

THE SANGHA STREAM

February 2024

MINISTER ARTICLE

Like most things in life if we are going to embrace and follow a certain way of living it has to be something that we have chosen. It cannot be something that someone else has chosen for us and therefore we don't have to think for ourselves. Buddhism is a Path that requires its followers to continually think for themselves, a deep inward reflection rather than a blind following. The Path involves personal effort and patience in understanding the teachings and regardless of where we are on the Path the light of the Dharma inspires us to be kind and peaceful. In the Buddhist scriptures we are reminded that "the Dharma is supreme in the beginning, supreme in the middle, supreme in the end."

A true inward reflection reveals our limitations in understanding the countless causes and conditions which touch our lives. We long to be happy and we would rather forget and not experience undesirable hardships in life. In those transient moments when we feel happiness and joy brought about by worldly successes it is hard to imagine that our world can be turned upside down by causes and conditions beyond our control. Yet, this impermanence is the reality of life in Samsara which we need to awaken to.

The late Rev. Taitetsu Unno shared a story years ago and I would like to share it with us today. *In a deep, abandoned well a lonely traveler hangs in mid-air, clinging to a vine. They had been chased by a lion and, while running away for their dear life, had accidentally fallen into the well. Fortunately, in the fall they caught hold of a vine and in the darkness, though they could not see, they felt safe.*

Aware of their dangerous situation, they firmly grip the vine which is their lifeline, for they cannot see how deep the well is. One thing comforts them in spite of the tension and anxiety: drops of honey which fall intermittently into their mouth. The sweetness of the honey which drips from the bee's hive found at the upper branches of the vine makes the situation endurable and eases the anxiety. But they are unaware of other forces which work on their destiny.



GOMONSHU ARTICLE

The lion is still waiting around the opening of the well, waiting patiently for the traveler to climb out. At the bottom of the well venomous snakes are waiting in anticipation for the moment when the travelers grip will loosen. Above on the vine two huge rats, one white and the other grey, gnaw frantically at the traveler's lifeline. And yet the traveler thinks they are safe and everything is just right. They had fears in the darkness, but the dripping honey occupies their mind, and their thought thinks only of its lovely sweetness.

The Dharma points out that the traveler is us and our vision is limited.

Namo-Amida-Butsu

Robert Gubenco Sensei



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FEBRUARY 2024 MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) SERVICE LIST

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Bruce Kimura

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Kideo Matsumoto
George Nakamura

Ritsuko Nishikawa
Chieko Nishiyama
Larry Sakamoto
Carl Yoshimoto

TEMPLE SERVICE REMINDERS

FEBRUARY SERVICES

- Thursday, February 1st – Buddhism 101 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Sunday, February 4th - Shotsuki/Monthly Memorial Service at 10:00 am
- Wednesday, February 7th - Meditation Body Scan from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Thursday, February 8th – Buddhism 101 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Sunday, February 11th – Nirvana Day (Shakyamuni's Passing) Service at 10:00 am
- Tuesday, February 13th - Meditation and Naikan Reflection from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 27th - Meditation and Naikan Reflection from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Thursday, February 29th – Book Club “Living Nembutsu” from 7:00 to 8:00 pm



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Sunday, February 4th, 2024

C A L G A R Y
DROP-IN
C E N T R E

We'll be providing lunch service at the Calgary Drop-In (DI) Centre.

We leave after the Sunday service around 11:15am and walk over to the DI together or meet there at 11:30am. Ten volunteers are required, and the minimum age is 16 years old.

Go to <https://bit.ly/community-04Feb24> to register and support the community!

WOOL YOU BE MINE?

Sunday, February 13th, 2024 at 2pm

The Calgary Buddhist Temple Sangha Engagement is proud to offer this introductory workshop where participants will have fun learning and working with wool. There will be some hands-on components as well!

We have an engaging presenter who is excited to bring her aptitude to share with us. Come join this wool discovery session and find out what wool can do. Be inspired and learn together with the Sangha!

