



# Japan Society Of Fairfield County, Inc.

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## *What We Are*

Japan Society of Fairfield County is a membership organization. There is no paid staff. Members direct and conduct its activities as volunteers. The Society is a 501(c)(3) charitable group, Federal Identification Number 06-1219643, Connecticut Tax Exemption Permit E 11354. Operations are financed through modest dues and gifts from individuals and corporations. Contributions to Japan Society of Fairfield County, Inc. are tax-deductible.

## *History*

Japan Society of Fairfield County, Inc. was formed in 1987. In 1998 the Tri-State American-Japanese Society, a Greenwich based organization with similar goals and activities, merged into Japan Society of Fairfield County, Inc.

*Ties with Other Groups:* We are not formally affiliated with any government

but do have informal relations with other groups with similar objectives. We have reciprocal membership with the Hammond Museum and Japanese Stroll Garden in North Salem, NY. Located in northeastern Westchester County, the Hammond Museum has a gallery devoted to changing Asian exhibits and a 5 acre Japanese Garden. We enjoy an informal relationship with Japan Society of New York. Our Society also enjoys an excellent relationship with its sister organization in Connecticut, the Hartford-based Japan-America Society of Connecticut.

## *Who We Are*

We are interested in Japan, its people, life, and culture. Our members include Americans, ethnic Japanese and individuals who have lived, studied, or traveled in Japan. Most of our members live in Fairfield County, Connecticut, and the surrounding area.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Japan Society of Fairfield County, Inc. is a private non-profit membership organization comprised of volunteers and dedicated to building knowledge and mutual understanding between Japanese and Americans through educational, cultural and philanthropic programs.

フェアフィールド・カウンティ日米協会は非営利団体で、すべてボランティアで構成されており、教育的、文化的、慈善的プログラムを通して日本、アメリカ及びその他の国の人達が知識を獲得し、相互の理解を確立することを目的としています。





## ***Current Projects***

The Society publishes a newsletter for members and maintains a website at [www.home.earthlink.net/~jsfc](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~jsfc). The articles are written in English, with some translated into Japanese. Feature articles on aspects of Japanese life and culture are welcomed. The Society has amassed a large and varied collection of books on Japan, contributed by members. The collection is temporarily housed at the Japan Education Center in Greenwich. To aid Japanese visitors to historic houses in Connecticut, a committee of Society volunteers is translating their descriptive brochures into Japanese, and printing the Japanese versions in quantity.

## ***Volunteer Opportunities***

Members are encouraged to express their views on activities they want the Society to offer, and to organize projects they want that are in keeping with the Society's mission. The Society urges members who are interested in participating in a committee or a project, or in taking on a position of leadership in the organization, to contact any officer or member of the Board of Directors.

## ***Activities***

Events include the traditional celebration of Japanese holidays, viewing Japanese cinema and anime, lectures, tours of historic sites, and philanthropic projects. Activities are conducted primarily in English. At gatherings, members have the opportunity to converse with one another in Japanese to practice their Japanese language skills. Getting to know each other is an important benefit of these meetings.

## ***Typical Annual Events***

Oshogatsu/Japanese New Year celebration with special festive lunch and entertainment.

Ohanami/Japanese cherry blossom viewing picnic.

Bon Odori/Japanese summer folk dance festival with Taiko drummers' performance.

Otsukimi/Moon viewing and dinner evening party with Japanese music.

American Thanksgiving Banquet Feast shared with homeless people in South Stamford.

## ***Membership Information***

Your membership dues are the prime source of our operating funds. To provide the programs for members and the community and to fulfill our mission, we urgently need your support. Contributions and membership dues are tax deductible.

### ***Membership Dues***

(Corporate & Individual)

- Friend \$500+
- Patron \$300 - \$499
- Benefactor \$100 - \$299
- Family \$40
- Single \$25
- Student \$15

### **Officers**

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