

Misawa Summer Festival August 23, Thursday- 26, Sunday at Main street and the American Park 1-9p.m.

Special Events:

- 23 Aug, Thurs: "Matsuri Bayashi" or Festival Music Competition.
 24 Aug, Fri: Opening "Dashi" Float Parade
 25 Aug, Sat: Children's Parade, traditional Japanese performing arts displays, and "Mikoshi" Parade (an international affair!).
 26 Aug, Sun: Closing "Dashi" Float Parade

Want to Join Us? Help us carry a "Mikoshi"!

Here's another unique opportunity to experience Japanese culture, hands-on! The Misawa International Association is looking for people who can help carry local *mikoshi*, for the Mikoshi Parade. A *mikoshi* is commonly translated as a "portable shrine" but is better understood as a diety palanquin, to allow the local diety to join the *matsuri*. [This practice is similar other religious parades, where figures of Christ or other saints are carried through the streets.] All are welcome, including babies in strollers!

When: 25 August (Saturday) at 4 pm.

Where: Meet along White Pole Road of American Park.

Costs (non-refundable): Includes rental costumes, BBQ, drinks, and insurance.

Adults— ¥1,500

Children, 4 - 12 yrs: ¥500

Children, 0 - 3 yrs: Free



For more details and to sign up, please contact the Misawa International Association at:
 phone: 0176-51-1349 email: miyuki@saikophoto.com

Misawa International Association News

New classes are starting!

English Conversation Class: Sep 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6 and 13, Tuesday
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ¥3,000 for 10 classes

English Class for Beginner: Sep 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6 and 13, Tuesday
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ¥2,700 for 9 classes

English Class for Intermediate: Sep 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6 and 13, Tuesday
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ¥3,000 for 10 classes

Chinese Class: Class : Sep 24, Oct 1, 22, 29, Monday / **Cooking class:** Oct 15, Nov 5, Monday
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ¥1,800 for 6 classes

Hangul Class: Sep 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Tuesday
 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ¥1,800 for 6 classes

Japanese Class: Sep 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6 and 13, Tuesday
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ¥3,000 for 10 classes

All classes are limited to 20 students.

For more information and/or to sign up,

please contact the Misawa International Association by:

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Wenatchee Valley Delegates are Coming!

On Aug 22, Wednesday, delegates from our Sister City- Wenatchee Valley, WA- will arrive in Misawa City. During their stay, they will visit many places and learn about Japanese culture, such as the following:

- Misawa Air Base
- Tonami Clan Memorial Park,
- Misawa Aviation & Science Museum,
- Misawa Fishing Port

- Sushi making
- Tea ceremony
- Japanese Flower arrangement
- Japanese Calligraphy
- Wearing Kimono

The delegates will also join in the afternoon Parade of the Misawa Summer Festival on 25 August, Saturday!

When you see the Wenatchee Valley delegates, please give them big welcome and help them enjoy their visit to Misawa City. Let's make this a memorable visit for everyone!



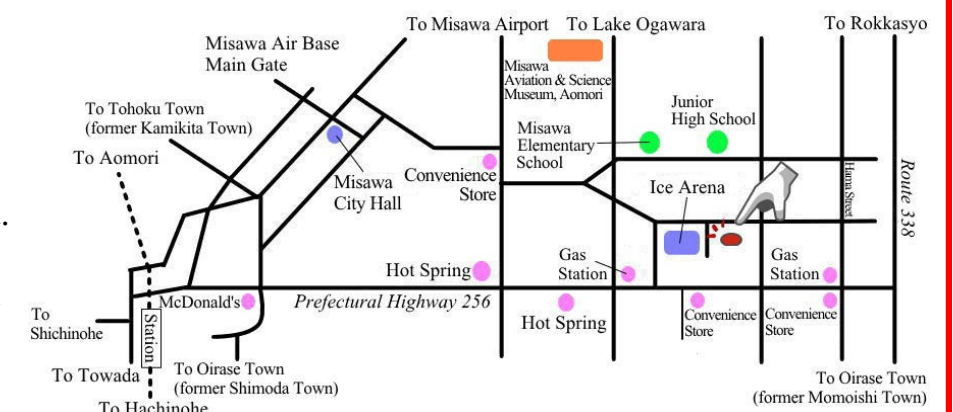
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Shuji Terayama Museum Festival Summer 2012

Do you know the artist, Shuji Terayama? He was an Avant Garde poet, dramatist, writer, film director, and photographer during the Japanese new Wave (cinematic era). Because his works were very symbolic and provocative, he was also known as "a word alchemist".