Everyone is welcome to attend this free workshop but please register at <https://bit.ly/wool-u-b-mine> so we know how many people to expect.

And to go along with the theme and guaranteed to make you smile (or groan):

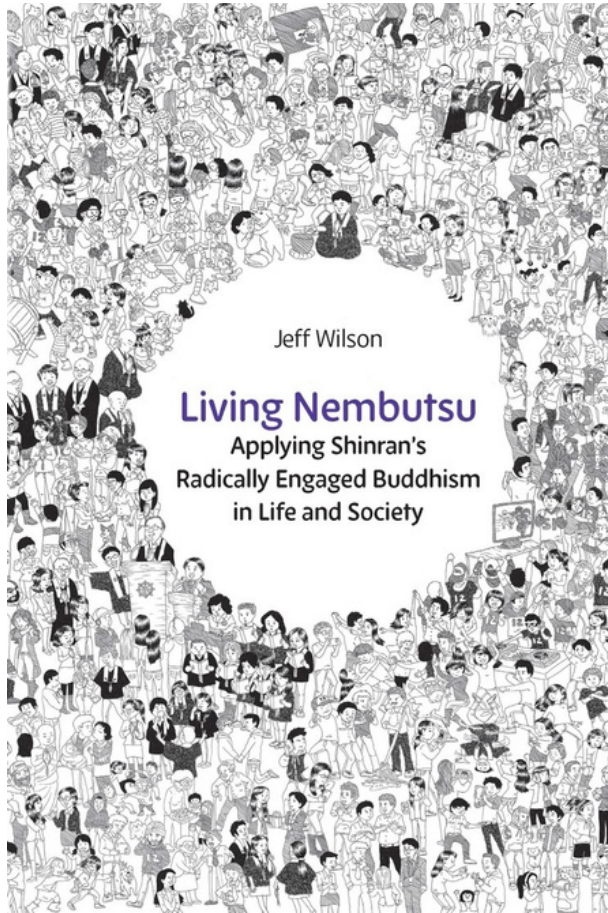
- What's the sheep's moto? All's wool that ends wool.
- What did the sheep parent say to the lamb? It's pasture bedtime.
- What do you call two sheep who are dating? A relationsheep.
- Accidents wool happen. 😊





CALGARY BUDDHIST TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

Sunday, January 21st, 2024 after service



On Thursday, February 29th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm we will be starting the book club by gathering to discuss Dr. Jeff Wilson's recent book: "Living Nembutsu, Applying Shinran's Radically Engaged Buddhism in life and Society".

The 157-page book is regarded as a sourcebook for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists looking to apply Pure Land perspectives to the problems, we face in the world today from an exploration on the life and teachings of Shinran Shonin.

The book club will meet every two weeks on Thursday starting on February 29th and ending on May 23rd. The book club will be held at the Calgary Buddhist Temple and will accommodate both in-person and online participation. Zoom registration will be required to get access to the online participation. Please check the Calgary Buddhist Temple website for the link to the Zoom registration.

Following our completion of reading and discussing the book we have invited the author, Dr. Jeff Wilson, to visit the Calgary Buddhist Temple on Saturday, May 25th in order to have a final discussion regarding the book's central focus. This final discussion will also be held in-person and online.

The Calgary Buddhist Temple currently has 35 copies of the book for sale at a price of \$15.00. Please contact Robert Sensei at calgarybuddhisttemple@gmail.com if you would like to purchase the book from the temple. The book can also be purchased directly from sumeru-books.com and Amazon.ca.



SPRING IKEBANA CLASS

*March 16 and 30, April 13 and 27, and May 11
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm*

Classes will be held on Saturday afternoons at The Calgary Buddhist Temple from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

The 5 classes are a series and the cost is \$250 total including flower material and instruction for Temple members or \$300 for non-members. No refunds for missed classes.

Students must supply their own containers (please ask Rika for a suitable size and shape), scissors and kenzan (frog). Contact Rika if you need help selecting your items but these are not supplied as part of the lesson.



