

# Santa Fe JIN Newsletter

## Bon Odori on Saturday

This year's Bon Odori is right around the corner — *this 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 Matsumoto'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.

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## Matsuri Date Announcement

The 2014 Annual Santa Fe Japanese Cultural Festival will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center.

Santa Fe City Councilor Peter N. Ives has agreed to sponsor this year's Matsuri. This means that one day's rent at the convention center will be waived. We would greatly appreciate it if as many JIN members as possible would please send Councilor Ives a thank you for his support of the JIN and the annual Matsuri. He can be reached by email at [pnives@ci.santa-fe.nm.us](mailto:pnives@ci.santa-fe.nm.us), or you can leave a message on his telephone at 1(505)955-6816.

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## Reace Ambassadors Exchange

The Peace Ambassadors Exchange (PAX) Tour featuring 16 members from the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima, Japan is visiting New Mexico. The team shares stories on such topics as: survival after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945; survival stories in Japan and America during WWII; rebuilding of Hiroshima as "A City of Peace"; and nuclear issues past and present.

The team is in New Mexico for only a few days, from September 29th to October 3rd, 2013.

A welcome potluck is scheduled in Albuquerque for Monday, September 30 at 6 PM.

There is also a potluck scheduled for Santa Fe: On Tuesday, October 1, Santa Fe Pax Christi, with co-sponsors, NM Nuclear Watch and Veterans for Peace, Santa Fe Chapter, are having a potluck supper at 5:00 PM and presentations by Peace Ambassadors at 6:30 PM, at Santo Nino Regional Catholic School (off Richards Ave., next to Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Church). Please bring a dish to share.

This is a special opportunity for New Mexico—the only other US areas this group is visiting are Oregon and Washington!

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## Kakehashi Project

The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs is accepting applications for an artistic and creative academic program known as the Kakehashi Project, designed to enhance understanding of Japanese art and Culture. Approximately 80 college students from the U.S. will be invited to visit Japan in the Spring and Summer of 2014 for this program. For details, please see [http://www.laurasian.org/kakehashi/invitation\\_creators.php](http://www.laurasian.org/kakehashi/invitation_creators.php).

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## Tea Ceremony Event

The continuing education organization Renesan and Chado New Mexico are sponsoring a Japanese tea event on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Gathering Room at St. John's Methodist Church. There will be a talk about the history and philosophy of the tea ceremony, and matcha and sweets will be served. Please contact Renesan by phone at 1(505)982-9274 or online at <http://www.renesan.org> to sign up. There is a \$15 fee and space is limited.

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## JASNM Dinner with Mary Sweet

Mary Sweet moved to Tijeras, NM in 1970 after earning an AB in Art and a MA in Art from Stanford University. She studied woodblock printmaking under Hiroki Morinoue and over the past 20 years has established herself as a master woodblock printmaker in the Japanese style. She has exhibited her work in numerous museums and galleries in California, New Mexico and Japan.

Ms. Sweet will discuss her work as well as traditional Japanese woodblock print techniques, following a delicious dinner of traditional Mexican food at Los Equipales Restaurant, 4500 Silver Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. There will be an opportunity to purchase work displayed during the evening. Cost is \$30.00 per person, payable in advance by check to JASNM c/o Mary Burnett de Gomez, 2935-C

Louisiana NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

One of Ms. Sweet's framed woodblock prints, valued at \$600.00, will be raffled the evening of the event. Raffle tickets for the print are \$10.00 each, or five tickets for \$40.00. Call 1(505)291-1177 or 1(505)856-8523 for additional information.

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