



The Bridge

June 2008

Roseburg Sister Cities, Inc. – Friendship & Understanding since 1993 – *Roseburg, Oregon & Shobu, Japan*

The President's Corner with Janet Johnston

We've had a busy spring, and are making final preparations for the June Delegation arriving on June 19th.

SPRING EVENTS: Our thanks to those who organized and participated in our spring events - Celebration of Literacy Booth; Master Nakajima and Mr. Shibuya's visit in March; and the first session of our Sister Cities Book Club and our Japanese Garden activities. Read more about these successful events in separate articles.

INCOMING JUNE

DELEGATION: We are busy making the final preparations for our June Delegation from Japan who will be visiting Oregon from June 19th to June 26th. Check the list of Delegates coming to Roseburg this year, some of them have hosted our Delegates in Shobu and several have visited Roseburg in the past. This is a great opportunity to show our appreciation to them by your participation. We



encourage you to join us in welcoming this year's Delegation by attending the Welcome Reception on June 19th and/or the Farewell "Potluck" Dinner on June 22nd. Read details in a separate article. If it doesn't work for you to attend any of the other events...why not come to Umpqua Community College about 4:00 pm on June 19th to greet the Delegation on their arrival in Roseburg!

OUTGOING OCTOBER

DELEGATION: We have also been reviewing applications for the October Delegation who will be visiting Japan from October 21st to 30th this year and visiting the Mt Fuji area. We are filling the last few spots, so if you have an interest in joining the Delegation this year, please contact me as soon as possible, as we will be having our first organizational meeting on June 8th.

NEWSLETTER MAILINGS: We were able to send a number of our last newsletters by email, thanks to those who sent me their email addresses. If you are willing to receive your newsletter this way and just forgot to send your email address to me, please do so right away and I'll add your name to that list.

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North Oregon Coast Delegation Trip '08!

Would you like to join several Sister Cities members as we show the Shobu Delegates the North Oregon Coast from June 23 - 26, which includes three nights in motels and seeing them off at the airport in Portland? The tour will include dune buggy rides, the Newport Aquarium, beach walks, shopping in Seaside, Fort Clatsop, and Multnomah Falls among other activities.

Three great dinners as well as breakfast and lunch and bus transport are included.

If you are interested, please contact Jon and Jeannie Burpee right away: 672-2536 / jcburpee@msn.com

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"A Mother & Her Colt"
Sculptor, Mr. Toshio Ogino, Shobu

Notes from the Friendship Garden

On March 29th, a crew of energetic young people from the Wolf Creek Job Corps were busy in the Friendship Garden, hoeing weeds, and spreading mulch. They did an excellent job, and we appreciate their efforts. And then, on May 7th another crowd of even younger people, though equally energetic, came out to the garden from Fremont Middle School, to tidy, and trim, and generally make things look good. Many thanks to Marliene and Art Swanson for supervising this eager bunch of kids, along with Elizabeth Clawson from the Middle School.

Even after all that good work, however, a bit of tidying will be necessary before our Japanese guests arrive in mid-June. So a **Garden (work) Party will be held on Saturday, June 7th**. Anyone with a few hours to spare, and a desire for good fun, and good company, and pizza after, is encouraged to join us. Bring your gloves, clippers, trowels, rakes, and shovels, and join the fun. **We'll meet in the garden, behind the library, at 9:00 am.** I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Una Honscheid
Garden Chair
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MEMBERSHIP DUES: For many years we have been generously sending our newsletter out to those who have participated or showed interest in our organization. With the cost of postage rising, we could really use some help with the costs. Your Dues help to offset this cost and support our Hosting activities for the Delegations who visit our area. Some of you may not realize that you haven't paid your dues for this year, so we are marking the mailing labels for this issue of the newsletter. If you have a yellow strip on your label, or a separate email message, our records indicate that you have NOT paid your 2008 Dues of \$25.00. Please show your support by sending in your dues right away...see separate section for the dues payment information.

Remember, an organization is only as good as its "Members", so please join us to enjoy what our Sister Cities Exchange program has to offer!

Sincerely,
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Thank you!

Special Thanks to the following members who hosted meals for Master Nakajima & Mr. Shibuya during their visit to Roseburg: Art & Marliene Swanson, Lewis & Beverly Paulson, & Steve & Jan Potter. Also to Akiyo Riggs, who was invaluable as Interpreter for the visit.

'08 Proclamation for Master Yasuo Nakajima

At the Dinner in honor of Master Nakajima's visit in March, Roseburg Mayor, Larry Rich, made the following proclamation in honor of Master Nakajima:

Whereas, Master Nakajima has generously given his time and talents to provide Instruction on Indigo Dying and Stenciling techniques for Oregon Residents in Roseburg on behalf of Roseburg Sister Cities, And Whereas, Master Nakajima has participated in the Roseburg Sister Cities booth at the Annual Arts Festival in Roseburg, And Whereas, Master Nakajima has generously opened his company in Japan for many years to the citizens of Roseburg who have visited there with Roseburg Sister Cities Delegations, And Whereas, Master Nakajima's activities helped to establish a firm financial standing for the Roseburg Sister Cities, I, Mayor Larry Rich, commend and thank him for his services, and hereby proclaim:

**"Master Yasuo Nakajima
An Honorary Citizen of Roseburg
And extend warm hospitality to Him whenever He
shall visit Roseburg, Oregon in the future."**



Book Club Nook!

