

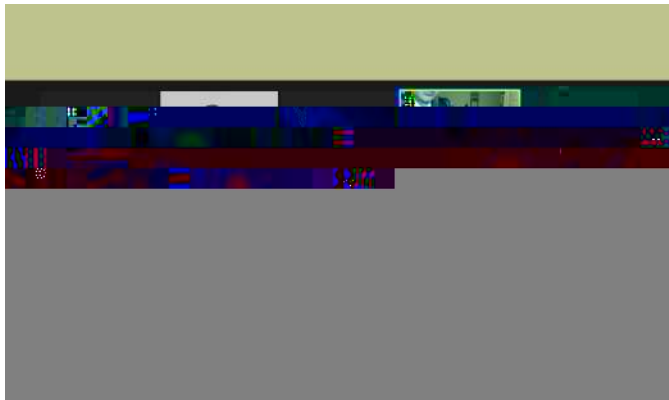
Monthly Newsletter curated by Nanaka Okamura, JJOI Outreach Initiatives (JOI) Coordinator

## HINAMATSURI

On March 3, Michigan 4-H members, and former JOI coordinator, and four current JOI coordinators from Oklahoma, Nebraska, North Carolina, and North Dakota held a joint Hinamatsuri event. Participants enjoyed quizzes, origami, songs, and other Hinamatsuri-related events all day, and planned to jointly organize an event related to Kodomo no Hi.

## #EDAMAMECHAMP

The #EdamameChamp event was held at VCU on March 16 and at the Jackson County Public Library on March 19. A total of 20 people participated in the two events, ranging from children to adults. #EdamameChamp is an annual spring campaign by T able for T vo to promote healthy eating through Japanese cuisine focusing on soy and to raise funds for teaching healthy eating to more children.



## JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY DEMONSTRATION

On March 21, students from UNC-Chapel Hill's JAPN 418 hosted a tea ceremony demonstration with former VCU JOI coordinator Ms. Suzuki. Several students from VCU attended and learned about the tea ceremony. Her explanation of the meaning of the different tea ceremony words was very interesting. The tea ceremony demonstration was very quiet and beautiful.

## JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION

On March 22, a reception was held at the Jackson County Public Library for a Japanese Calligraphy exhibition. This exhibition will be on view through the end of April, and we encourage you to visit. We hope you enjoy all 13 works and their respective commentaries.

The Rotunda Gallery at Jackson County Public Library  
310 Keener St., Sylva, NC 28779