Rika Saruwatari trained under Ms. Takako Yokoyama, and became a certified Shihan (teacher) in 2012.

Rika's contact info: rikaandshiro@gmail.com or call 403-701-0390

JSBTC WOMEN'S FEDERATION DANA DAY

Sunday, March 24, 2024



All donations made at the temple this day or donations made online which are identified “WF Dana Day” will go to the **Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Women's Federation (WF)**. The Dana Day donations are consolidated with Temples across Canada and are directed specifically to national organization(s) promoting social welfare.

Last year, an impressive \$4000 was given out: \$2000 went to Indspire (<https://indspire.ca>), to support Indigenous education, and \$2000 went to the CareMakers Foundation (<https://caremakers.ca>), to empower and assist family caregivers in Canada.

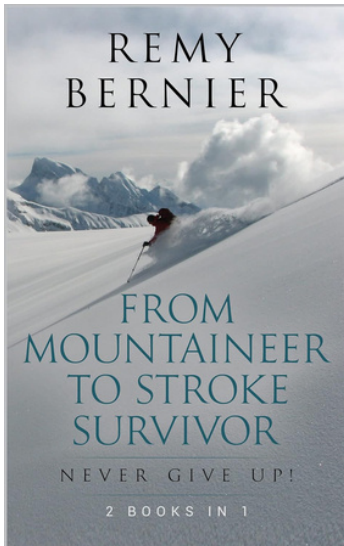
A recent Dana-related article that's inspiring entitled “Remembering Rosalynn Carter's Ties To Hawaii And Project Dana” which can be found at <https://www.civilbeat.org/2023/12/remembering-rosalynn-carters-ties-to-hawaii-and-project-dana/>.

“Dana” refers to giving without thought of receiving something in return. The JSBTC Women's Federation sincerely thank you all for thinking of those less fortunate and for joining together to support others.



FROM MOUNTAINEER TO STROKE SURVIVOR

Sunday, March 24, 2023 – after service



Join us for tea after service and meet the resilient author of “From Mountaineer to Stroke Survivor”, Remy Bernier. Remy started a new life in 2006 due to a stroke. Prior to his accident, he was thriving as an aspiring mountain guide. Now, the right hemisphere of Remy’s body is paralyzed, and his coordination, speech and vision have been affected. Remy has been attending the Calgary Buddhist Temple for several years and we are fortunate that he is an active member of our Sangha. He continues to raise the bar in everything he does, and he is an inspiration to the world.

This is an opportunity to learn about and from his experiences. “Is suffering a severe stroke the end of the world, or the beginning of a different kind of life?”



PAST WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

HERE MOCHI, MOCHI, MOCHI

On Sunday, Jan 21, we combined our mochi making with the Ho'onko service and lunch which was a fun and wildly successful event. With the Dharma Time kid's help, the mochi was a tasty treat and we were able to share with the Sangha the hope that everyone will have a happy, healthy, and wonderful 2024.

Thank you to everyone for coming!





PAST WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

THANKS TO ALL OUR CASINO VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to work at our casino on January 3 and 4th at the ACE Airport Casino. This was the largest fund-raising event on our calendar and the money we raise will be put towards maintenance, expenses and temple upgrades.

We recognize that it is a big commitment that often requires taking off a day from work, traveling long distances and giving up time away from family and other commitments. Thanks especially to those volunteers who were able to switch shifts or who signed up at the last minute to fill open slots.