The Last Shogun: The Life of Tokugawa Yoshinobu will be the next book for discussion at our new book club. It is by **Ryotaro Shiba**, and the 2004 paperback edition is widely available. Please plan to join us on **June 11th at 7pm** for a great discussion about this book! For details, call **Georgia French 459-2416** or **Jeannie Burpee 672-2536**.

And for those of you looking ahead, the **August 6th meeting** will be on **The Strangeness of Beauty**, by **Lydia Minatoya**.

RSC Activity for Celebration of Literacy Feb. '08

Akiyo Riggs and Marliene Winfield Swanson set up a booth which featured some traditional Japanese activities. Akiyo supplied the materials and lined up the helpers who worked from 10 to 4 on Sat., Feb. 9th.

Thanks to all that helped!!



June 2008 Delegation Members & Host Families

Eiji Arai (Pres.- Rsbj/Shobu Assoc.)
Hideko Ban
Miho Hiraiwa (High School Student)
Shinichi & Nobuko Imamura
Minoru Kasahara (Vice Mayor-Shobu)
Misako Kawasaki
Masao Kitamura,
(Vice Major- Fujimura City)
Tomoichi Komine
Chiaki & Yasuko Koyama
Sekiko Koyama
Masaaki Mamada (High School Student)
Katsumi Ogawara
Teruko Ogino (wife of Horses Sculptor)
Tomoko Shimazaki (Choruji Kindergarten)
Yuichiro Tanaka
Chizuko Tsuboi
Yoshinobu Wakabayashi

John & Mary Armes
Steve & Diana Brown
Dr Tracy Berry & Jay Cabiao
Dr Jon & Jeannie Burpee
Dave & Jeanne Meador
Wally & Yuki Taylor
David & Janet Johnston

John & Mary Armes
Dr David & Kellene Soder
Rick & Nancy Pittman
Dave & Barbara Johnson
Randy & Teresa Bailey
Wally & Yuki Taylor
John & Heidi Cozier
Harry & Kim Gandy
Rick & Nancy Pittman
Drs. Jason & Andrea Gray



June 2008 Visitation Schedule

Below is the outline of the schedule for the June Delegation from Shobu, indicating where the opportunities are for participation and the contact person for each. We hope you will choose an activity to help us entertain and honor our Delegation this year!

Thursday, JUNE 19th - ARRIVAL

4:30 am - Leave Umpqua Community College parking lot for Portland
8:30 am - Greet Delegation on Arrival at Portland Airport
Bus to Salem, Tour Mission Hill Museum and Lunch
4:00-4:30 pm - Arrive at Umpqua Community College parking lot for pick up by Host Families
Contact: Janet Johnston (430-2885 or janetjohnston@prurep.com)

Friday, JUNE 20th - LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND WELCOME RECEPTION

8:45 am - Meet at Douglas County Library and take a tour of the Library
Walk through Japanese Garden (behind Library) and up to
City Hall - presentation by City Staff in Council Chambers
Police & Fire Truck photo opportunities outside City Hall
11:15 am - Travel to "Back To School" private school in Garden Valley
For lunch, photo opportunities, and barrel racing demonstration by students
2:30 pm - Travel to Umpqua Community College for 15 year Commemoration Ceremony
4:00 pm - Delegates picked up by Host Families
Contact for Local Activities: Betti Manfre (784-6121)
6:00 pm - Welcome Reception at Roseburg Country Club
RSVP Contact: Katherine Elisar (672-2258 or kelisar@rosenet.net)

Saturday, JUNE 21st - HOME STAY ACTIVITIES WITH HOST FAMILIES

Sunday, JUNE 22nd - HOME STAY ACTIVITIES AND FAREWELL 'POTLUCK'

5:00 pm - Farewell Potluck Dinner at River Forks Park (Pavilion - North side)
RSVP Contact: Larry Shipley (673-0258)

Monday, JUNE 23rd - Wednesday, JUNE 25th - North Oregon Coast Bus Trip

Contact: Jon Burpee (672-2536 or 430-1801)

Thursday, JUNE 26th - Delegation leaves for Japan from Portland Airport



Please Join or Renew Membership!

New Membership Renewing Membership
(\$25 Per Household, Tax Deductible)
Make checks payable to: Roseburg Sister Cities, Inc.
Mail to: P.O. Box 1643, Roseburg, OR 97470
Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Check Below to let us know your areas of special interest.

Friendship Garden (behind Do. Co. Library) Committee
 Helper

June Hosting - Help w/visitor events, dinners, sightseeing, etc.
(usually 4-7 days in June) Serve as Host Family Helper

Annual Visit To Japan: (usually Oct.; 9-12 days)
 Delegate selection help Travel as Delegate

Special Committees: Future Board Member Membership
 Speaker Bureau member Displays-help do Sushi Night
 Japanese Lang./Interpreter Japanese Film Festival
 Newsletter

Nov. Annual Dinner-helper Historian/Scrapbook
 Storage Room

Liaisons: Japanese students UCC/RHS City Hall/Chamber
Commerce

*The next newsletter publication is **August 2008**. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or submitting articles, please contact Jonna Wagner at 430-2325 or e-mail scrappinrealtor@yahoo.com (Also contact to be removed from mailing list.)*



Friendship Garden Work Party!

