



## CAMPUS NEWS

# OHAYO OHIO: A Japanese Symposium

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016 - 12:00PM to MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016 - 12:00PM**

### **Bringing Japan to Yellow Springs**

Ohayo Ohio is a 10-day Japanese symposium and cultural event taking place in Yellow Springs from April 30 through May 9. A variety of workshops, presentations and exhibits on traditional and contemporary Japanese art, culture and language will be offered. "There is something for everyone to enjoy" said Beth Bridgeman, instructor of cooperative education at Antioch College and symposium organizer.

There are events for families as well as experienced artists and seasoned Japanophiles. Free events include a haiku slam; lectures on contemporary Japanese environmentalism, history, papermaking and other arts; a cosplay parade; storytelling; four art exhibits featuring photography by James Lockett, Sarah Strong's participatory installation "The Power of Story," photography of the Antioch College teahouse, Kyoto-based kusakizome artist Mami Adachi's Kimono exhibit (part of the larger "Threads Bared" exhibit currently showing in the Herndon Gallery on Antioch College campus) and more.

Paid workshops will include arts such as raku pottery; washi paper making with MacArthur "Genius Grant" Fellow Timothy Barrett, an alumnus of Antioch College; calligraphy; sushi making; sashiko (Japanese embroidery); gyotaku (fish printing); kusakizome and shibori, (cloth-dyeing techniques); a tea ceremony; a Japanese anime film; suminagashi (paper marbling) for kids and more! These workshops have limited space and require pre-registration and pre-payment.

The Village of Yellow Springs shares a long and storied history with Japan, from the days of welcoming and sponsoring families from internment camps, to Antioch College Professor Earle

Reynolds' assignment to the U.S. Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima after the war, (leading to the founding of the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima), to Antioch College Professor Harold Wright's establishment of the College's exchange program with Kyoto Seika University. Reflecting this strong connection, Japanese is one of the three languages offered at Antioch College.

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