On behalf of the Temple

Doug Hironaka



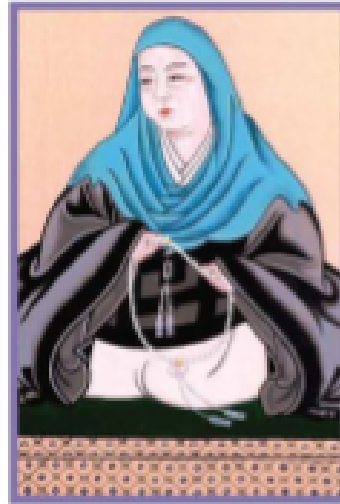
Doug Cruickshank	Tracee Sano	Barrie Robb	Masaya Tanaka
Christopher Trollope	Nicole Chen	Larry Henderson	Candy Tedford
Kiyoko Miyanishi	Russ Hironaka	Terry Yasui	Kate Jarosz
Susan Huntley	Sara Clark	Alex Henderson	Bonnie Brinker
Laura Sugimoto	Susan Kitagawa	Leslie Howard	Robert Gubenco
Chris Huntley	Jean Masuda	Jackie Henderson	Yuko Ono
Kim McCormack	Mary Nishi	Kyra Baki	Jocy McCormack
Belle Auld	Ester Halton	Catherine Hillaby	Lester Ikuta
Dan McCormack	Danielle Dellandrea	Debbie Hayashi	Laurie Takeda
			Mickey Ikuta



LEARN ABOUT THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION

Have you ever wondered about the Women's Federation and what they do? The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Women's Federation, Women's Fed or simply the WF, began in 1976 and is now an active standing committee, under the JSBTC, made up of member temple representatives.

The committee endeavors to follow in the footsteps of prestigious Buddhist women such as Eshinni, Shinran Shonin's wife, Kakushinni, Shinran's daughter, and countless women who have dedicated their lives to the practice of the Jodo Shinshu teachings and the spreading of the dharma. They are an inspiration, and the WF honor and endeavour to follow their example.



Eshinni



Kakushinni

Why is it important that the WF exist?

Although the WF is not active in every JSBTC temple, they offer opportunities for all temples to participate.

- Directs donations to national charities supporting social well-being.
- Offers financial assistance to the Canadian ministers and youth through available funding programs.
- Offer coordination across Canada regarding involvement in the World Buddhist Women's Conventions (WBWC).
- Coordinate activities across Canada such as the Minister's Appreciation Month.
- Provide presentations that are of interest to a national audience.
- Provide two WF Secretary Generals who represent Canada at international meetings.

Being part of WF

- Membership to the WF is \$15 per person. Your temple can collect from individuals in their temple, or the temple can pay their membership - by doing this your temple has a temple representative on the Women's Federation committee.
- Individuals do not have to go through a temple and can become a member as an individual with no voting privileges. A person does not need to be a Temple member to join the WF nor be female. The WF is open to all.
- The fee is used to support internal operations such as the Zoom account, offices expenses such as mailings, in addition to supporting travel for temple representatives to attend an annual committee meeting.



LEARN ABOUT THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION

- By being a WF member, individuals can participate in activities exclusive to WF members such as attending the WBW Convention (motion pending). The 18th WBWC will be in 2027 in Hawaii!
- The WF is a proud District of the World Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) which includes Japan Buddhist Women's Federation, Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Association, South America Buddhist Women's Association, and Buddhist Churches of America.

WF Aspiration

- The WF strives to honor all Buddhist women and share the teachings of the Buddha. The wish is to be a vibrant and inclusive organization that promotes Jodo Shinshu Buddhism for all Canadians.



A picture from the past of some of the amazing ladies of the Calgary Buddhist Temple who touched our lives and whom we wish to honor by supporting and being active today in the Women's Federation.



JAPANESE CANADIAN SURVIVORS HEALTH & WELLNESS FUND (JCSHWF)

The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund will open for online applications on February 1, 2024 and remain open until March 31, 2025.



Monument

joint initiative with BC Government

A monument in Victoria, the province's capital, is being planned to honour all 22,000 Japanese Canadians who were forcibly uprooted and displaced from their BC coastal homes. The monument will be overseen by the BC Ministry of Citizens' Services through proper procurement protocols.

