

JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY



STAR FESTIVAL

JAPANESE LIVE ART PERFORMANCE

SUNDAY, JULY 20 | 2:00-4:00 P.M.

ALL AGES: YOUTH AND ADULTS

JASCO (Japan-America Society of Central Ohio) will be here with with Ikebana demonstrations (Japanese flower arrangements), dance performances, and more.



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The Japan-America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) is a private, 501 (c)3 non-profit membership based organization. JASCO works to bring the Japanese and American communities together by promoting good will through the sharing of knowledge about Japan and providing a forum for informed discussion regarding the Japan-U.S. relationship.

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HISTORY OF THE TANABATA "STAR FESTIVAL"

The origin of the star festival dates back to an ancient Chinese folk tale. A weaving princess by the name Orihime met a cow herder by the name of Hikoboshi. The two fell in love and soon started to neglect their work. The king was angered by their actions and separated the two on opposite sides of the Amanogawa River (The Milky Way).

The king would only allow the two to meet once a year on the seventh day of the seventh month. On that day, the two found there was no bridge to cross the river to meet. When the princess began to cry, a flock of birds promised that as long as the weather was clear, they would make a bridge for them with their wings.

On the day of the festival, people wish for good weather for the princess and the cow herder to meet. People also make personal wishes and write them down on Tanzaku (colorful strips of paper) and hang them on bamboo branches.

JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

2:00-2:05 INTRODUCTION

AKISA FUKUZAWA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JASCO

2:05-2:10 TANABATA "STAR FESTIVAL" PRESENTATION

ADAM GERVAL, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JASCO

2:15-3:00 IKEBANA (JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING)

KEIKO HIDAKA AND KEIKO TAKEUCHI

3:05-3:15 TRADITIONAL JAPANESE DANCE

BRITTANY PARSONS, PROGRAM COORDINATOR OF JASCO

3:15-3:35 KIMONO DEMONSTRATION

LIZ MORTINE AND QUAT VOGEL, KIMONO DE JACK OHIO

3:40-4:00 TAIKO DRUMMING

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