

MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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CCEA ACTIVITY UPDATE

The CCEA Board continues to monitor the situation regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) and **the safety of all CCEA members and guests continues to be our top priority.**

Therefore, after careful consideration, again we have had to make some decisions based on the current situation and spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Aichi prefecture. Changes for May are as follows:

- 1. May 8th General Meeting ----- CANCELLED**
- 2. Interest Groups Activities ----- CANCELLED**
- 3. CCEA EXTRA Activities ----- POSTPONED until further notice.**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Board is very aware of the fact that the cancellation of general meetings means you are no longer receiving the expected benefits from your membership dues. Therefore the refund mentioned last month will be increased to also include cancellation of the May general meeting. We will confirm the amount and method of refund before the next General meeting.

We would like to sincerely thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation during this challenging time, and we apologize for the ongoing inconvenience.

The CCEA Board

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Dear CCEA,

I'd like to extend my best wishes to all the CCEA members and their families during this stressful time. I hope we can continue to support each other and stay connected.



CCEA is an incredible group of women and I am so lucky to be a part of it. I'd like to express my gratitude to all the members, some of which have been loyal members since its inception in 1982, the interest group leaders and the other board members for doing their best to keep this NPO running and relevant. It really is a labor of love.

Being a board member for 3 years was the highlight of my involvement with CCEA. I enjoyed working on the newsletter and then membership. Get involved! It is the best cure for many ailments.

I am sad that I have to say to good-bye to everyone. My family and I are leaving at the end of June. Living in Japan has been an amazing journey and I am so grateful to the people we have met that have made it a wonderful experience. Thank you Japan for the past 4.5 years. You never know we may come back in a few years!

Sincerely,
Malinee Carnegie

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Helen Saito 5/3
Teresa Burr 5/4
Tsuyako Iida 5/6
Lisa Brasher 5/8
Satomi Kobayashi 5/15
Michelle Hernandez 5/19
Yoko Koderá 5/21
Aline Ventura 5/26
Takeno Matsuda 5/31

INSURANCE REMINDER

CCEA Insurance: In order to be added to the insurance for CCEA general meetings and interest group activities, we need your name in Japanese to file for the insurance. Please respond to the email sent on 18 April.

Note: There is no extra cost per member.

Deadline: May 15, 2020

SAVE THE DATE - IMPORTANT REMINDERS

General Meeting:

June 5, September 4, October 2, November 13, December 4

YAMATO-e

Yamato-e is a genre of painting that first flourished during Japan's Heian period (794–1185).

The Heian period, literally "the period of calm and tranquility," was a peaceful era during which the court was the center of rich cultural activity, including the spawning of new trends in painting and literature. The term yamato-e, literally meaning "Japanese painting," was coined during this period.

At the time, the term was meant to distinguish paintings concerned with Japanese subject matter.

Japanese subjects included tales from Japanese literature and history, as well as activities and motifs associated with the four seasons in Japan. Such paintings depicted Japanese locales, typified by the soft, rolling hills of the Kyoto countryside.

YAMATO-e at CCEA

Yamato-e is my favorite CCEA interest group and it has a lovely background.

After Yoko-san's mother-in-law passed away, in 1998, she had to take care of her father-in-law, Mr. Reizo Kodera, who was a professional Yamato-e painter. On the occasion, they lived in the same estate, but in different houses. After two years she realized that in order to do a good job taking care of her father-in-law she really needed to improve the communication between them. So, she had the idea of learning Yamato-e from him, since he was considered a great teacher and she had a love for arts. Yoko-san's idea worked perfectly, she learned Yamato-e and she had the opportunity to find out the amazing person her father-in-law was.

When Mr. Kodera passed away, in 2013, Yoko-san decided to take over his teaching position since by that time she had enough painting experience. Another reason is that she wanted to spread the treasure her father-in-law left to her, his Yamato-e. Now, our sensei Yoko-san has spread Yamato-e technique to several countries through her CCEA interest group and created several lovers of this technique, including myself.



Artwork and words by Ana Cristina Avelar
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SNEAK PEAK

During these uncertain times, the program coordinators are reviewing what activities and themes we can safely do at the upcoming general meetings.

We look forward to finally being able to share our presentation and activity for Japanese Gardens with you all soon.



PROJECT IDEAS DURING ISOLATION

It can be difficult to find things to fill your time with during isolation, so we thought we'd give you a couple of project ideas that you might enjoy. These projects are taken from the website www.favecrafts.com, which includes step by step instructions to complete each one. The site also includes a number of other projects you might like to try. Once you have completed them, please send us a picture at nagoyaccea@gmail.com and we will include some of the pictures in our next newsletter.

Floating Tea Cup



Tee-shirt beaded necklace



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

We would like to share the upcoming holidays from the first 10 days in May from around the world for our members and families to explore and learn. Please enjoy the list below!

May 1

Labour Day: Celebrated in over 50 countries
May Day: Bangladesh, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ghana, Gibraltar, Mexico, Pakistan Sri Lanka, United Kingdom
Women's Day: Cuba, Tanzania
Worker's Day: Burma, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Romania

May 2

King's Birthday: Lesotho
Labour Day: Bulgaria, Slovenia, Romania

May 3

Constitution Day: Japan, Poland
Vesak Day: South Korea
World Press Freedom Day

May 4

Greenery Day: Japan

May 5

Children's Day: Japan, South Korea
Cinco de Mayo: Mexico
Coronation Day: Thailand
Liberation Day: The Netherlands
International Midwives Day

May 6

Corregidor Day: Philippines
Constitution Memorial Day: Japan
Martyr's Day: Lebanon, Syria
Samuel K Doe's Birthday: Liberia

May 7

National Day of Prayer: Nigeria, United States
Buddha Purnima/Vesak Day: India
Rodio Day: Russia
Mining National Day: Argentina

May 8

Parent's Day: South Korea
Victory in Europe Day: France
World Red Cross Day

May 9

Liberation Day: Czech Republic, Slovakia

May 10

Matsu (Goddess of the Sea): Taiwan
Mother's Day: Japan, United States, Australia
Independence Day: Micronesia
Vesak Day: Malaysia, Singapore
World Lupus Day

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