"The dream and vision for the monument is that it will envelope the origin story of Japanese Canadians who settled in cities, towns, and villages, primarily along the coast. The tactile names on the wall will help to recognize individuals and families and where they lived before the forced uprooting, seizure and forced sale of assets, incarceration, internment, permanent dispossession, and two waves of displacement. We hope there will be a digital version of this project wherein people can search for the names and where they are situated on the monument."

– Susanne Tabata, CEO JC Legacies Society

Monument Database

In preparation for the project, a research team at the University of Victoria, under the direction of Michael Abe has developed a database of names from 14,500 Library and Archives Canada case files in addition to multiple databases. This research has been ongoing from January 2023 through January 2024. This list of names contains Japanese Canadians who were uprooted and displaced from the "designated protected area". An additional list of those born to these uprooted families during the time of restriction from uprooting to April 1, 1949 is also being developed.

Important Message from the Database Team

Thank you everyone for your valuable and important input to the Monument database project. Since the consultation with the community started on June 1, 2023 we've fielded input from over 900 community members. Our research team have been diligently researching each and every one of your enquiries and will continue to do so to the end of January when we wrap up the project.

We still need your help to ensure our list is as accurate as possible. Please review the database for spelling, omissions and locations and share this request with other JC relatives and friends.

The link to the website is <https://hcmc.uvic.ca/project/monument>

Ensure that you refresh any pages you may have visited before by holding the shift key and clicking the reload button in your browser.

We welcome English and Japanese forenames, provided they are legal names and not nicknames. Do not send any birth certificates, etc., just let us know that they appear on a legal document or on a gravestone, etc. You can send links to obituaries or scans of obituaries from newspapers if necessary.

We also ask that you review the area that your family was uprooted from. Often the custodian file reported multiple locations, please be sure to confirm with us where they were living at the time of the uprooting.

There are many people who had family in Japan at the time of the uprooting who couldn't return. Because we do not have the ability to identify every single person who was in this situation, we are unable to produce a complete name list. We are working on a way to honour these people as a group but unfortunately we won't add a partial list of names to the wall.

Send information that needs to be changed in the monument database to monument@jclegacies.com by January 23, 2024.

Please note that it is outside of our scope and resources at this time to make adjustments to the Landscapes of Injustice database.

Thank you,

Michael Abe, Project Director, and Monument Database Research Team



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Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund Society January 2024 Update

Happy New Year to you and your family! Akemashite omedeto gozaimasu! 明けましておめでとうございます

Dear Japanese Canadian community,

With the new year, we can reflect and report on the status of The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund Society and our operating plan going forward. We must apologize and explain the delayed opening of the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund.

健康福祉基金のお申込み開始が遅れておりますことを心よりお詫び申し上げます。

We are deeply sorry for the delay in the opening of the application of the Health and Wellness Fund.

Kenko-Fukushi-Kikin no Omoushikomikaishiga Okureteorimasukotowo

Kokoroyori Owabimoushiagemasu.

Many in the Japanese Canadian (JC) community have been asking about the status of the Survivors Health and Wellness Fund or thought that they missed the opportunity to apply. We are working diligently to improve the online application system and develop a communication and operating plan to reach more Survivors to inform them of the grants that will be available to apply for soon. The grant application has not opened yet, but our commitment to open in early 2024 remains.

Unfortunately, there have been several setbacks, and these impacted the opening of the Survivors Health & Wellness Fund. We (Board and staff) are equally frustrated at the status; significant changes have occurred to turn things around with the sole objective of making this happen as quickly as possible. Behind the scenes, we are actively trying to reach more Survivors to inform them of the grants. We continue to work diligently to ensure that the online application system meets the needs of the grants program and applicants. This includes capturing the necessary Survivor information in a way that is easy and efficient, as well as making sure that the information is secure and protected. We knew that we needed to supplement our skeleton staff to help with Survivor outreach. As of December 2023, staff to support Survivors submitting their applications were onboarded. These Outreach Workers are quickly getting up to speed for the launch. More information will follow on the regional Outreach Workers and the process to outreach to JC communities.

