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GARDENA VALLEY JAPANESE CULTURAL INSTITUTE
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 500 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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VISION STATEMENT

Grab A Pen! 2017 GVJCI Matsuri is Coming!

Please come out and support one of our most popular fundraising events of the year!

June 24 & 25, 2017
Saturday, noon to 9:00 pm
Sunday, noon to 7:00 pm

FOOD
BEER GARDEN – NEW!
GAMES
INDOOR/OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT
MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS
RAFFLE DRAWINGS
“THE GVJCI ESCAPE ROOM” – NEW!
NURSERY SALE
CRAGTS & WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
BINGO
ONDO DANCING

Ondo Dancing – SATURDAY, June 24th at 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Dust off your happi coats, yukatas or kimonos as the Ondo dancing season is upon us! We are excited to offer Ondo dancing again this year! Please help us to make this a growing activity at our Matsuri. Gather your family & friends and join in on the fun!

NEW! Beer Garden - SATURDAY, June 24th at 3:00pm – 8:00pm; SUNDAY, June 25th at 3:00pm – 6:00pm
Take a break and wander over to our Beer Garden! Grab a beer, relax, and catch up with friends by our JCI Gardens’ Koi Pond.

Food Booths – With our unfortunate kitchen fire, udon is out this year, but new dishes are being added in…..try our “gourmet” hot dogs – Banh Mi and Terimayo Japanese dogs. Or indulge in our usual mouthwatering offerings – cold somen, teriyaki, or imagawayaki to name a delicious few…..

Game Booths – What’s a Matsuri without a traditional Matsumi game like Yo-Yo Tsuri? Come by and play this NEW game & see what the hype is all about!

Performances—Grab some food, relax and be entertained by the many classes and programs held at the GVJCI! Taiko, hula, 'ukulele, line dancing, as well as, guest performers will perform throughout the weekend. Come see what these performers learn throughout the year, and maybe you can join them at their weekly classes!

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Martial Arts Demonstrations— Come and observe the various martial artists in action! GVJCI’s martial arts classes will be featured each day: Shotokan Karate, Naginata, Gardena Judo, Gardena Kendo, Shorinji Kempo, Kyudo Renmei, and Gardena JCI Kendo. Ever wonder what these various martial art disciplines entail? This is the perfect time to catch a glimpse and see if one of these is for you or the family!

Outdoor Nursery Sale— Supporting nurseries and gracious community plant enthusiasts, donate beautiful plants from their businesses and backyards for our Matsuri. We have nurserymen that volunteer their time at the booth for you to ask your pressing gardening questions to.

Holding Station – Do you ever get tired from holding all of your plants, food items, or your white elephant treasures? Well, fear no more.....take all of your belongings to our holding station. You may check everything in and the Boy Scout Troop 683 will keep a watchful eye on your items while you are able to stroll through our Matsuri “hands free”.

The Bridge: GVJCI Heritage Center—Pay a visit and come see what we have upstairs! Visit our Japanese cultural heritage library & our educational tokonoma display. Once again, the Tri-City CERT community organization will be hosting a booth upstairs. Come learn about disaster preparedness & basic first aid. They will have FREE giveaways too!

Want to inquire about our Japanese Language School? Come pay a visit & receive all of the information you need to enroll in the upcoming Fall session.

Bingo— O-72, B-2, BINGO! Try your luck at Bingo! Games begin at 4pm on Saturday & Sunday with chances to win cash prizes or gift cards!

Prize Drawings— Don’t forget to turn in your raffle stubs! The raffle is held on both days of the Matsuri, with prizes being donated by various businesses and individuals throughout the community. Winners need not be present to win.

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Presale-Matsuri Coupon Books—Come by & purchase your tickets! Tickets are currently being sold by GVJCI programs and supporting organizations, as well as, the GVJCI office for $10 per book prior to the Matsuri. The ten $1.00 coupons can be used as scrip at all carnival booths, as well as raffle drawings eligibility.

For information and coupon books purchase, call GVJCI office at 310-324-6611 or email s_sawai@jci-gardena.org.

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Saga Art Center’s Art Exhibit
In Tokyo
If you’re ever here at the GVJCI on Saturdays, you’ll find Saga Art Class in session, tucked in the corner of the upstairs classroom in Room 205 and 206. Shun Kohrogi has been teaching children and adults the joy of painting and craft-making for 33 years here at the GVJCI. Shun’s dream of becoming an artist started young, at the age of three, his parents, both artists, being his biggest influences. He went onto UCLA both as an undergraduate and graduate earning his BFA and MFA in Fine Arts, and as a graduate student, started teaching at the GVJCI.

