

# Santa Fe JIN Newsletter

## Bon Odori at the Rec Center

This year's Bon Odori will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center on Rodeo Road. Come join us to learn about the Japanese culture through folk dancing and traditional snacks! This is a family event where you will learn dances that are always featured at traditional Obon festivals (similar to The Day of the Dead celebrations). Smokin' Bachi will entertain us with taiko drum performances, and Chizuko Matsamoto's dancers will guide us step by step throughout the dances. Children are encouraged to join the dance circle.

Dress in casual comfortable clothing or Japanese kimono. We can lend you a happi coat or kimono for the dance.

There will be children's games, boutique items, light meals and snacks prepared by Santa Fe JIN for sale. The event is free and open to the public. Donations are appreciated.

We are looking for volunteers to distribute flyers, act as greeters, and sell concessions. Please contact Satori at [satori@cybermesa.com](mailto:satori@cybermesa.com) if you are interested in helping out.

The flyer for the Bon Odori is included at the end of the newsletter. Please help spread the word!



## JIN General Meeting

There will be a JIN general meeting and potluck on Sunday, September 22, 2013 from 1:00 to 3:30 PM in the Community Room at the Natural Grocers on Cerillos Road. We will be making plans for the 2014 Matsuri and practicing dances for the Bon Odori. Please show up if you are available!

## Bamboo Art at TAI Gallery



The TAI Gallery in Santa Fe will be displaying a bamboo art exhibition titled *Two Roads Diverge in a Bamboo Forest: Oita's Art Movement* from August 30 to September 21. The exhibition was kicked off with an opening reception Friday, August 30 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at the

Gallery. On Saturday, September 1, TAI Gallery founder Robert Coffland gave a lecture on Japanese bamboo art at the Museum of International Folk Art, followed by a demonstration by artist Yufu Shohaku. The exhibition focuses on the work of present-day artists such as Yufu Shohaku, Monden Kogyoku, Honda Syoryu, and Morigami Jin who have been inspired by Iwao Kounsai and Shono Shounsai, the artists who created the foundation of contemporary Japanese bamboo art in the mid-1900s. *Two Roads Diverge in a Bamboo Forest* features a group of bamboo artists whose artworks, both sculptures and baskets, celebrate a passion for process and material in two unique, Japanese bamboo art-making philosophies.

*The TAI Gallery is located at 1601-B Paseo de Peralta in Santa Fe. It can be reached by phone at 1(505)984-1387.*

## Chado New Mexico Tea Event

There will be a special 2-hour tea event during the Renesan (institute for life-long learning) fall session on Wednesday, October 23rd from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. John's Methodist Church on the corner of Old Pecos Tr. And Cordova. The charge is \$15 and will include being served *matcha* and traditional Japanese sweets. The philosophy and history of tea will be presented by Austin Babcock along with a demonstration of the tea ceremony. Registration for the event can be done on line at [www.renesan.org](http://www.renesan.org).



**Smokin'  
Bachi**



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# Bon Odori

We will teach you Japanese folk dances

Kimono to wear

Saturday  
Oct. 5th

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

boutique  
Toys, T-shirts  
and Japanese  
items

Fun & Games  
Snacks



**FREE!** Donations are very much appreciated

**Genoveva Chavez  
Community Center**  
3221 Rodeo Road  
Santa Fe

[www.santafejin.org](http://www.santafejin.org)

Chizuko  
Matsumoto  
Dance instructor