We understand that there are many Japanese Canadian Survivors who didn't know nor apply for Grant 1 (\$650) in 2021. When the 2024 Survivors Health and Wellness Fund opens, Survivors who did not receive a grant in 2021 will be able to apply for Grant 1 (\$650) and in addition all eligible Survivors will be able to apply for another grant stream (Grant 2) to support their out-of-pocket health and wellness expenses. The application process will be for both the Grant 1 (\$650) and the new health and wellness support grant (Grant 2). One cheque per applicant will be disbursed.

Please check our website jcwelness.org regarding the grants, their amounts, eligibility criteria, and frequently asked questions.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, I sincerely appreciate your continued patience as we develop a robust and efficient application process with the necessary support and respect that our Japanese Canadian Survivors deserve. If you have any comments or concerns on the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund, please feel free to contact me directly.

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JC LEGACIES UPDATES



JAPANESE CANADIAN LEGACIES

Community Projects Recipients



Vancouver Japanese Language School, 1955

Category One | Japanese Canadian Organizations

BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation

Project 1: Manning Park Retreat
Project 2: BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Convention

Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Society

Taiko Start-up Project

Chojukai

Reunion Tour Project

Edmonton Japanese Community Association

Youth and Elder engagement and the Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi website

Greater Toronto Chapter, National Association of Japanese Canadians

Kokoro – Heart, Mind, Spirit Film Festival

Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association

Project 1: Japanese Cooking Classes
Project 2: Legacy Year Project

Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon

15th Anniversary Celebrations

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre

Japanese Canadian Generational Conference

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre of Montreal

Revitalization and Updating of Archives

Japanese Community Volunteers Association

Tonari Gumi "My Voice" Project

Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba, Inc

Culture Workshops and Celebrations Series

Japanese Dementia Support Association

Laughter Yoga

Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association

Raiden Taiko 20th Anniversary Celebration

Kita no Taiko Society

Project 1: Taiko Conference
Project 2: Guest Taiko Instruction

Kokoro Dance Theatre Society

"Love, Sex, & Death" Butoh Project

Manitoba Buddhist Temple

Project 1: Manitoba Buddhist Temple History Preservation
Project 2: Bento Box Project

MH Pacific Media Inc.

Interviews with Survivors – Research Project on the Survival
& Revival of the Japanese Canadian Community

Momiji Health Care Society

Seniors Active Living Centre Expansion

Nagata Shachu Japanese Taiko and Music Group

Tour with Ms. Toki Tataru

Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre

Project 1: NNMCC Auxiliary Community Gathering
Project 2: Rintaro Hayashi Translation project

Nikkei Place Foundation

Nikkei Place Visual History Project

Nikkei Research and Education Project (Nikkei Voice)

Nikkei Voice Website and Digitization Project

Nikkei Seniors Health Care and Housing Society

Seniors' Obento Lunch Delivery Program

Ottawa Japanese Community Association

Project 1: Natsu Maturi Event
Project 2: Tonomi/Go Together

Ottawa Japanese Cultural Centre

Mochitsuki 2023

Powell Street Festival Society

Project 1: 50th Anniversary Retrospective Exhibition
Project 2: Catalogue Cultural Sensitivity Training to Nourish
Japanese Canadian Resilience

Quebec Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians Inc

Farnham Memorial Project

Shintani Art & Design Inc. (DBA Shintani Gallery)

untwisted Perspectives Project

Vancouver Buddhist Temple

120th Anniversary Luncheon

Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall (VJLS-JH)

Project 1: The Japanese Cultural Hub Project
Project 2: VJLS History Club Project

Vancouver Sakurakai Mikoshi Society

Connecting Japan and Canada – International Cultural
Exchange

Vancouver Taiko Society

Echoes: Celebrating 45 years of Taiko in Canada

Vernon Japanese Cultural Society

VJCS Film Festival

Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society

VNCS 30th Anniversary Celebration

West Coast Healthy Memory Society

Smile Brain Program



Salt Spring Island Central School, 1929

Category Two | Non-Japanese Canadian Organizations

Abbotsford Judo Club

Dojo Update

Asian Heritage Society of Manitoba Inc.

