park's Gold Star Walk dedicated to the 38 New Canaan servicemen who lost their lives in WWII; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2025, two additional trees were gifted to Mead Memorial Park's Gold Star Walk representing a continued commitment to community beautification, and enduring friendship between the people of New Canaan and the Japanese American community; and
- WHEREAS,** The Japan Society of Fairfield County, the New Canaan Beautification League (NCBL), the Parks Department, and community volunteers have collaborated to make this living gift a reality for all to enjoy; and
- WHEREAS,** This act of planting trees is not only a gift to future generations, but also a reaffirmation of our shared values of peace, environmental stewardship, and cross-cultural understanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known to all present and future that I,  Dionna L. Carlson
First Selectman of the Town of New Canaan, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2025, as

"Cherry Blossom Tree Dedication Day"

in New Canaan and do hereby call upon our citizens to join together observing this symbol of goodwill and friendship.

LET THESE TREES stand as a living legacy—their roots deepening with the years, their branches reaching upward with promise, and their presence reminding us always of the gift and fragility of life, the beauty found in nature, and the strength found in the spirit of friendship and community.



Fundraising for Noto Relief



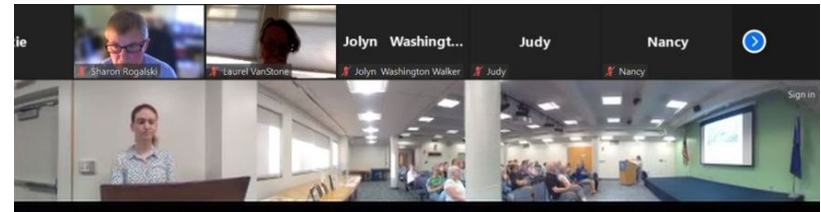
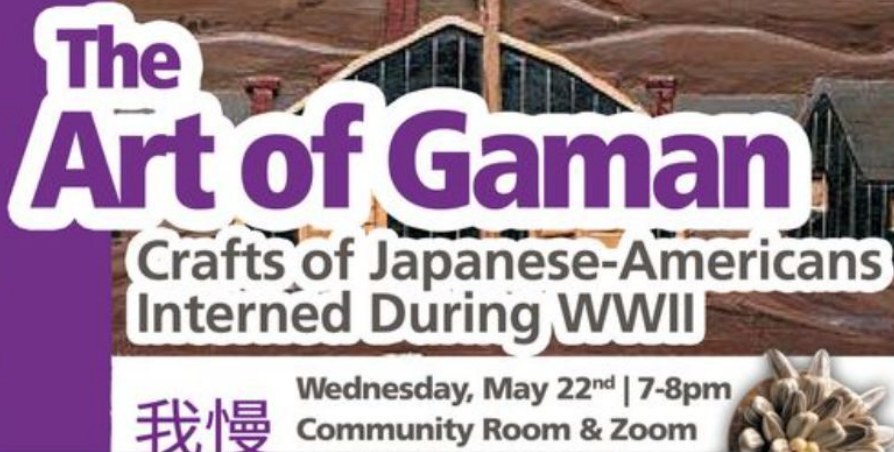
NOTO PENINSULA EARTHQUAKE

Fire and Disaster Management Agency

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History





History Bites



A Voyage to China & Japan

October 15 | 12 pm

Free with Museum Admission

Co-sponsored by:



JAPAN SOCIETY
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2025 年 (令和 7 年) 10 月 18 日 (土)

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上と現在の運動会(同下)



伝統芸術に触れる NY 日本人学校で墨絵

ニューヨーク日本人学校(ネチカット州グリニッチ、森本専作校長)は、9月26日に絵教室を開催した。参加した5年生17人は、毎週書の授業を行っているが、墨と筆で絵を描く活動はほとんどの児童が初めてだった。

まず、講師のジャッキー・アレキサンダー先生から墨の歴史について話を聞いた。その後、3つの濃淡の墨汁づくりや筆の使い方、墨の濃淡の出し方、筆の運び方を習い、いよいよ竹を描く活動へと移った。最初は、墨がにじんだり、全く濃淡が出なかったり、苦勞していたが、練習を繰り返して、次第に筆の運び方のコツをつかみ、濃淡を付けることができた。

けることができたようだった。先生は「濃淡の付け方が上手になっってきたね」と褒めた。



よく学んで能者らしい口時日

Upcoming events:

11/23/25 Annual Meeting

Featured speaker, Benjamin Boas,
“COOL JAPAN Ambassador”

Rowayton Community Center



2026 Year of the Horse

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Oshogatsu Celebration





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十月の詩

Poem for October

目え閉じて

Close your eyes

自然感じて

feel the warmth of nature

なんかでっかいもんと

Take a moment

繋がっている時間を

to connect with

とってください

something grandure

藤井 風

Kaze Fujii



Japan Society of Greater Hartford

MOORE WEBSTER HOUSE OF HISTORY
Early American
Adventure Camp

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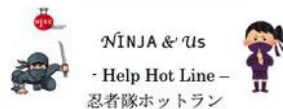
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グレーターハートフォード界隈に居住する日系人並びに日本人一時居住者の方々の突発的課題、日常生活における困り事のご相談をお聞きし少しでも、肩の荷を軽減してあげたいという有志が集まった忍者部隊です。

SAKURA MANBON & OTHERS.....



植樹活動の様子はこちらをご覧くださいませ。

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