This past February through March, Shun travelled to Tokyo to hold his art exhibition at the Tokyo Metro Shinjuku Station, one of the busiest train stations in Japan. Thousands of people pass by every day and was able to enjoy his artworks. Congratulations, Shun, and thank you for your lifelong service to the community.

Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall, What’s Wrong with the Kitchen???
Debbie Oba, Facility Operations Manager

For those of you who frequent GVJCI on a regular basis, you have noticed some changes—Senior Bento Program has moved to the Main (JCI) Hall, parking in front of the NVMH seems lighter than normal. For GVJCI staff, the NVMH is noticeably quieter. Who would have thought a simple hall kitchen added so much energy and life to an area of our campus?

The kitchen fire which occurred in the Fall of 2016 has had an impact on our “normal” GVJCI weekly life. The inconveniences endured and patience of not only those who frequent GVJCI but the individuals and organizations who rent/use the NVMH, we cannot thank you enough.

The process of repairs of the kitchen is taking longer than any of us would like, however, in seeking the repairs and restoration, we are taking this opportunity to improve it with commercial upgrades. In doing so, the process of developing plans and layouts, approvals needed by the LA County Department of Health and the City of Gardena is time consuming. GVJCI does not take this project lightly as funds needed to accomplish the restoration and upgrades are costly.

Many who knew of the fire during our annual GVJCI Raffle had made additional donations towards funding the repairs of the kitchen. We thank you!

Anyone wishing to make contributions specifically towards the repairs/updates of the kitchen, please note it on the memo of your check. Again, thank you for your patience and cooperation during this process. We hope to provide a fully operational kitchen for everyone’s enjoyment very soon.

Be A Friend of the GVJCI in 2017

Spring is a wonderful time for refreshing and reflecting on the year. At the GVJCI, programs it cultivates are making a difference in the community. Direct support for these programs, such as Day of Remembrance and our cultural heritage family programs, helps in the presentations. Keeping up with the work is what Friends of GVJCI helps to do. The continued commitment from the Charter friends counts towards making the programs and facilities work for the community.

This is the time for you to join our Friends and be a supporter to help the GVJCI continue to provide meaningful and important programs for the community. Complete and turn in the Friends envelope so you can be a part of this important support.

I grew up 60 miles away but weekends meant coming to Gardena to visit with cousins and friends. I looked forward to go to the Carnival (now Matsuri) and see so many people having fun. I moved to South Bay after graduating from college and started a family over 30 years ago. It was important to have the GVJCI nearby.

A lot had changed over the years, and I’m glad to be active at the GVJCI to help usher new programs, activities and events that meet the changes in an important area of the greater community. I heard that statistics show that the area of Gardena-Torrance has the largest population of Japanese and Japanese Americans in the U.S. And here in the middle of that is the GVJCI and its importance in the cultural growth which has increased.

So why not become a Friend and be part of the excitement of people from different backgrounds for Japanese American and Japanese culture? Send back your contribution right away. For our Friends who are renewing, you will be sent a reminder around a year later, but you can send in your 2017 contribution at this time too.

Thank you,
Alan Kita, Development Chair
GVJCI Board of Directors

Shun Kohrogi at Shinjuku Station in Tokyo with this artwork.

Gardena Nisei Memorial Post 1961
To all VFW Members, Women’s Club, Families, and Friends of Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, Happy Easter.

Summer will be upon us in no time and along with summer comes the busy time for your VFW.

This year we will be traveling to Reno, NV for the 67th Annual Nisei VFW Reunion at the Sands Regency Casino Hotel. If you would like to have more information please contact a VFW or Women’s Club member. They should be able to get registration information for you.

We will be hosting or attending the following Memorial Day Events:

5/27/2017
Green Hills Cemetery Clean up

5/27/2017
Memorial Day Service at the Memorial Court, JACCC

5/28/2017
Memorial Day Service at GVJCI

5/29/2017
Memorial Day Service at Rose Hills

5/29/2017
Memorial Day Service at Westminster, CA

Don’t forget to attend the GVJCI Matsuri. We will be slicing, dicing, mixing, cooking the unforgettable GVJCI Matsuri Cold Somen. The key ingredient to the GVJCI Cold Somen is the super secret Cold Somen sauce passed from one commander to the next. We will be mixing a lot of the super secret Cold Somen sauce so be sure to get your appetites satisfied. Once the Cold Somen is sold out, there will be no more until next year.

