

## GENERAL MEETING

### Date & Time

Friday, June 5th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Login begins at 9:45 am

### Place

Zoom chat room - The link is in the email sent out with this newsletter and will be sent again on June 4th.

### Program

1. After an extended discussion at the May board meeting AND after a majority vote of the board, the decision with regards to the June 5th meeting is as follows:

**NO to in- person meeting at Will Aichi.**

**YES to a Zoom Chat meeting.**

For the reasons mentioned in the email sent out with this newsletter.

2. We will have a virtual meeting on June 5th to welcome the new President, see each other, say goodbye to few members leaving Japan, and have some fun!  
As part of the June meeting program, we will be learning about Kokeshi Dolls. Many people around the world collect Kokeshi, the hand-crafted dolls known for their distinct limb-less cylindrical shape and hand-painted features. In our virtual meeting, you will learn the history and cultural importance of Kokeshi, how they are made, and the significance of different styles and artistry, so you too can be a knowledgeable collector.

The template for you and your family to create your own, is on the last page. All you need are color markers or pencils and to print out the template. We will have a short introduction at the virtual meeting and provide a video with more information after our meeting.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

### Accommodations

The accommodations details for the 3 cancelled General Meetings (March, April, May) due to Covid-19 are:  
Refund amount: 1,500 Yen per CCEA member.  
Pick up date: September 4th General Meeting OR Special arrangements - See Notes section.

### Interest Groups and Special Exhibitions

Some interest group activities and a Yamato-e exhibition will be taking place in June. Please consult the calendar, on page 4, for details.

For safety reasons, please note that the activities running MUST meet the criteria stated in the email sent out with this newsletter.

CCEA, its officers and volunteers are NOT LIABLE for any illness, and attendance is AT YOUR OWN RISK.

### Notes

All members leaving CCEA before September, please reply to the email sent out with this newsletter to set arrangements to hand over the accommodation refund before your departure.

There will NOT be any bank transfers offered for this refund. All refunds will be handed out at the September General Meeting, OR at an agreed upon time prior to September, should you be leaving Japan.

It's the member's responsibility to contact CCEA to set up the refund pick up arrangements, as we are unaware of each member's situation and we choose to respect your privacy and decisions.

## SNEAK PEEK - SEPTEMBER



If you've ever wondered what makes a traditional Japanese garden different from other parks and gardens, then you will love our September General Meeting.

At the General Meeting, we will explore some of the features that make these gardens so unique and interesting.

You will also get a chance to create a little garden to relieve stress and anxiety to take home and enjoy at home or in the office.

Please join us for this wonderful new activity!

## SPECIAL MESSAGE

Hello members! In October we will be having an activity sharing world cultural costumes. We ask some members to bring in their cultures' costume to share and exhibit at the October General Meeting. If you are interested please email us at [nagoyacce@gmail.com](mailto:nagoyacce@gmail.com), Attention: Naomi and Yenling.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CURRENT PRESIDENT

Dear members,

CCEA has been my second family since our arrival to Japan. It has been a great experience decorated with many great friendships made and so much learned!



As announced at the 2019 Holiday Luncheon in December of last year and at the February General Meeting, I would be staying as President for the year 2020 until June. That decision was taken in November of last year and the plan was as follows: In the event that the position of President remained vacant for 2020, and in order to meet bylaws requirements, I will stay on as President while training program coordinator Gwyn Wilson to take over the President role as of June 2020. Gwyn and I started the weekly training meetings as of early March and will continue until the end of June. Gwyn Wilson will be CCEA President as of June 12, 2020, and I will be moving to Membership.

I am happy to say that the objectives I set last year were achieved with the support of board members, interest group leaders and the general membership. As a result we built an appealing reputation for CCEA and started 2020 with a membership waiting list.

