



## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival, April 23-24, 2016

The Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities Committee is sponsoring the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, 2016 at Cupertino's Memorial Park. This fun family festival honors Cupertino's sister city relationship with

Toyokawa, Japan by sharing Japanese arts & culture with the entire community. Hours are from 10 AM to 5 PM, admission is FREE, entertainment is FREE, and parking is FREE at De Anza College (Lots A&B).

Indoor cultural exhibits and demonstrations take place throughout the day in the Quinlan Community Center, featuring music and dance performances and cultural displays, demonstrations, workshops, and hands-on activities presented by professionals, non-profits, and special interest groups.

Outdoor entertainment is held at the Amphitheater and includes Taiko drum groups, Japanese dancers, various martial arts, and musical performances throughout the day. VIP festival guests, local government, school board members, and students selected for the annual cultural exchange program will be introduced at noon on Saturday. Throughout the lawn areas will be arts and crafts exhibits and special interest groups such as Japanese dog and koi fish clubs. Children's activities feature hands-on arts & crafts and a petting zoo. Local high school service groups will lead games/crafts.

**NEW for 2016-** Japanese cultural arts and crafts will be grouped at the Cupertino Senior Center – on the patio and inside the building. (Vendors may apply at [www.festivalproductions2.com](http://www.festivalproductions2.com))

Food and drink include sushi, spam musubi, gyoza, asian chicken salad, yakisoba, mochi, teriyaki chicken skewers, hot rice, shave ice, fruit bowls, kettle corn, cotton candy, coffee, smoothies, beer, sake, plum wine, sodas and lemonade.

### **Entertainment Schedule** (as of March 2, 2016 and subject to change)

#### **Saturday April 23, 2016 – Outdoor Amphitheater**

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| <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Opening Remarks-</b> Master of Ceremonies - Bill Nishimoto  |
| <b>11:05 a.m.</b> | <b>Sunnyvale Suzuki Violinists</b> (children's group)<br>Instructors: Jackie Corina, Hiroko Nishimura, Hisako Mori, Yukie Nakano               |
| <b>11:35 a.m.</b> | <b>TBA</b>   |
| <b>12:10 p.m.</b> | <b>Welcome Remarks and Introductions of Honored Guests</b><br>Honorable visiting dignitaries and the 2016 CUSD student delegation & chaperones |
| <b>12:35 p.m.</b> | <b>The Fine Arts Commission</b>  |

Commissioner: Diana Argabrite, Director of Arts and Schools,  
Euphrat Museum of Art at De Anza College

- 12:40 p.m. San Jose Taiko** (Japanese ceremonial drums)  
Executive Director: Wisa Uemura  
Artistic Director: Franco Imperial
- 1:25 p.m. Yamasho Kai/Awakko Ren Awa Odori** (Japanese Song/Dance)  
Artistic Directors: Shogo Yamada and Rimiko Berreman
- 1:50 pm Satsuma Dojo (Karate: art of self-defense)**  
Chief Instructor: Jay Castellano
- 2:20 p.m. Northern California Naginata Federation** (martial arts)  
Directors: Martin Nobida and Chad Goertzen
- 2:50 p.m. Cupertino Judo Club** (Olympic sport since 1964)  
Instructor: Rose T. Knudsen
- 3:20 p.m. Aikido of Silicon Valley** (classical martial art)  
Instructor: Alice MacAllister
- 3:50 p.m. Halau Na Wai Ola/Island Moves** (hula)  
Director: Kau'i Isa-Kahaku
- 4:10 p.m. Watsonville Taiko** (Japanese ceremonial drums)  
Artistic Director: Ikuyo Conant
- 4:50 p.m. Closing Remarks** - Master of Ceremonies - Bill Nishimoto

### **Indoor program - Quinlan Center, Cupertino Room**

- 11:30 – 11:50 **Aloha Nani Hula Dancers**  
Dancers from Cupertino Senior Center
- 12:00- 12:30 **Ensohza Minyoshu**  
Traditional Japanese folk music and dance
- 12:45 – 1:15 **Wesley Ukulele Band**
- 1:30 – 2:10 **Kiyonomoto-ryu** - Japanese classical dance  
Instructors: Katsunami-kai, Minako Ohara. Katsuno-kai, Kazuko Nishimura
- 2:25 – 3:15 **Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto Koto Studio**  
Koto(Japanese stringed instrument) ensemble
- 3:25 – 3:55 **San Francisco Kimono Day**  
Kimono dressing demonstration
- 4:05 – 4:35 **Mixed Chorus Kakehashi**  
Conductor: Yumiko Shiraiwa, Pianist: Minako Amakawa

