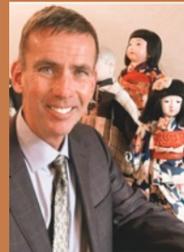


Jcd Newsletter

DIA Events 2024/Jan~Mar

This winter's big event is the **Japanese Friendship Dolls Exhibition**, which will be held from early December 2023 to the end of May 2024. Actually this doll exhibition was planned to be held in 2021, but

from the Ohio History Connection, and **Hiroko Hiroshima** from the Baltimore Museum of Art are the three return dolls, called Friendship Dolls, out of the 47 that still exist and have known



because of the COVID19 and the recent Van Gogh exhibition, which was one of the largest exhibitions at DIA, we needed to postpone it until now. Although it is a big event, the display location was a doll showcase (along the aisle in front of the lecture hall on the first floor), so although it is not physically a big display, there were a lot of wonderful dolls gathered with a lot of historical facts.

Fukiko Akita from the Detroit Children's Museum, **Mariko Osaka**

locations (total number of dolls sent was 58). The story of the Friendship Dolls begins 97 years ago when American children sent blue-eyed dolls to Japanese children for the Japanese Hinamatsuri in March.

On the afternoon of Sunday, January 21st, there will be a lecture by Mr. Alan Pate, one of the world's leading scholar of Friendship Dolls, where you can hear interesting stories related to the dolls.



Lecture by Ms. MIYA ANDO



A lecture by Ms. Miya Ando, an artist active mainly in New York and San Francisco, will be held at Lecture Hall in the evening of March 7th (Thursday).

Two of her works, **"Clouds"**, are exhibited side by side in the "Buddhist Gallery" in DIA's Asian Gallery, so please come and see them.

These works were purchased by JBSD and DIA to commemorate the opening of the "Japanese Gallery," in 2017 which was established as the first step in DIA's path to recovery. At the time, I remember having many meetings with DIA's curator of modern arts when selecting **"Clouds"**.

This lecture is sponsored by DIA's Friends of Modern and Contemporary Arts (FMCA).

This is a free lecture, so why not listen to Ms. ANDO's talk at DIA?

Hinamatsuri 2024

The annual Hinamatsuri, or Girls Day, will be held at the DIA venues on Sunday, March 3, 2024.

In 2013, DIA bankrupted due to the city of Detroit's financial collapse. In 2014, after receiving a court ruling (Grand Bargain) that wrote off a huge amount of debt by collecting a large amount of donations, the DIA began to move the path of revitalization. This campaign also attracted a huge donation of \$3.2 million from Japanese companies and the Japanese community. Then DIA began to be operated from being owned by the city to become an independent nonprofit corporation.

We have put a lot of effort into putting together a program for the annual Hinamatsuri Festival in order to introduce Japanese culture at DIA and to attract as many people as possible to come to DIA. For "Hinamatsuri 2024" at DIA, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary since the year of DIA's rebirth, we are planning to have more people participate in the program than ever before. On the top of this, we will show the **Friendship Dolls** story by Kami-shibai (Storytelling with paper slides) that may help understanding the **Friendship Dolls Exhibition**.

The detailed program will be released in early February 2024. Please visit the websites of DIA, JBSD (Japan Business Society of Detroit), and JCD.

(Photos from Hinamatsuri 2023)



I N F O R M A T I O N

Event List

Japanese Friendship Dolls Exhibition
2023/12~2024/5
Dolls Showcase



Hinamatsuri 2024
2024/3/3 (Sun) Multiple Venues

Lecture by Ms. MIYA 美夜 ANDO
2024/3/7 (Thu) Lecture Hall

Japanese Paper-making workshop for children
2024/3/3(Sun) Studio

More Events Information at
DIA.org JCD-MI.org and JBSD.org

Lecture by Mr. Alan Pate
2024/1/21(Sun) Lecture Hall

Jcd Newsletter will be published with DIA events information for 2~3 times per year.

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