

Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania

April 2021 NEWSLETTER

JASP Golf Outing



[Register now!](#)

Let's get out and golf! We are looking forward to seeing you outdoors and safely distanced on Monday, May 10! JASP members and friends will be able to enjoy a day on the links with modifications to ensure our day is as fun as ever. Registration and sponsorship information is available on the [event page](#).

Japan Lecture Series 2021

***Ikebana*: more than just pretty flowers**

April 29, 6 PM

The Japanese art of flower arrangement has its origins in the formal offering arrangements used in the altars of Buddhist temples, but became more prominent in daily life with the development of the architectural feature tokonoma, or alcove. Join us for a presentation on the relationship of ikebana to the practice of tea as well as to daily life from the 1600s to today. We will look at how ikebana was part of an expansion of artisan products and landscape design in the last four centuries, and how that has carried through to today's use of flower arrangements in Japan. Some attention will also be given to the balance between control and lack of control in ikebana, for much like the art of landscape design, there is a interaction between the designer and the natural features of the plants and environment in these types of arts.

The lecture will be followed by the film *Ikebana* and demonstration by local artist Reiko Nakajima.



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Lecture sponsored by Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc., the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, and the Japan Foundation.

April Educational Resources



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In the old calendar, the name for April is *uzuki*, which means the month Deutzia flowers bloom. In the modern calendar, this is the month of cherry blossoms, the national flower of Japan. From the end of March to mid-April, the whole country is covered by cherry blossoms which makes April a very special month. [See more on the Japan in the Schools page.](#)

Resources for the Asian/Asian American Community & Allies

As an organization dedicated to cross-cultural understanding and friendship between the United States and Japan, the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania believes in the critical importance of diversity, dialogue, and inclusion to create a more equitable world. We stand with the AAPI community and against systemic racism and xenophobia. See the resources below for ways to keep yourself safe and combat harassment in your community.

[Stay Safe Strategies in five languages](#)

[Japanese American Citizens League Resources](#)

[Guide for Parents of Adolescents](#)

[Bystander Intervention Training](#)

Upcoming Webinars from the National Association of Japan-America Societies Network

April 8, 8:00 PM:

[KEEN & Covid: a new business. a new life.](#) (JAS Oregon)

April 9, 5:00 PM:

[Tempura Cooking Workshop](#) (JAS Greater Cincinnati)

April 9, 6:00 PM:

[29th Japan Bowl Championship Round](#) (JAS Washington, D.C.)

April 21, 7:00 PM:
