

# CCEA

## Cross Cultural Exchange Association

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# APRIL NEWSLETTER

## Cookie Decorating Class

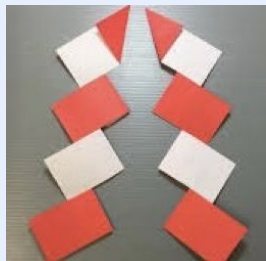
- Class starts at 10:15am
- Please bring an apron and face mask
- Once we finish decorating cookies, let's dig into some delicious pizza together! We'll take care of the pizzas for you to bake and enjoy.
- Clean up and exit the room by 2pm



Coming next month...

## Shinto in everyday life

A talk about Shinto traditions and its influence on the Japanese culture. This will be followed by an interactive discussion about cross-cultural traditions. After the talk, we will make a traditional origami named Shide. Shide is a zig-zag shaped paper streamer that is usually seen at the entrances of shrines. Let's also learn the cultural aspect of small wooden votive tablets called Ema and write our wishes.



April Meeting Location:

**Nishi Lifelong  
Learning  
Center-10am**

Cooking Room

1-1-45 Joshin, Nishi-ku, Nagoya 451-0061-  
Take exit 6 from Joshin Station on the  
Tsurumai Line, walk 5 minutes



# APRIL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2 Hanami @ Tsuruma Park	3	4 CCEA Meeting	5	6
7 Book Club	8 Photography	9	10 Yamato-e	11 CCEA Board Meeting	12	13
14	15 Language Exchange	16 Day Trip	17	18	19 Ikebana & Calligraphy	20
21 Pilates	22 Restaurant Hunters	23 Kimekomi	24	25 Yamato-e	26	27
28	29	30				

Come join us for a delightful Hanami celebration at Tsuruma Park on April 2nd from 10 AM to 3 PM! We'll have some tasty light snacks and refreshing drinks for you to enjoy, and don't worry—there are plenty of food trucks and charming cafes nearby if you're hungry for more. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

## SAVE THE DATE!

### General Meeting Dates

May 9th -Shinto & Japanese culture  
June 6th -Bon Dance

September 5th - Welcome Back!  
October 3rd TBA  
November 7th -TBA  
December 5th- Holiday Lunch



Shannon Young- April 3rd  
Gökçen Eser- April 16th  
Fumika Kusano- April 20th  
Kuniko Mori- April 30th

## Member Spotlight



**Sofie Franzén**

Hi !

My name is Sofie Franzén and my husband Anton and I moved to Nagoya last year, We are originally from Gothenburg, the second-largest city in Sweden.

I have been part of CCEA since last year and a board member since this January. I like being a part of CCEA because it allows me to meet new people from all over the world and learn more about Japanese and other countries' cultures. I have many hobbies, including running, playing tennis, hiking, cooking, painting, and traveling.

I am excited to meet the new members and explore new activities and places with CCEA.



## 2025 Board Members

**President:**  
Gwyn Wilson

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Vacant

**Administrator**  
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Are you interested in becoming a board member? Please contact us for more information!

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## Club Directory

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