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The Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (GVJCI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community center providing various classes, programs, services, and facilities to the South Bay area. We also provide affordable housing through the JCI Gardens Apartments, the adjacent senior housing property.

The GVJCI's roots date back to 1912, when it was known as the Moneta Gakuen, a Japanese language school. In 1967, it was formally incorporated as the Gardena Valley Japanese Language School. Then, in 1968, the corporation changed its name to the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute to incorporate the broader services and functions the organization offers. In 1971, Compton Gakuen, Gardena Gakuen, and Moneta Gakuen merged, opening its doors officially as the GVJCI's Japanese Language School. The GVJCI has a very proud history spanning over 100 years.

Today, we continue to provide a variety of activities, programs, and services. We are truly fortunate to have an active and well-utilized center serving people of all ages. We thank you, the community, for your active participation and for your support through donations and volunteerism that enables the GVJCI to continue.

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A space to engage, share, and embrace the Nikkei experience and culture.

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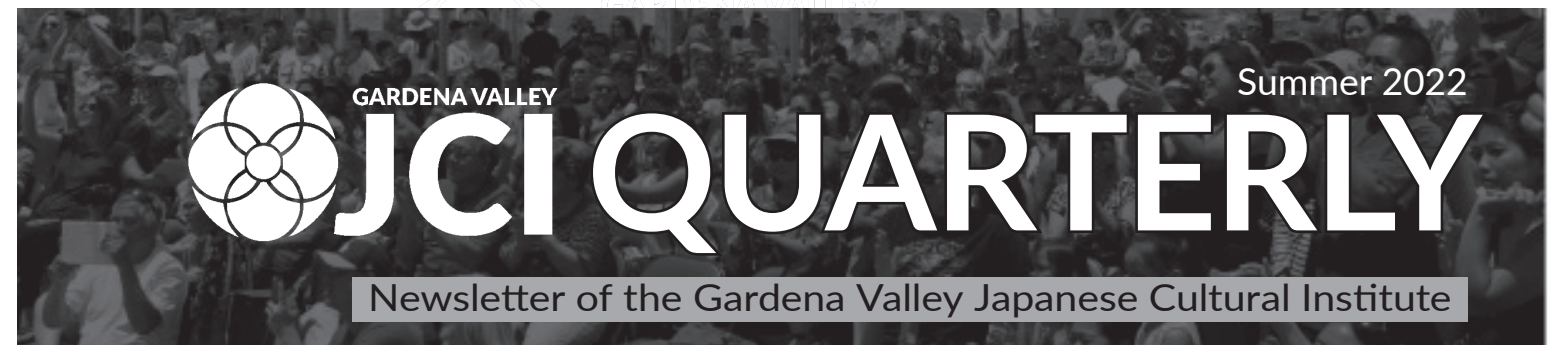
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2022 GVJCI MATSURI BENTO-TO-GO

THANK YOU'S

By Cathy Lee, Director of Development and Marketing



Hello everyone! What do 250+ volunteers, 30+ volunteer hours, 10 planning months, over 1,200 delectable homemade bento, a fabulous plant sale and 220+ commemorative t-shirt gifts equal? The 2022 GVJCI Matsuri Bento-To-Go Fundraiser of course!

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A beautiful Southern California day under sunny skies and perfect weather set the tone for the 2022 GVJCI Matsuri Fundraiser. To say that we were happy to be back is an understatement. It was so great seeing smiling eyes at our first in-person Matsuri in 3 years! This year's theme "Together Again" was definitely evident by the outpouring of love and support we saw from each of you at our event! With the on-going pandemic, and safety as our priority, we decided to hold a hybrid Matsuri fundraiser this year, pre-selling bento featuring a few of GVJCI Matsuri favorites including grilled teriyaki chicken & rice, tasty yakisoba, super ono spam musubi and a green salad with Rascal's famous dressing! We hope you enjoyed it!

As the GVJCI's largest annual fundraiser, we are so happy to share that this year's Matsuri was a huge success thanks to YOU! We thank all who came out to support the GVJCI including Donors, Volunteers, GVJCI Member Organizations, Sponsors, Staff & Board—we completed another successful Matsuri and couldn't have done it without you!

The Annual GVJCI Matsuri Fundraiser has been a South Bay tradition for almost 70 years, bringing all ages of the community together, including many generations of families, for a fun-filled, family-friendly weekend celebrating the Nikkei culture. We are so happy that we were able to continue our tradition in a new way this year!

This Matsuri would not exist without the support, hard work, and dedication from our GVJCI Member Organizations, Volunteers, Board, Staff and their families, before, during, and after the Matsuri. We are so thankful for the many committed Matsuri supporters including the local businesses, nurseries, and individuals who generously purchased bento and supported us through monetary donations.



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Here's a huge shout out to our "OG" Member Organizations JCI Kendo for making their delicious fresh YAKISOBA!! And GEO for making all of the rice! We really appreciate your hard work in preparing and cooking!

Every year our senior volunteers, Tomo No Kai, work tirelessly behind the scenes. They prep ingredients, cut all of the fresh produce, make tons of super tasty spam musubi and volunteer in our Volunteer Hospitality Area. This year they also cut lettuce and packed over 1,200 green salads with Rascal's famous dressing!! We are so thankful for all they do!

Eric Yonemura and David Julio Gomez from ABC Nursery were instrumental in helping us with our very popular plant sale! This year, in addition

to ABC Nursery, Wendy Akiyama from Sunflower Farms and Sharon Tachibana, Steve Taketomo, Dave Kasai, Stan Koyanagi, and Larry Kawahara were on hand throughout the day to answer any questions as our plant experts. We had so many beautiful plants donated by local nurseries where people enjoyed all of them! It felt like we had a special GVJCI garden in our parking lot! LOL!

We also thank all of the many volunteers, staff & interns who prepped, cooked, assembled and distributed our 1,200+ Matsuri Bento! It was a lot of hard work, but all of you worked so diligently and always with a smile!

I wish I could name all of our fabulous volunteers...please know we appreciate all of you!



Thank you to our Matsuri Committee members for your input, suggestions and hard work. Your combined effort and support made the Matsuri Bento-To-Go a super success!

As a nonprofit community organization, this annual fundraising event is essential in order to support the operational, programming, overhead, and maintenance expenses of the GVJCI. We are able to continue to keep rental fees low for our community classes, and even waive fees for community youth organizations. Funding also supports our various cultural, educational, and social programs and services. On behalf of the GVJCI, we sincerely thank you all!

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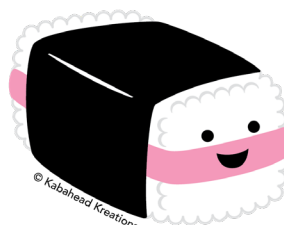
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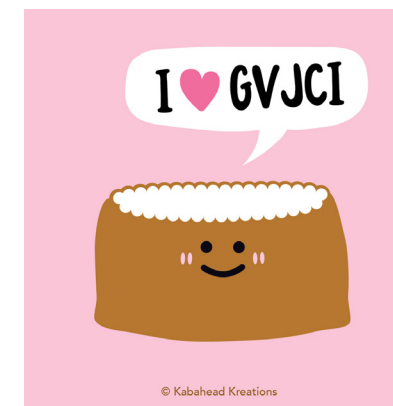
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I have so many fond memories of this year's Matsuri Bento-To-Go, but one of my favorites was definitely seeing our community 'Together Again', volunteering, laughing and enjoying each other's company! I'm looking forward to next year and hope you are too!

THANK YOU!



Donation Program

Thinking of donating your car to charity? Now you can, and at the same time, support GVJCI! We have teamed up with Harold's Car Donation Service.

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We sadly announce that **Dayton Lee**, our Facility Operations Manager departed from the GVJCI staff in May after almost 3 years of service. In August 2019, Dayton was willing to quickly fill in during a transitional period and stayed on. He developed and improved facility usage systems, and managed system upgrades. During the 2 years of the pandemic when our facility was closed to the public, Dayton's job shifted, and he helped to lead our restaurant fundraisers, and lent support in other areas. We greatly appreciate his many contributions...thank you Dayton!



Our new **Community Engagement and Facility Manager, Lyndon Meighan**, also joined our staff in May. Lyndon had been a long time small business owner of Gardena's GNB Coffee Cafe and Ohana Grill, and has volunteered his services to the community throughout the years. Lyndon shares, "I have developed a passion for informing, educating, guiding, and mentoring customers in need. Owning my own restaurant business for thirteen and a half years was a priceless education and helped me understand what it takes to succeed at every level". Lyndon brings his great knowledge of facility management and operations, food industry, customer service, and innovative ideas to our staff, especially as he had to jump right into the GVJCI Matsuri Bento-To-Go Fundraiser. Welcome, Lyndon!



BE A 2022 FRIEND OF THE GVJCI!

Thank you Friends of the GVJCI who renewed your 2022 pledge or became a new Friend! Your contribution supports the continued growth of the GVJCI and its programs, services, and activities, serving the increasingly diverse and dynamic Nikkei community in the South Bay through programs such as our Day of Remembrance, our Tanoshii Fun Camp for youth, and our Tomo No Kai senior programs. As a Friend, you enable us to further advance to achieving our mission and vision into the future.

We are currently at 39% of our 2022 Goal. It's not too late to join or renew as a 2022 Friend of the GVJCI! Please visit our website at jci-gardena.org under "HOW TO HELP" then click on the "BECOME A FRIEND OF THE GVJCI" button to either donate on-line or by check. We invite you to become a part of this South Bay treasure!

Prudent financial stewardship has allowed the GVJCI to endure the pandemic and reopen, but we continue to face many challenges as we balance our reopening with prioritizing the health and safety of the community. The GVJCI has reopened however we will need your support to help us provide the services and programs so many in our community rely on. Every donation will help, and we appreciate any amount you are able to give.

The good news is that we held a successful Matsuri Bento-To-Go Fundraiser, thanks to our supporters like you! We also resumed our onsite classes and activities, which include our Tomo No Kai senior classes, public programs that are scheduled onsite, and some GVJCI Member Organizations' weeknight and weekend classes and activities (please check with your GVJCI Member Organization for status). GVJCI's Japanese Language School and online programs will continue online.

If you are able, please consider becoming a Friend of the GVJCI!

Below are our 2022 Friends who so far have pledged support.



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2022 GVJCI SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our 2022 scholarship recipients who have not only highly achieved academically, but they also dedicated many volunteer hours to the community. We are very proud of all of the recipients and wish them success in their college education! The following are messages from the recipients.

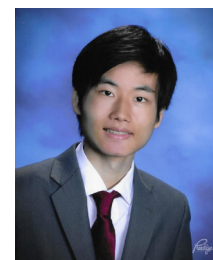
GVJCI Gary Hori Memorial Scholarship
Makayla Lui, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School graduate

"I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the GVJCI Gary Hori Memorial Scholarship. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor, and I am deeply appreciative of the GVJCI's support. From participating in Tanoshii Camp to taking pictures with my Asian ball team and to looking forward to the JCI Carnival every year, I have truly treasured my time at the JCI. I'm so grateful for this enriching community and what it has given me. Thank you again to the GVJCI for their support and generosity that will help further my college education ahead."



Gardena Valley Japanese American Citizens League Scholarship

Christopher Ito, West High School graduate



"I am so thankful and honored to have been selected to receive a GVJCI college scholarship. The JCI has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. I have participated in the Matsuris nearly every year—in karate demonstrations, setting up and working in booths, helping to prepare Spam musubi, etc. I have fond memories of eating great food, playing pachinko, and shooting basketballs. The JCI supports activities which benefit all ages and accommodates a wide variety of interests focusing on Japanese culture. The JCI is an integral and indispensable part of our community to which I am truly grateful."

Gardena Valley Gardeners Association Legacy Scholarship
David Tsukamoto, North Torrance High School



"I am so thankful to the GVJCI for providing this scholarship that will allow me to pursue my passions. The GVJCI has always been a place that brings the Japanese-American community together and I am honored to receive this scholarship from them."

GVJCI Scholarship
Rei Shindo, Torrance High School

"I am very thankful to GVJCI for providing this scholarship. It represents more than a way to help pay for college expenses. As someone who has put a lot of time and



effort into extracurricular activities, accepting this scholarship makes me feel like my achievements have been recognized and has validated my belief that hard work both academically and outside of school eventually pays off. The money I receive from GVJCI will help me pay for my summer classes."

GVJCI Scholarship
Bryant Yanase, California Academy of Math and Science

I am very honored to be receiving the Gardena Valley JCI scholarship. Growing up I enjoyed attending the matsuri but I was also able to learn how supportive the JCI community was and receiving this award is just one of the many examples. I hope to continue participating in the JCI events as I move onto college as well as volunteering more to pass on the experiences to future generations."



To make a donation to the GVJCI Scholarship Fund or for more information, please contact the GVJCI Office or visit our website at jci-gardena.org. The GVJCI awards annual scholarships to high school seniors, and GVJCI Japanese Language School graduates. Applicants must have been directly involved with the GVJCI or its member organizations that hold regular activity at the GVJCI. Emphasis is placed upon GVJCI and other community involvement, volunteerism and future goals. High school students must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and have post-secondary educational plans.

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The GVJCI senior bento program is back, and we need your help! As the cost of goods and services continues to rise, we're looking for ways to help subsidize the cost of bento lunches for our senior participants.

Consider becoming a monthly Bento Buddy by donating to our Bento Buddies program. Recurring donations help GVJCI keep up with the monthly expense of subsidizing senior bentos by 50%. Your ongoing support will help us reduce senior bento prices from \$14 to \$7 all year round!

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2. GVJCI BUYS BENTO FROM A LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS



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Historically, our bento program has served approximately 30-45 bentos each weekday for seniors 60 years and older. As our Tomo No Kai senior weekday classes continue to grow, we need ongoing financial support to help provide low cost bento lunches.

HOW TO DONATE:

To donate to the GVJCI Bento Buddies Program, scan the QR code with your phone camera OR visit www.jci-gardena.org/bento-program and click on the donate button.



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With the completion of the 2021-2022 Japanese Language School year, I offer my deepest gratitude to all the students for persevering with their studies in each of their respective classes. I also extend my congratulations to the Graduation Class students, Curtis Kenji Yokota and Nikolas Escobar. They have both successfully completed their course level studies and we proudly recognize their accomplishment. I encourage them both to continue improving their skills and knowledge in order to develop an even deeper understanding and feeling of the Japanese Language.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I am also always thankful for being allowed to be involved with our Japanese school and for the opportunity to know you all, kokoro kara kansha shite imasu.

Summer Session will be held from July 9 to July 30, 2022 and the next school year will begin on September 10, 2022. I hope to see you all again soon and join together with the feeling of ganbarimashou.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Hada
GVJCI Japanese Language School Principal

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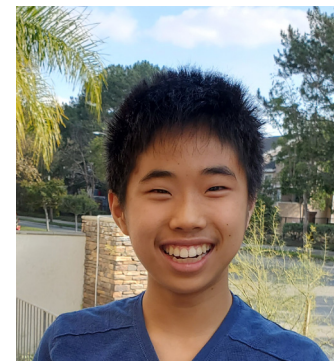
Nicolas Escobar



Hi, my name is Nikolas and I have been going to JCI for about 2 years. One fun thing that I did in JCI was the New Year's party. I had just joined JCI and we were doing a play for New Year's party. One thing that impressed me was during the New Year's Party, seeing all the different types of food on the tables. Afterwards we ate amazing Japanese cuisine with friends. One thing to remember is the transition from in person to online learning, it was new for me but JCI handled it well and I got used to zoom. One thing I am glad was to be able to make new friends in JCI. The best thing in JCI schools are the teachers that have helped me learn Japanese. Thank you very much!

こんにちは、僕 ぼく の名前 なまえ はニコラスです。約 やく 2年 ねん 間 かん JCI で 学 まな び ました。僕 ぼく が JCI で 楽 た の しか った こ の 一 ひ と つ に、新 年 会 しんねんかい が あり ます。僕 ぼく は JCI に 入 は い っ た ば かり で、新 年 会 しんねんかい の 劇 げ き を し ま し た。そ し て、新 年 会 しんねんかい で、テ ー ブ ル の 上 う え に さ ま ざ ま な 種 類 し ゅ り い の 食 た べ 物 も の を 目 め に し て、と て も 感 動 かんどう し ま し た。そ の 後 ご、私 わ た し た ち は 友 達 と も だ ち と 素 晴 す ば ら し い 日 本 料 理 に ほ ん り ょ う り を 食 た べ ま し た。忘 わ す れ ら れ ない こ の 一 ひ と つ は、対 面 た い め ん ク ラ ス か ら オ ン ラ イ ン ク ラ ス へ 移 行 い こ う し た こ と で す。そ れ は、僕 ぼく に と っ て は 新 あ た ら し い も の で し た が、JCI で は ス ム ー ズ に 対 応 た い お う が な さ れ て、僕 ぼく は ズ ー ム に 慣 な れ ま し た。JCI で 新 あ た ら し い 友 達 と も だ ち を 作 つ く こ と が で き た の は、僕 ぼく が 嬉 し かった こ の 一 ひ と つ で す。JCI の 学 校 が っ こ う で 最 高 さ い こ う だ っ た こ と は、日 本 語 に ほ ん ご を 学 ま な ぶ の を 助 た す け て 下 っ た さ っ た 先 生 方 せんせい が た で す。あ り が と う ご ざ い ま し た !

Curtis Kenji Yokota



Hello, my name is Curtis Yokota. I'm 16 years old. I've been studying at a Japanese school for about seven years. My favorite thing to do is plane spotting. In the near future I'm going to start studying aviation. That is due to my aspiration to become a commercial pilot. The most fun I'm working on the Matsuri Festival in June. I got to play the pachinko slot machines, and I would also be at the shaved ice booth, joining my family including Justin in chanting "kakigori" or "shaved ice". I also loved to make shaved ice for customers in the shaved ice booth. The thing that I'm most proud of is the grades in JCI. The most memorable event for me is Sports day: Undokai. It was most memorable because we'd engage in team as well as individual races. The most impressive thing about JCI is the New Year's Party food. As each food is carefully crafted and is unique to each cook. The presentation of the food is also excellent. The best thing about JCI is the education and experiences. The teachers here have been very supportive. I will continue to learn Japanese. Thank You very much.

こんにちは、私 わ た し の 名 前 な ま え は 横 田 よ こ た カ ー ティ ス で す。年 齢 ね ん れ い は 16 歳 さ い で す。ガ ー デ ナ バ レ ー ジ エ イ シ ー ア イ 日 本 語 学 校 に ほ ん ご が っ こ う で 約 や く 7年 間 ね ん かん 学 ま な び ました。好 す き な こ と は 飛 行 機 ひ こ う き を み る こ と で す。近 ち か い 将 来 し ょ う ら い、私 わ た し は 航 空 学 こ う ぐ ー が く の 勉 強 べ ん き ょ う を 始 は じ め る つ も り で す。そ れ は、民 間 み ん かん パ イ ロ ッ ト に な る こ と を 希 望 き ぼ う し て い る か ら で す。一 番 い ち ば ん 楽 た の しか った の は、6月 が つ に 行 お こ な わ れ た ま つ り フ ェ ス ティ バ ル に 取 と り 組 く ン だ こ と で す。わ た し は パ チ ン コ の ス ロ ッ ト マ シ ン を や っ た り、イ ベ ン ト の 思 お も い 出 で に パ チ ン コ 玉 た ま を お 土 産 み や げ と し て 家 い え に 持 ち 帰 か え っ た り し ま し た。私 わ た し は か き 氷 ご お り の プ ー ス で、ジ ャ ス ティ ン を 含 む く む 私 わ た し の 家 族 か ぞ く と 一 緒 い っ し ょ に 「か き 氷 ご お り !」 「シ ェ イ プ ア イ ス ! と 声 こ え を あ げ た り し ま し た。ま た、わ た し は お 客 き ゃ く さ ん に、か き 氷 ご お り を 作 つ く っ て あ げ る の も 大 好 だ い す き で し た。最 も と て も 誇 ほ こ り に 思 お も っ て い る 事 こ と は、JCI で 良 よ い 成 績 せ い せ き を と っ た 事 こ と で す。イ ベ ン ト の 中 な か で と て も 思 お も い 出 で 深 ぶ か い こ と は、ス ポ ー ツ の 日 ひ : 運 動 会 う ん ど う か い で す。運 動 会 う ん ど う か い で は、個 人 こ じ ん レ ー ス だ け で な く チ ー ム と し て も 参 加 さ ん か し た の で 良 よ く 覚 お ぼ え て い ます。JCI の お 正 月 し ょ う が つ パ ー ティ ー の 食 た べ 物 も の も、と て も 印 象 深 い ん し ょ う ぶ か い で す。一 ひ と つ 一 ひ と つ の 料 理 り ょ う り が 丁 寧 て い ね い に 作 つ く ら れ て い て、そ れ ぞ れ の 料 理 り ょ う り に ん の 個 性 こ せ い が 出 て い ます。ま た、料 理 り ょ う り の プ レ ゼ ン テ ー シ ョ ン も 素 晴 す ば ら し かった で す。JCI で 一 番 い ち ば ん 良 よ か っ た こ と は、教 育 き ょ う い く を 受 う け て 経 験 け い け ん を 積 つ め た 事 こ と で す。日 本 語 学 校 に ほ ん ご が っ こ う の 先 生 方 せんせい が た は、本 当 ほ ん と う に 協 力 的 き ょ う り よ く て き て し た。私 わ た し は こ れ か ら も 日 本 語 に ほ ん ご を 学 ま な び 続 つ づ け ます。ど う も あ り が と う ご ざ い ま し た !



Gardena Valley JCI CALENDAR

AUG

SMARTPHONE CLASS

MONS, JULY 11, 18, 25, AUG 8, 15, 22, 1-2PM
Upstairs Classroom 207/208

Do you need help using apps on your smartphone? Not sure how to edit the settings on your iPhone or Android? Register for our smartphone/tablet class to learn the basic functions of your device! A question and answer session will conclude each class. This is a 6 class series; each class is \$10 or \$50 for the whole series. To register, please visit the Upcoming Events page on the GVJCI website.

SENIOR FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION PICK-UP

WEDS, AUG 3, SEP 1, OCT 5, 12PM-2PM
GVJCI Parking Lot

ATTENTION: Changes have been made to this event! For the safety of our recipients, GVJCI volunteers, and staff, this will now be a **WALK-IN event only. NO DRIVE-THROUGH.** Do NOT line up in the streets, as you will be asked to park your car. Cars can park inside the GVJCI parking lot or on the street. Pick up will take place from 12-2pm only. 1st come, 1st served. 1 box per car. NO RSVPs. Food distribution takes place regularly on the first Wednesday of the month. 10-12 lb boxes of shelf stable items for seniors 60 years and older. As a courtesy to our staff and volunteers, please wear a face mask when picking up. 注意：イベントに関して変更のお知らせ。皆様の安全とガーデナバレーJCIのボランティアとスタッフのために、次回からウォークインピックアップのみとなります。ドライブスルーはできません。道路に並ばないで、駐車するようにお願いします。ガーデナバレーJCIの駐車場、または道に停めてください。フードボックスのピックアップは午後12時から2時までです。先着順に車1台につき1箱です。予約不可。フードボックス配布は毎月第一水曜日です。10-12ポンドの保存可能な食品を60歳以上のシニアにお配りします。ボランティアとスタッフの安全を守るためにマスク着用をお願いします。



TOMODACHI PROGRAM

FRIDAYS, 10AM-12PM
GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

Are you new in town? Looking for a welcoming space to meet new people and have some fun? We invite you to join us for our brand new Tomodachi Program series! Every week on Fridays, a fun, interactive activity will take place from 10-12PM (some afternoon times as well). As a group, people will be able to participate in gardening workshops, game days, arts and crafts workshops, movie discussions, and more! All activities are FREE to participate. Each week features something new, so come down to our office to register or call (310) 324-6611! この街は初めてですか？ 新しい出会い、楽しい時間を過ごせる居心地の良い場所をお探しでしょうか？ 私たちの新しいともだちプログラムシリーズにご招待します。毎週金曜日、午前10時から12時まで(午後の時もあります)皆さん

で楽しむアクティビティを開催します。グループになってガーデニング、ゲーム、アートとクラフト、映画鑑賞などに参加してください。これらのアクティビティはすべて無料です。ほかにも毎週、新しいアイデアのアクティビティがあります。参加希望はオフィスで登録をお願いします。または310-324-6611に日本語でメッセージを残してください。

SEPT

VIRTUAL WRITING CIRCLE

MON, SEP 12 - MON, OCT 17, 7-9PM

Online

We're starting a new virtual studio-style writing circle! Participants will be meeting to explore short forms of poetry such as haiku, tanka, haibun and more... Don't worry if you are not familiar with these styles. It's a time to learn and discover. Students will collaborate on poems and get feedback from experienced writers. Everyone can help each other to express thoughts and feelings and encourage one another to share! Each workshop is \$15 to attend and is taught by Genie Nakano, Dean Okamura, and Tim Toyama.

SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOPS

セルフ ディフェンスワークショップ

Women - THURS, SEP 22, 7-9PM

Seniors (men & women) - THURS, OCT 20, 10AM-12PM

GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

女性クラス 2022年9月22日 木曜日 午後7時から9時まで

シニアクラス (男性/女性) 2022年10月20日 木曜日 午前10時から午後12時まで
ガーデナバレーJCI二世ベテランズメモリアルホール

The theme of these workshops is Self Defense and Situational Awareness Workshop. The first 30 minutes will focus on Situational Awareness and general considerations of preparedness. The remaining 90 minutes

consists of introduction of practical self defense techniques including striking, kicking, and blocking as methods to minimize any attack and injury and to facilitate escape. Each workshop is taught by 6th degree black belt instructor Art Ishii from the Matsubayashi-Ryu Karate-Do of Little Tokyo; limited to 50 students per workshop. Minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian. This workshop is FREE to attend!

