

JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

September 29, 2007

Highland School Cafeteria

The Cheshire Performing and Fine Arts Committee in conjunction with Cheshire Reads: One Book One Town are proud to host this exciting day celebrating the performing and fine arts of Japan. Julie Otsuka's book *When the Emperor Was Divine* was selected as the Cheshire Reads book of 2007 and is the inspiration for today's events.

Please enjoy

- ◆ Kimono and Japanese art display
 - ◆ Complimentary tea and miso soup station
 - ◆ Food available for purchase from Toyo Sushi Restaurant
 - ◆ Book Sales – *When the Emperor was Divine* by Julie Otsuka - \$10

Motoko – “Now and Zen”

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Parents Choice Award-winning storyteller Motoko enchants audiences of every age with her weaving of ancient lore, original tales, lyrical movement and traditional music, as well as personal stories from her childhood in Japan and her life as an immigrant in the U.S. Welcome to Cheshire, Motoko!



Japanese food court – Toyo Sushi Japanese Restaurant

12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

A selection of fine cuisine will be available for purchase from Cheshire's own local Japanese restaurant, located at 1109 South Main Street. Visit for fresh delicious specialties daily.

Origami demonstration - Anthony D'Aurio

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Watch Cheshire high school freshman and origami sensation, Tony D'Aurio, create the “Three Headed Dragon” and “Surfer on a Wave” this afternoon. Practicing origami since he was five years old, Tony was selected a winner in his age group at both 2006 & 2007 International Origami by Children (O.B.C.) competition, sponsored by Origami USA. He attends origami conventions yearly in NYC.

Sushi making with Donna Hurwit Mark (six sessions)

12:00-12:20 12:30-12:50 1:00-1:20 1:30-1:50 2:00-2:20 2:30-2:50

Learn how to make pickled root and roasted eel sushi with demonstration and hands-on techniques from Donna Mark. Donna, treasurer of CPFA, grew up in Chinatown and attended Chinese school in New York City. She is always delighted to share her culinary skills.

Bento box art – with Deb Lasher (5 sessions)

12:00-12:30 12:40-1:10 1:20-1:50 2:00-2:25 2:35-3:00

Many Japanese mothers create edible art daily in their children's lunches. Learn some of the techniques used so creatively in Japan to make an edible "flower garden" meal. Deb is an art teacher at Artsplace and enjoys baking and other food art projects.

Ikebana – Ophelia Frazier and Ruth Demeter (3 sessions)

12:00 pm 1:00 pm 2:00 pm

The art of Japanese floral arrangement might require a lifetime to master, but today the simplicity and beauty will be explained in this workshop presented by Cheshire Garden Club members, Ophelia and Ruth. Ophelia is also a CPFA member and Ruth is on the Cheshire Reads Committee. This is a hands-on workshop that you'll be able to duplicate. Participants will take their lovely arrangements home.

Brush Painting with Shuang Zhou (4 sessions)

12:00-12:35 12:45-1:20 1:30-2:05 2:15-2:50

Deceptive in simplicity, it will be fun to try to mimic the pen and ink cherry blossoms of Japan in this hands-on workshop with talented artist Shuang Zhou. Shuang is a portrait artist and recently completed a mural for a local family in Cheshire.

Japanese language lessons with Takeru Hori (2 sessions)

2:30-2:45 2:45-3:00

Learn how to say "good morning", "good afternoon", "thank you" and count to ten in Japanese with a native speaker.

Anime Art Workshop with Ernesto Nave (3 sessions)

12:00-12:45 12:55-1:40 1:50-2:45

A professional free-lance artist, currently working on a comic book, and scheduled to teach an anime course in the fall at Artsplace. Ernesto currently has an animated film playing at a gallery in San Antonio! (This activity is for 6th grade and up.)

Origami with Ahmoi Yip (3 sessions)

12:00-12:55 – Cranes for teens and adults

1:00-1:55 – Cranes for teens and adults

2:00-2:50 - Ahmoi's choice – ages 8 years and up

Ahmoi has been studying origami for over twenty years. She has taught numerous classes and workshops all over the state, but the talented artist is a Cheshire resident. Come try your hand with an experienced folder and learn to duplicate Japanese three-dimensional works of art from colorful paper.

Friends of Artsplace/CPFA, Inc. and the Cheshire Public Library are proud co-sponsors of today's free community event. Visit the Library's website (www.cheshirelibrary.org/cheshirereads.htm) to learn more about related Cheshire Reads: One Book One Town activities and author Julie Otsuka's Cheshire appearances on Oct. 10th and 11th, 2007.

Thank you to all participants today, including teachers, volunteers, donators of Japanese art and artifacts, financial supporters, CPFA members and Cheshire Reads: One Book One Town Committee members, Cheshire Public Library, Cheshire Garden Club, Cheshire Academy and especially the Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. for making Japanese Cultural Day a reality.