MISSION & ACTIVITIES

2018 is a year of new leadership for the Japan America Society of St. Louis. Founded in 1967 “to promote the exchange, friendship, and better understanding between the people of Japan and the U.S.,” JAS-STL has provided authentic Japanese experiences and fostered business networks and relationships for half a century. We are a 501 (c)3 non-profit, non-partisan, educational and cultural organization governed by a board of 20+ elected members. International Studies & Programs at UMSL provides office space and institutional support for the Society. The JAS...
• is the major information clearing house on Japan in St. Louis, answering over 150 inquiries in a given year—free of charge.
• offers cultural & educational programs every month, including chanoyu (tea ceremony) and ikebana (flower arrangement).
• through the Japanese Activity Committee, coordinates annual programming of the Japanese Festival.
• supports the St. Louis Japanese Language School through an annual fundraising golf tournament. Since 1998, the Society has donated over $60,000 to the School.
• provides translation services, lectures, and demonstrations for local libraries, schools, and other organizations.
• brings business, cultural, and educational programs to the community. For example, creating a youth exchange program between Ishinomaki, Japan, and St. Louis—St. Louis/Ishinomaki Friendship Program. Since 2013, 23 Japanese and American students have participated in this exchange. For more information, visit: http://usjapantomodachi.org/programs-activities/st-louis-tohoku-grassroots-exchange-program/

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JAPAN UPDATE
Urban Farming and Gardening in Japan and the United States

Tonight’s Program

5:30  Welcome
Francois Fraudeau, CEO and President, Novus International Inc
Greg Gorman, President, Japan America Society of St. Louis

5:45  Panel
Technology development and commercialization of high value added plant production in plant factories
Professor Eiji Goto, Chiba University
Opportunities and Challenges of American Urban Agriculture
Kevin Erickson, Loyola University Chicago
Elevated Urban Agriculture in St. Louis
Mary Ostafi, Urban Harvest STL

6:45  Sushi and Sake Reception

8:00  Close

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