I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Ladies of the VFW Women’s Club. All of you have played such a crucial part in helping us continue on with the mission of our Post. Also, to the staff of the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, thank you again and again for all your support and patience.

Contact Information for Post 1961:
Steve Moriyama, 1127 W 215th Street, Torrance, CA 90502, Tel: 310-533-8987.
Email: moriyamaohana@sbcglobal.net
What’s Happening at JLS?

This school year has truly flown by and we are quickly approaching the last few weeks of school. I am very happy and grateful for the successful events that we have held and look forward to the events still to come.

The first event of the year was our annual Undokai, Sports Day, on October 22, 2016 at El Nido Park in Torrance. On January 21, 2017, the Japanese School conducted its New Year’s Party. The students performed a play, written by our own Naoko Okamoto Sensei. All the students participated and it gave them a platform to demonstrate their Japanese language conversational skills. I thank our former teacher, Yukikazu Nagashima Sensei, for continuing to support our school by writing a very nice article about the event for the Rafu Shimpo newspaper. On February 4, 2017, we conducted our Mochitsuki jointly with the GVJCI Programs so the public was also invited to attend. Nicole Sato, Program Coordinator, did a wonderful job organizing the event. During the event, the students were able to see the rice being steamed, participate in the pounding, shape their own mochi, and finally enjoy the product of their efforts. I truly wish to thank Larry and Jane Kawahara, as well as their family, for bringing all their personal mochitsuki equipment, demonstrating, and instructing the students during the entire event. The Kawahara family has always been tremendous supporters of our school and we deeply appreciate all their efforts. On March 4, 2017, we celebrated Hina-matsuri as a part of the GVJCI Programs. The students learned how Hinamatsuri is celebrated, created their own stone dolls, and enjoyed sakura mochi together. We still have our own Bunka Sai (Cultural Day) and Konomo no Hi (Children’s Day) still to come. On May 13, 2017 is our Open House and I invite all who are interested in our Japanese School to attend. During this time you can tour our school and we can answer any questions you may have. We will also be on hand at the GVJCI Matsuri on June 24 and 25, 2017 to not only answer questions but we will also be taking applications for our Summer School which will be held July 8 to July 29, 2017. At the Matsuri, please make sure to stop by the Shaved Ice booth, which will be manned by our hardworking and loyal Japanese School Parent Group.

Growing up in Gardena, I was fortunate to have been able to benefit from all the programs that the GVJCI had to offer as a youth and now in my more senior years. To be truly honest, serving as Principal of the Japanese Language School was never a childhood goal but I am humbly grateful for the opportunity of this wonderful experience. My appreciation and gratitude always goes out to the teachers, students, parents, volunteers, and supporters. This year we welcome two new teachers, Misako Nunez Sensei and Chikako Suzuki Sensei, to our teaching staff. Together with the wonderful teaching staff that we currently have, Naoko Okamoto Sensei, Satoru Kawakita Sensei, Eriko Yamamoto Sensei, and Atsuko Vorreiter Sensei who is also Vice Principal, we will do our best to help the students build a strong foundation in their endeavors to learn Japanese.

Thank you,
Lawrence Hada
Principal

NEW CLASSES COMING TO TOMO NO KAI

Visas and Virtues
(low impact aerobics)
Tues, 2PM-3PM
GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

Move, Dance, & Groove
(Starting April 19) Wed, 12:15PM-1PM
GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

What’s Happening at JLS?

Contact Judi Kaminishi at jnkaminishi@gmail.com for information and registration.

$85

Sun 12-1PM
7 week course starting May 21st

Taiko Basic Beginner’s Class

Judo & Karate

$10 per class (paid before or at the beginning of each class)

5 weeks, Every Thurs May 4th to June 8th

Kokoro Yoga Class

$60 for the session (No drop-ins)

May 3rd to July 5th (skipping May 10 and June 21)

Smartphone/Tablet Class

4 weeks, Every Thurs May 4th to June 8th

Wills & Living Trusts

(Starting April 19) Wed, 12:15PM-1PM
GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

Move, Dance, & Groove
(Starting April 19) Wed, 12:15PM-1PM
GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

Tomo No Kai (TNK) 2017 membership is climbing. Thanks to all of you who have signed up as new or renewed TNK members. Dues are $10 and payment can be either at the class you attend, or at the GVJCI office.

Get ready for the Oبون season! OBON dance practice sessions are now in full swing on Tuesday afternoons 2-3PM in the Main Hall.