He was born on 10 December, 1935, the only son of Hachiro and Hatsu Terayama, in Hirosaki City, Aomori prefecture. Because his father was a police officer, the family moved often around the prefecture. During World War II, Shuji's father did not survive. Afterwards, Shuji was sent to live with relatives in Misawa City, while his mother worked on a US military base in Kyushu.

Shuji was such a prolific artist, producing more than 200 works. His better known works include "書を捨てよ、町へ出よう" (Throw Away Your Books, Run into the Streets!) in 1970, "田園に死す" (Death in the Country) in 1974, "青ひげ" (Bluebeard), "イエス" (Yes) and more!

This summer, the Shuji Terayama Museum will celebrate its 15th Anniversary. Please join us!

For more information, please visit their

<http://terayamaworld.com/kinen/> (Japanese ONLY)



28 July – 21 October: "Letters from My Youth". A special exhibit featuring about 150 pieces of correspondence by Shuji to his teachers and friends.

4 Aug (Sat), at 1 pm: "Letters from Shuji Terayama". A program featuring a talk show, Shinto dance & music performance, and a recitation of Shuji's work.

4 Aug – 5 Aug 2012 weekend, from 11 am – 3 pm: "Mushi Mushi Koro Kora Park, Jr." This is for the kids! Featuring special exhibits of Play & Art, Imagination & Experience, and an artistic play area.

5 Aug (Sun), from 11 am – 9 pm: "Music Museum, Volume 3". Featuring music by local bands and artists!

19 Aug (Sun), from 11 am – 4 pm: "Jazz Museum, Volume 1". A live jazz outdoor music concert, featuring such groups as the Tate Band, Page – 1, Spiral, Good Life and more!

Tonami Farm Fiesta

5 Aug, Sunday, starting at 9 am.
At the Tonami Clan Memorial Village

What is life on a farm? Come and find out at this festival! Attractions include cow milking, live music, bingo and more!



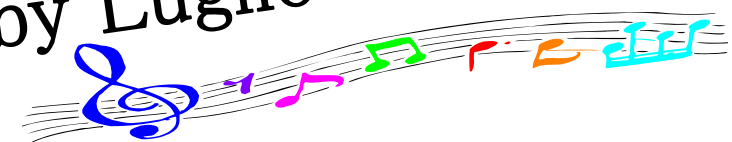
Misawa Port Festival September 2, Sunday at the Misawa Fishery

The 28th Annual Misawa Port Festival will be held the first weekend of September, to pray for the recovery of the Misawa Fishing Port. Come and join the fun! Experience many events and customs unique to this fishing community, such as dog fighting, specialty dishes, a children's sea-shell game, a boat race and more!



8:30 am Tosa-dog fighting
Japan-US Boxing Match
9:30 Children's Play Area will open
10:00 Celebration Parade for
Bountiful Catch
11:00 Yosakoi Dance Performance
1:00 pm Boat race (open to 16 yrs/+)
7:00 pm Fireworks

Classic Concert by Luglio Concertino



**Classical Music Concert
by Luglio Concertino**

Featuring the soprano singers:

Ms. Nakako Inada, Ms. Yuriko Soejima, and Ms. Shigeko Hatai.

Accompanied by Mr. Shingo Sato.

On 1 Sep 2012, Saturday, at 6 pm.
in the Small Basement Hall of the Misawa Civic Center.

Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Admission: FREE!

Hear such songs as:

"Trout Quintet" by Schubert

"O Mio Babbino Caro" by Puccini

As well as other Japanese songs and songs of autumn.