### **Sunday April 24, 2016 Entertainment – Outdoor Amphitheater**

- 11:00 a.m. Opening Remarks** - Master of Ceremonies - Bill Nishimoto
- 11:05 a.m. Okaigan Karate Dojo** (Karate)  
Chief Instructor: Mary Crawford
- 11:30 a.m. Palo Alto Kendo** (fencing)  
Head Instructor: Dr. Walter Hashimoto  
Instructor: George Nishiura
- 12:00 p.m. Western Aikido Yoshō Kai** (martial arts, “Way of Harmony”)  
Instructor: Tom Blackburn
- 12:30 p.m. Stanford Taiko** (Japanese ceremonial drums)  
Artistic Directors: Sarah Yamamoto and Justin Meier
- 1:15 p.m. Kodenkan Jujitsu Dojo** ( Japanese martial art)

Head Instructor: Prof. Tony Janovich

- 1:45 p.m. Azama Honryu Seifu Ichisenkai Mototake Kinuko Okinawan Dance**  
Instructor: Kinuko Mototake
- 2:15 p.m. Okinawa Eisa Shima-Daiko** (Okinawan dance and drum)  
Artistic Director: Saori Higa-Simas
- 2:30 p.m. Cupertino Judo Club** (Olympic sport since 1964)  
Instructor: Rose T. Knudsen
- 3:00 p.m. Aikido of Silicon Valley** (classical martial art)  
Instructor: Alice MacAllister
- 3:30 p.m. Emeryville Taiko** (Japanese ceremonial drums)  
Director: Susan Horn
- 4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks** - Master of Ceremonies - Bill Nishimoto

**Indoor program - Quinlan Center, Cupertino Room**

- 11:00 – 11:30 **Japanese Tea Ceremony Demonstration**  
Urasenke Soko Kobara Shachu
- 11:55 – 12:40 **Japanese Art & Cultural Center (JACC)** - Karate, Kendo/Iaido, Kyudo  
(Japanese archery) demo  
Instructors: Akihiro Omi , Steve Scott
- 12:55 – 1:25 **Marimo Kai** - Koto (Japanese stringed instrument) group
- 1:40 – 2:00 **Studio Mai** - Japanese traditional dance  
Director: Suzu Kajihara
- 2:10 – 2:45 **Shamisen Fujimoto Hideki-kai and students** - Japanese traditional music  
Instructor: Hideko Nakajima
- 2:55 – 3:20 **Yamato Buyo Kenkyusho** - Japanese classical dance  
Instructor: Yamato Suzunojou
- 3:25 – 3:55 **Essence** – Japanese music ensemble  
Shakuhachi (Japanese flute): Masayuki Koga  
Piano: Dale Tsang
- 4:05 – 4:35 **Ryusei Honryu Chikaho-kai** – Okinawan dance and music  
Instructor: Tomoko Makishi

## **Cultural Exhibits/Demonstrations**

### **Quinlan Center, Saturday and Sunday**

**Bonsai (miniature trees and plants)** – ongoing demonstrations

Midori Bonsai Club: John Thompson, President

**Ikebana (flower arrangement)**

Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America: Yoshiko LeSage

**Hands-on Craft** – ongoing activity (Sunday only)

Sora Classic Arts: Taka Nakauchi

**Northern California Sword Club**

Sean Sweeney

**Student Art Work Exhibits** – a collaborative art work inspired by *Maneki-neko*, Japanese beckoning cat

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**Suiseki (scenic rocks)**

Kashu Suiseki Kai

**Sumi-e (brush painting)** – ongoing demonstrations and activity

Ami Wada and students

**Washi Ningyo (Japanese Paper Doll)**

Rochelle Lum

**Nihon Shishu (Japanese embroidery)** – ongoing demonstrations

Lynda Fu

**Sumi-e (brush painting)** – ongoing demonstrations and activity (Saturday only)

Shirley Kinoshita

**Origami (paper folding)** – ongoing demonstrations and activity

San Francisco Origami Club

**Hachimaki (headband design and stamping)** – ongoing activity (Saturday only)

Cupertino Toyokawa Sister Cities

**Soroban (abacus)** – ongoing demonstrations and activity (Sunday only)

Yumi Blohm

**Shodo (Japanese calligraphy)** – ongoing activity

Yukiko Tanaka

**Ikebana (flower arrangement)**

Wafu School of Ikebana, Fusako Hoyrup

**Japanese Doll Display** – ongoing demonstrations

**Kamigamo Style Mataro Kimekomi Doll Miyabi Kai, Northern California Shibu,**

Masanori (Isako) Wasano – Instructor

#### Behind Quinlan Center

#### **Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club**

*Koi*, carp exhibit

**Shiba Inu Dogs**

Shiba Inu Fanciers of Northern California

**Akita Dogs** (Saturday only)

Akitainu Hozonkai: Los Angeles Branch