このワークショップのテーマは自己防衛と状況把握意識です。前半30分はどのような状況かを認識する事と日常の備えにフォーカスします。後半90分は攻撃を最小限にとどめ脱出を容易にするために実践的なあらゆる手段の自己防衛テクニック方法を紹介しします。各ワークショップはリトル東京松林流空手道黒帯六段のアーティスト先生にご教授いただきます。50名限定。無料、ご寄付いただけると幸いです。

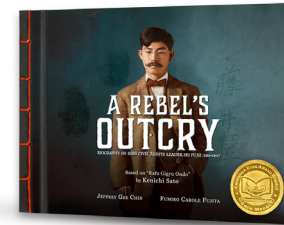


"LIL TOKYO REPORTER" AND "A REBEL'S OUTCRY" 10TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING & BOOK TALK

SAT, SEP 10, 2-4PM
GVJCI Main Hall

Come celebrate the 10th anniversary of short film "Lil Tokyo Reporter" starring Academy Award-Winner Chris Tashima as Civil Rights Leader Sei Fujii. The program will be followed by a brief discussion on Little Tokyo Historical Society's latest and award-winning biography on Sei Fujii entitled "A Rebel's Outcry". Speakers will include the director/author Jeffrey Gee Chin along with select cast & crew. Books will be available for purchase at the event as well as pre-order through online registration. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. FREE to attend. Donations appreciated!

This program is co-sponsored by Little Tokyo Historical Society.



GVJCI ANNUAL ART SHOW

ガーデナバレーJCI毎年恒例のアートショー

SAT, SEP 17, 11AM-5PM
SUN, SEP 18, 11AM-4PM

GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

9月17日土曜日、午前11時から午後5時まで
9月18日日曜日、午前11時から午後4時まで
ガーデナバレーJCI二世ベテランズメモリアルホール

After over two years of social upheaval created by a pandemic, there seems to be increasing levels of frustration, anger, and fear. We have increasing violence in America against anyone of Asian ancestry, polarized political discourse, and a war in Ukraine that threatens peace on the entire planet. We all need to pause and take a breath.

We plan to have an in-person exhibit Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18, 2022 at the GVJCI.

The GVJCI Art Show is FREE to attend, but donations are greatly appreciated!

パンデミックによって引き起こされた2年以上の社会的混乱の後、不満、怒り、恐怖のレベルが高まっているようです。アメリカではアジア系祖先をもつ人々に対する暴力が増え、政治的な言論が偏り、ウクライナでは地球全体の平和を脅かす戦争が起きています。私たちは、少し立ち止まって一息つく必要があります。

2022年9月17日(土)、18日(日)にガーデナバレーJCIで対面で展示会をする予定です。

ガーデナバレーJCIアートショー参加は無料ですが、寄付いただけると幸いです。

OCT

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

SAT, OCT 15, 2-4PM

GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

In collaboration with Tri-City CERT Gardena, we will be holding an Emergency Preparedness Fair! There will be a disaster preparedness presentation for families, booths with different activities and demonstrations. Emergency supply kits will be available to purchase. More details to come on our website, so stay tuned! This event is free to attend.

****Please note that all programs are subject to change in the event of any health concerns regarding COVID-19.****

GVJCI 2023 Calendar: Ad Space Available for Purchase

Support the GVJCI by placing an ad in the 2023 GVJCI Calendar! Your ad will promote your company/business or celebrate special people and milestones (graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings etc.) with a personal ad. The calendar will be distributed to over 1,600 people and businesses and is enjoyed throughout the year. Please visit our website to purchase ad space.

Full size:	\$900	Business Card size:	\$200
Half size:	\$550	Well Wisher:	\$150
Third size:	\$350		

Donations are also welcome!

Please consider supporting us by placing an ad in our 2023 calendar. All GVJCI Fundraiser proceeds benefit the GVJCI. Contact: Cathy Lee at clee@jci-gardena.org or 310-324-6611

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF OUR PROGRAMS!

