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# Act 48 Workshop Furoshiki Intro

A new initiative from Japan America Society of Pennsylvania

Earth Day, Wednesday April 22, 2009

University of Pittsburgh, 4130 Posvar Hall, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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“Thanks, I don’t need a bag!” How often do you have to repeat this sentence? Whether buying drinks at a convenience store or apples at a supermarket we are overwhelmed with plastic bags. In the US alone, the annual disposal of these shopping bags reaches up to two million tons. As a solution to this escalating garbage problem, “**Furoshiki**”, a square piece of wrapping cloth traditionally used in Japan for carrying things will be demonstrated and distributed. We will explore the history of these colorful cloths, examine other cultures that use similar “green” methods of wrapping and explore how furoshiki can also express personality through design and color.



**Workshop cost: \$20**

Participants will receive:

- An authentic 70 cm cloth and a brochure of folding techniques
- Act 48 credit
- Free parking!

To learn more:

<http://vimeo.com/2321507>

To register:

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