Exploring Japanese Canadians in Manitoba

Historic Joy Kogawa House Society

Karakoro Performance Group Production of "Naomi's Tree"

Nanaimo Judo Club

New Equipment & Lighting Upgrades

Nelson Izu-shi Friendship Society

Cultural and Taiko Drumming Workshops

RAW Taiko

2024 Toronto Taiko Festival

Salt Spring Island Historical Society

Archives Website Upgrade and Curriculum Development Projects

The Prince Takamado Japan Centre for Teaching and Research, University of Alberta

The Gordon Hirabayashi Legacy Video Project



JC LEGACIES UPDATES

Community Projects Recipients



Taber Japanese Ladies Group Garden Revitalization

Category Three | Unincorporated Japanese Canadian Groups

Canadian Japanese Hockey League

Hockey Uniform Upgrades

Dana Family Bowling League

Bowling Team Capacity Building

East Lillooet Seniors Garden Committee

Garden Improvements

EJCA Calligraphy Club

Calligraphy Classes with Master Calligrapher

Friendly Foragers

Japanese Foraged Food Research, Expeditions, and Cookbook

Fujikawa Garden Committee

Fujikawa Garden Project

George Shintani and Samurai Sword Podcast Committee

Family Sword Podcast Podcast

Japanese Canadian Book Club

Book club meetings, discussions, and purchase of books.

Japanfestival Sudbury

2024 Japan Festival Sudbury

Kaminari Wan Taiko

Taiko Workshops, Repair & Storage

Kamloops Japanese Canadian Museum & Archives

KJCA Museum and Archives Website Development

Kikiai Collaborative

ensoku 2024

Kochi Yosakoi Ambassador KIZUNA International Team

Bringing Yosakoi Culture to the Community

Kyodai Arts Collective

2024 Cross-Canada Meetups

Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association

LJCA Branding – West Thunder Community Centre

Living Sky Taiko

Taiko Purchase & Workshops

Mata Ashita

Mata Ashita: Japanese Canadian Writer's Circle

New Denver Ikebana Project

Presentations: History and Beauty of Traditional Ikebana

Vancouver Nisei Baseball Committee

Preservation, Education, and Cultural Celebration of the Vancouver Nisei Baseball Team

