



ARTS AND CULTURE

Akinori Ogata The only native Japanese racecar driver on the NASCAR circuit, Akinori Ogata appears at the festival, together with his racecar.

American Daiku Association Based in Silver Spring. Brings classic elements of Japanese woodworking and architecture to the festival.

Chikako Designs Sells hand-sewn bags, accessories, and infant clothes. Demonstrates the Japanese art of temari, an ornamental, embroidered ball of wrapped thread.

Ekaji Buddhist Temple From Fairfax, VA. Presents trivia games for all ages. Free books on Buddhism and information on Ekaji events such as classes and discussion groups, the Obon festival, the Hanamatsuri Service.

The Greater DC/MD/VA Area Go Clubs Come and learn Go, the ancient game of skill and strategy in taking and keeping the opponent's territory on the board. Demonstrations and teaching throughout the day.

Heavenly Cranes Jewelry

Utilizes Japanese washi paper, along with sterling silver, gold, and other elements such as antique coins, glass beads and river rocks to create an elegant assortment of jewelry.

International Shinto Foundation Presents kagura, a Shinto sacred dance, a performance of sho (ancient reed instrument), and invite visitors to learn the Japanese way of saying prayers and giving thanks.

Ishida Bonsai Ishida Bonsai of Kensington returns to demonstrate proper care techniques for bonsai.

Japan Railroad Modelers of Washington DC Scaled reproductions of Japanese trains and railways, a great hit at the Matsuri for the past two years.

Japan Relief and Recovery With the recent tragedy of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, visitors can gain a better understanding of what has happened. Visitors also can donate to the relief and recovery effort.

Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) Meet WW II Japanese American veterans from the famed US Army 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service, as well as Japanese American veterans from Desert Storm, and the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars .

Japanese Craft & More The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, out of Laurel, demonstrates origami. Origami art is available for purchase, as well as fans, plate art, and bamboo items.

Japanese Dolls and Crafts School A longtime festival participant. It shares the making of traditional Japanese paper dolls, kimekomi dolls, and oshi picture dolls with festival-goers and also offers some items for sale.

Miouka From Washington DC, Miouka demonstrates and sells various types of Japanese paper crafts.

Sahara Woodworks Inc Based out of Atlanta, it introduces sukiya-style woodwork craftsmanship and displays hand-made works, showcased in the form of a traditional Japanese tea house.

Sakura Science Learn about Japanese science education and technology. Demonstrates the use of powerful microscopes to show images of the "Micro World," scientific experiments using origami, and screens clips from the Japanese Science Channel.

Shabana Origami & Kumihimo Jewelry Returning for the seventh straight year, it demonstrates kumihimo, Japanese braiding techniques often used on traditional clothing. Kumihimo and origami jewelry are available for sale.

U.S. and Japanese Cherry Blossom Queens and the Wishing Trees Meet the Cherry Blossom Queens and Princesses from different states. Come to the Wishing Tree to raise funds for planting new cherry trees!

U.S. National Arboretum, National Bonsai & Penjing Museum Interested in the art of bonsai or ikebana, the Japanese art of flower-arranging? The National Arboretum gives live demonstrations of both of these botanical art forms throughout the day!