My objective for my time as president this year was to work with the board and the entire membership to set clear, and consistent guidelines as well as a structure for ccea to follow over the years. The board had monthly board meetings (virtually) as scheduled and the board members and I fulfilled the task of setting a structure with those clear guidelines and amended the bylaws with your voices. It was very important for me to have each member's voice heard, this is why I kept asking for everyone to send in their votes. I believe in transparency, and this is exactly why I requested to have such action as the vote / survey and to run the vote association wide.

I believe in unity and equal opportunity. As president, I presented ideas, I asked for a discussion and the final decision was made after a majority board vote. Since CCEA is a multicultural association, the board makes decisions to accommodate and respect all cultures. Therefore, last year's board and this year's board thus far, under my leadership, made decisions from a global, and international point of view and understanding while following a discussion and formal voting process.

It was my honor and pleasure to have served as President for the last year and a half. I couldn't have done this alone; this was a team effort. I worked hard to remain fair and neutral throughout my term by challenging what was presented to me. I kept my personal character out of issues.

As a President who believes in fulfilling each and every one of the tasks in my part of the roles and responsibilities document, I had to be firm and refrain from being influenced by personal bias. If my decision and attempt to offer equal and fair rights and refusing to get side tracked by personal vendetta upset anyone, I sincerely apologize, but I stand by my strong beliefs of fairness, integrity and equality. Unfortunately, I can't be fake, I have too much integrity and that's why I am direct and get right to the point.

Being in leadership positions for the past 7 years, I learned to listen to everyone's point of views and presentations. I would then research, evaluate the findings and information, and finally make a decision; a decision that is supported by documented facts and information. I never believed in the idea of making fast decisions based on people's unsupported findings which they believed were facts, or take sides based on personal bias, and I never will.

I sincerely thank both 2019 and 2020 board members for their trust and support. You have been wonderful, and I appreciate everything that you have done. I want to extend my sincere thank yous to all of the members of CCEA for their continued understanding and cooperation. You have been great family members and your genuine care and excitement to be part of CCEA made my time as President that much more valuable.

I look forward to staying part of CCEA and to seeing each and everyone of you very soon. I leave you in great hands. Gwyn has a lot of experience in coordination and organization. She is a wonderful listener and a fair decision maker. Please join me as we welcome CCEA's new President, Gwyn Wilson. Gwyn, you have my full support and it will be my pleasure to follow your lead.

I wish you all a happy and safe summer, and see you in September. I end my message with this quote: "Everyday is a journey, and the journey itself is home." - Matsuo Basho

Sandra Skaf - CCEA President - January 2019 to June 2020

## MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

I am honored to be chosen to fulfill the role of CCEA President.

My time serving as Program Coordinator has been a great experience and I look forward to continuing working with, and supporting, the organization. In addition to performing her role as president, Sandra has invested her time and efforts working with the board to continue executing objectives and activities that make CCEA what it is today.



Sandra and I have been closely working together to ensure this tradition goes smoothly.

I am committed to continuing to uphold CCEA's mission of international cultural exchange and contributing to our local community while practicing fairness and equality for all members. I look forward to working with you all for the rest of 2020.

Sincerely, Gwyneth Wilson

### BOOK CLUB

*There is no meeting in June. However, Book Club will meet on July 6th, 10am - 11.30am*

*Meeting place will be in the large room at Aichi International Plaza. The book that will be discussed is "The Last Girl: My Story of Captivity, and My fight Against the Islamic State" By Nadia Murad.*

**COVID-19 Precautions:** Announced in email sent.

For more information please contact:  
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### KIMEKOMI

A technique where a pattern is drawn and then cut onto a surface, such as a softwood or smooth foam. Fabric is then placed over the pattern and tucked into the cuts using tools to create beautiful dolls, animals and ornaments. Details will be sent to group members by email.

**Meets:** 11:30am-2pm, TBA  
**Place:** TBA  
**COVID-19 Precautions:** Announced in email sent.

For more information please contact:  
Chris Wyckoff: [christinwyckoff@gmail.com](mailto:christinwyckoff@gmail.com)

### IKEBANA & CALLIGRAPHY

It is more than simply putting flowers in a container. It is a disciplined art form in which the arrangement is a living thing where nature and humanity are brought together. Class is limited to 4 persons this month. Events currently posted on the CCEA Ikebana and Calligraphy Facebook page.

