

Japan Fair at “Under the Cherry Tree”

Bring on the blossoms at Under the Cherry Tree and enjoy the Japan Fair with Japanese cultural arts, products and demonstrations in addition to the best of BC's fine crafts. Come experience the food, performances and hands on demonstrations of a family friendly sakura matsuri (cherry blossom festival). Unique eco-friendly Japanese cars and motorcycles on display outside.

Celebrate spring inside the garden at Sakura Days with a tea ceremony, sake tasting, garden tour, plein-air painting and more performances. Bing Thom Architects' Haiku Cherry Tree Installations on display.

When: Saturday, March 28 & Sunday, March 29, 2009 10am - 5pm

Where: VanDusen Botanical Garden, 5251 Oak Street (37th & Oak), Vancouver, BC

Cost: Free admission to “Under the Cherry Tree”. Garden entrance fee applies to “Sakura Days”.

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Presented by the Japan Fair Organizing Committee (Japanese Business Association of Vancouver (Konwakai); Vancouver Mokuyokai Society; Japanese Women's Business Association (JWBA); Vancouver Japanese Business Association (Kiyukai); Japan-Canada Chamber of Commerce and The Canada-Japan Society), Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Society and Crackerjack in conjunction with the Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Japan-Canada Relations.

Bring your friends, family and associates to enjoy cultural, business, craft and food booths, performances and activities.

Performances and Activities:

shishimai (lion dance); taiko (Japanese drums); Japanese dance and songs; Japanese language lessons; garden tours; Urasenke tea ceremony; shakuhachi (bamboo flute) and koto (Japanese harp); kimono demonstrations; calligraphy; origami lessons with Joseph Wu and others; ikebana (Japanese flower arranging); haiku (Japanese poetry); Japanese fable storytelling; and shiatsu (Japanese acupressure massage)

Food and Beverages:

sake tasting; Japanese festival food such as onigiri, takoyaki, yakisoba, hotdogs, snacks, Japanese cream puffs – and much more!

Vendors:

lacquerware; pottery; manga (comics); Japanese travel information; photography; and a variety of the best of BC's fine crafts