Powell Festival Salmon Barbeque

2024 Powell Street Festival Salmon Barbeque

Shochikubai Kai

ShoChikuBai Talks

Salt Spring Island Japanese Community

Salt Spring Island Taiko Group

Steveston Kendo Club

60th Anniversary Steveston Kendo Club Tournament

Steveston Senior Japanese Group Club

Meetings & Bento Lunches

Suzuran Odori of Hamilton

Empowering Isolated Japanese Canadian Communities

Taber Japanese Ladies Group

Garden Revitalization, Plaques, & Celebratory Gathering

Taiko Stepping Collective

Taiko and Stepping Collaboration with Montreal Steppers

Toronto Buddhist Church Buyo Group

Kimono & Accessories Purchase

Toronto Buddhist Church Obon Odori Group

Obi, Fans, & Yakuta Purchase for Obon 2024

Ten Ten

Workshopping & Rehearsals of New Works

The Dōjin Japanese Arts Society

2024 Japanese Arts Salon & Workshop Series

The Kimono Remake Project

Kimono Storytelling & Cultural Sharing Projects

Tobu Canada Wakayamakenjinkai

New Year's Eve Celebration – Honouring Our Elders

Toronto Japanese Garden Club

HANA-MI Festival 2024

Toronto Next Generation Youth Council

Community Connections Space

Toronto Shigakenjinkai

Spring and Fall Social Events & Memorial

Vancouver Go Club

Beginning Go Classes & Club Marketing

Vancouver Hiroshima Club

2024 Spring Luncheon

Vancouver Mikoshi Rakuichi

Rakuichi's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Vernon Taiko

Attendance at the Seattle Taiko Conference

West End Nisei Bowling League

May 2024 Wind Up Luncheon

Wynford Seniors Club

Seniors' Outreach & Japanese Culture Workshops

Yamabiko Taiko

Ryo Shimamoto Performances & Workshops

The successful recipients listed have yet to finalize their Community Projects grant agreement process. The list is subject to change. Until the agreement is signed, we ask that successful applicants refrain from publicly announcing funding from the JCLS, whether on social media, in press releases, newsletters, etc.



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JAPANESE CANADIAN LEGACIES

Scholarship Recipients Intake 2

"The Advisory team on the Scholarship stream have wholly impacted the shape of the entire community fund. It was on Scholarships that 'Descendants' became the focus of the fund. It was on this advisory that all forms of post secondary studies were encouraged. Scholarships were the first stream to open and its guidelines were shaped by the wisdom, courage, and conviction of George Iwama, Lisa Domae, Kirsten McAllister & leader David Moritsugu. They were joined by Richard Kobayashi, a Vancouver Island University Electrical Trades instructor, and Bev Ohashi, the Director and Principal of Laureate College in Burlington Ontario. As we stated in Intake 1, this group emphasized the importance of this transgenerational legacy, along with presenting the clear goal to include and encourage applicants who are studying vocational and career studies, including trades. We are also deeply grateful to the Assessment Team who juried the process and set protocols for evaluation. The Scholarships stream was the first intake of the Community Fund and our goal was to be able to provide as many grants as possible to as many descendants as were eligible." — Susanne Tabata, JCLS CEO

CATEGORY 3

JC Legacies Scholarship

Robert Tod Duncan
Elizabeth Yuriko Fujita
Kayley Erin Kiyoko Hirose
Jane Komori

CATEGORY 1 & 2

Samantha Eve Adachi
Nevin Taro Alexander
Keaton Gwynn Allen
Luke Fletcher Alsop
Erik Andersson
Brandon Kazuo Arai
Ethan Philip Arai
Kobe Nolan Arai
Erik William Arts
Mika Elizabeth Asano
Paige Michelle Bandura
Taylor Ann Maria Barbieri
Kyle Scott Barrett
Jasper Bell
Caitlin Akiko Bergin
Maya Tatebe Berman
Courtney Akiko Bishop
Madelyn Bosgra
Sara Hanako Breitkreutz
Tiffany Yuko Brilliant
Austin Murray Ko Briscoe
Miles Kenji Buck
Jeremy Isaiiah Ken Capadouca
Alexandria Morgado Caricari
Adrian Caricari
Victoria Nicole Masaye Chapman Kopot
Kristianne Akimi Kawai Cheong
Karalyn Emiko Cheong
Kelly McLaughlin Chihiro
Cameron Gabriel Harutora Chikamori
Naomi Anne Chong
Midori Lyssa Clark-Baba
Connor Clark-Baba
Riley Tyler Clark-Baba
Jared Trevor Clarke
Zach Tyler Clarke
Madison Ryan Cooper
Eva Christine Yume Cowley
Adrienne Emiko Currell
Mathew Akio Davies
Ryan Takeo Davies
Maddison de Beaupre

Andrew Kenji Delage
Heather Ryoko Donohoe
Adam Kiyoshi Drazic
Kaitlyn Shizue Dunning
Adam Matthew Ebisuzaki
Chloe Midori Ebisuzaki-Reaney
Hannah Kazuko Edney
Carly Natsumi Elder
Timothy Grant Yasuo Ellis
Alyssa Emi Esaki
Elizabeth Evans
Matthew Shigeo Feldman
Aidan Haruki Finnie
Faith Tamami Fujimoto
Miya Tomiko Fujimoto-Johnston
Bianca Mariko Fukakusa
Conrad Okujiro Fukuzawa
Maiella Johanna Gallo
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