**Meets:** 10am-11.30am  
June 11th, 18th and 25th  
**Place:** Atsuta-ku, 456-0012  
**Fee:** TBC

For more information please contact:  
Carina Bessa: [Carinadasb@gmail.com](mailto:Carinadasb@gmail.com)

Calligraphy is an artistic way of writing and drawing using proper brush strokes, supplies and ink. There are three different styles of calligraphy which will be taught; traditional, stylish, and artistic. Class is limited to 4 persons this month.

**Meets:** 11.30am - 12.30pm  
June 11th, 18th and 25th  
**Place:** Atsuta-ku, 456-0012  
**Fee:** TBC

**COVID-19 Precautions:** Announced on the Ikebana and Calligraphy page.

### HAPPY HOUR HUNTERS

Every month we will meet at a different location in Nagoya. Please join us for great conversation and a new experience. Details will be sent to group members by email.

**Meets:** 5pm - 8pm, June 12th  
**Place:** TBA  
**COVID-19 Precautions:** TBA & CCEA members only this time.

For more information please contact:  
Ayuko Horibe: [iyoucoco@gmail.com](mailto:iyoucoco@gmail.com)

### YAMATO-E

A style of Japanese painting inspired by Tang dynasty paintings and fully developed by the late Heian period. It is considered to be the classical Japanese style. Beginners are welcome. Details will be sent to group members by email.

**Meets:** 10am-noon, June 4th  
**Place:** TBA  
**Fee:** TBA  
**COVID-19 Precautions:** Announced in email sent.

For more information please contact:  
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## JUNE 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4 <b>Yamato-E</b> 10am-noon	5 <b>General Meeting - Zoom</b> 10am-noon
8	9	10	11 <b>Ikebana</b> 10am - 11.30 <b>Calligraphy</b> 11.30am-12.30pm	12 <b>Happy Hour Hunters</b> 5pm - 8pm
15	16	17	18 <b>Ikebana</b> 10am - 11.30 <b>Calligraphy</b> 11.30am-12.30pm <b>Yamato-e Exhibition</b> <b>18th - 21st June</b> Cultural Pass Futaba Museum	19 <b>Yamato-e Exhibition</b> <b>18th - 21st June</b> Cultural Pass Futaba Museum
22	23	24	25 <b>Ikebana</b> 10am - 11.30 <b>Calligraphy</b> 11.30am-12.30pm	26
29	30			

### JUNE BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yuen Ling Laurence 6/1  
Yoko Doi 6/7  
Masako Kakisaka 6/9  
Malinee Carnegie 6/10  
Ibtissem Boussouf 6/14  
Michiko Yokoyama 6/14  
Kimiko Ogawa 6/17  
Kazue Nishida 6/20  
Mia Kojima 6/21  
Yuko Sano 6/21  
Carolina Dufloth 6/25  
Misako Tanimoto 6/26

### JULY BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arline Tasker 7/1  
Naoko Kikuchi 7/9  
Ayuko Horibe 7/12  
Fusae Tsunekawa 7/13  
Carina Bessa 7/20  
Marilyn Ingraham 7/24  
Natalia Lucki 7/24

### BOARD MEMBERS

**President:** Sandra Skaf

**Vice President:** Miyuki Takashima

**Program Coordinators:**

Naomi Hasegawa, Yuen Ling Laurence, Takeno Matsuda, Yenling Chou Sato, Gwyn Wilson, Chris Wyckoff,

**Membership Coordinators:**

Malinee Carnegie, Masako Noda

**Financial Coordinators:**

Rachel Hyatt, Sakiko Kato

**Administrator:**

Betsy Young

**Marketing Coordinators:**

Sumiko Adams, Lisa Brasher

**Recruitment Coordinators:**

Tammy Miller, Asaka Takeshima

**Catering Coordinator:**

Mehtap Kasap, Fumika Kusano