New TNK class started: MOVE & GROOVE, Tuesday afternoon 2-3PM in the Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall.

Mark your calendar:

Casino trip to Pechanga April 29th, May Memorial Day TNK activities of April/May birthday party date May 26th
Also reminder that TNK Bingo is every Monday and Wednesday 12:15-1:15PM

GVJCI annual Matsuri fundraiser on June 24 & 25, which TNK works and supports.

Come Check Out Our New Classes!

Smartphone/Tablet Class
6 weeks, Every Thurs May 4th to June 8th
10AM to 11AM
$10 per each class (paid before or at the beginning of each class)
or
$50 for the entire session (paid at the beginning of the session)

New! Computer Public Access Hours
Have questions about your smartphone or just want to come use a computer? Come to our public access hours at our computer lab anytime during the below hours.
We will have computers (PC) ready. Please bring your own smartphone/tablet.
Starting April 20th
Thursday 11AM-12:30PM, Fri 3PM-5PM (Please call the office to confirm hours)

Playwriting Fundamentals Class
Explore playwriting in a supportive environment! This class is open to writers of all levels. Led by Tim Toyama, author of Visus and Virtues and Bronzenville May 3rd to July 5th (skipping May 10 and June 21)
Wed 7-9:30PM, Room 205
$60 for the session (No drop-ins)

Kokoro Yoga Class
(1 or 3 fit)
Always wanted to try yoga but afraid you weren’t flexible enough? Never had the time to? Come to our new all levels foundational yoga class! It will be taught by a certified yoga teacher. So come on down with a mat, towel, water, and a smile:) 言語によるご指導も致します。
Wed's starting May 17th 7-8PM, GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall
$5 per session

Sensei Stories
Sensei Stories is back! Come join Tim Toyama as you work through to develop your own story. Everyone has a story, trust us.
Wed 12th to Aug 14th, Room 205
Wed 7-9PM
$5 per session (drop-in)

Talco Basic Beginner’s Class
7 week course starting May 21st
Sun 12-1PM
$85

Contact Judi Kaminishi at jnkaminishi@gmail.com for information and registration.
MAY

KODOMO NO HI
SAT, MAY 6, 11-12:30 PM
Breezeway
Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It’s a plane! It’s a koinobori! Come join us for Kodomo No Hi, or Children’s Day, with the Japanese Language School students. We will be making a koinobori (carp flag) craft, eating mochi, and the JLS students will be performing songs. Please note everyone is welcome, however this event is geared towards children. Registration fee is $5 and will include all materials. Register online or through the office by 4/25/17! https://gvjci.wufoo.com/forms/kodomo-no-hi-registration/

HOW TO RAISE FINANCIALLY AWARE CHILDREN
SAT, MAY 6, 2-3:30PM
GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall
One of the many challenges of parenting is teaching children about money. Creating financially aware children can be a challenge, but luckily it is one lesson where you can easily lead by example. Little Tokyo Service Center will help you learn about how to help your children appreciate the value of a dollar in this interactive presentation by Matt Kobata, CFP of American Century Investments. In addition, we will address the topic of Long Term Care insurance for parents, so your children won’t have to make your difficult medical decisions for you. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

SHIBORI DYE WORKSHOP
SAT, MAY 13, 1-3 PM
GVJCI Main Hall
Wanted to try shibori before but never got the chance to? Wait, what’s shibori? Remember those colorful vinegar smelling rainbow tie-dye shirts you made as a kid? Well, think of it as the sophisticated, adult version! We will be working with a natural plant dye (kuzakoi-1 method) to make a silk scarf! Register online or at our office. $35 will get you all the materials (but please bring an apron or shirt you don’t mind getting dirty), and you get to take home your freshly dyed silk scarf! Register here: https://gvjci.wufoo.com/forms/shibori-dye-workshop-2017/ (Hurry! Only 30 seats!)

TANOSHII FUN CAMP MON-FRI, JULY 10-14, 9AM-3PM
GVJCI Upstairs Classrooms
Get ready for a tanoshii week with TANOSHII Fun Camp! Have kids that are ages 7-10? Tanoshii is a camp designed to teach young children about the Japanese American history, tradition, and culture through hands-on activities, community speaker presentations, demonstrations, games and many other fun explorations. Past activities included taiko, kendo (martial arts), origami/open dancing, Japanese language, and Japanese cooking. Campers will get a chance to learn and connect with their heritage along with high school juniors, seniors and college students serving as camp counselors under adult supervision. We have several themes throughout the different years and this year we will be focusing on the Japanese American incarceration. Campers will be able to learn about the history of WWII through stories, food tasting, and even a field trip to Little Tokyo! Cost is $225 per camper. Please register online or download a form through: http://www.jci-gardena.org/tanoshii-fun-camp.html by May 31st.

Tellng The Past: EO 9066 Book Reading for Children SAT, JULY 29, 2-4 PM
GVJCI Bridge: JCI Heritage Center
In remembrance of the 75th anniversary of EO 9066, we want the next generations to come to know about the mass incarceration of the 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans during WWII. We will be having a book reading for children, focusing on books about the incarceration camps. We will be reading The Bracelet, Fred Korematsu Speaks Up, So Far From Tokyo, Where Sunflowers Grow, Baseball Saved Us, and a Fish for Jimmy. Please go to our website for more information on the time for each book reading. Heritage Source will be on-site selling books as well.

If you are interested in volunteering at any of our events, let us know by sending an email to jci-gardena.org or calling 310-6611 or emailing us at info@jci-gardena.org. Please note that not all events will need volunteers.

On The Tokonoma...
May Deadline For 2017 GVJCI Scholarships
The GVJCI will be awarding scholarships to 2017 high school seniors, and GVJCI Japanese Language School graduates (may live outside of the South Bay area). 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.

Applications are available on our website: jci-gardena.org. Submission deadline is May 15, 2017, and award presentations will be made in June 2017 at the GVJCI Matsuri.

Scholarships available: Gary Hori Memorial Scholarship, Gardena Valley JACL Scholarship, and the Gardena Valley Gardeners Association Legacy Scholarship, and other GVJCI scholarships.

GVJCI Internship Experience
Stephanie Mayeda, Social Media & Community Outreach Intern

After hundreds of hours of doing email blasts, social media posts, helping out at various events, and consuming more than a healthy human’s share of sugary treats in the office, I’m glad to say I made the right choice in taking this position. While there are so many aspects of the GVJCI’s social media and community outreach intern I could speak of with enthusiasm, there are two in particular that are of great importance to me. The first being that working here has allowed me to learn about and engage with a culture that has always been both familiar and foreign to me. For a little background, I am a sasenai and a child to Japanese-American parents who largely identify with the latter of that hyphenated descriptor, so it’s safe to say I grew up feeling a little more detached from Japanese culture than they did. Visiting my Japanese-speaking grandparents’ home nearly was my only link to a country I’ve still yet to visit (but plan to eventually), so the opportunity to take part in an organization that holds Japanese cultural events every year was something that struck my interest instantly.

Events like our annual Matsuri Carnival and newer ones like the O-tokonoma festival have exposed me to Japanese culture in new ways. Because I had to promote these events as a part of my job, I would sometimes also have to research certain aspects in order to educate the public who may not always be familiar with certain Japanese concepts, phrases, or words. Throughout my time at the GVJCI, I’ve had the opportunity and the pleasure of watching multiple taiko performances as well as witnessing young kids explore Japanese culture through our week-long TANOSHII Fun Camps. I feel like I was in a unique position to have to learn about these things through internet research and then actually get to see it in action not long after, which brings me to the second part of why working here has been so important to me. I’ve been able to learn about non-profits from the inside and see first-hand how they operate. This is by far one of the most real-world job experience I’ve gotten and it’s been inestimably valuable at that. I even had the opportunity to organize my own donation drive/fundraising event for the GVJ CI called Matsu Matsuri Day. From that I learned so many important things not from what I did right, but from the mistakes I made. I had so much support from everyone who works here, so I never lacked assistance and encouragement, but I definitely learned the imperativeness of pre-planning and trying to tackle problems before they happen. On a final note about my experience, I mostly want to give my thanks and appreciation to the entire GVJCI for the wonderful opportunity to work here! It’s been very special to me, and I will continue to come back and volunteer!

On The Tokonoma...

What’s on display in the second floor Bridge: JCI Heritage Center: Tokonoma? GVJCI volunteer artist Alvin Takamori will be featuring our Manzanar display until late May and then in switching gears to a Matsuri theme! Our Manzanar display will feature photos from the camps from the National Archive, photos and information from past Manzanar Pilgrimages, and a painting by Tokonoma master himself, Alvin Takamori, whose painting was a part of the Henry Fukuhara Manzanar Painting Workshop.

Did the incarceration camps have matsuri/festivals too? For our Matsuri display, we will be featuring photos from the camps during matsuri season so come check it out!