Welcome to our 36th annual Japanese spring celebration honoring Toyokawa, Japan, Cupertino's Sister City.

Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday and Sunday, April 27 & 28, 2019
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Welcome to the 36th annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival!

On behalf of the Cupertino City Council, I am pleased to welcome you to Cupertino for this two-day cultural celebration that draws thousands from all over the Bay Area. The Toyokawa Sister City Committee volunteered countless hours to put this event together and we applaud them for their success.

Cupertino is proud of its connection to Toyokawa, Japan. As you enjoy this weekend’s festivities, you will see many beautiful cherry trees in Memorial Park, which were gifts from the City of Toyokawa. These trees serve as the inspiration for this event, as well as a reminder of our friends in Toyokawa. Over the years, we have enjoyed learning about each other’s cultures through delegations, student exchanges, and of course, our festivals.

Due to the hard work, long hours, and complete dedication of our Toyokawa Sister City Committee, there were several delegation visits between the two cities this year—a Cupertino student delegation visited Toyokawa in June, and in September a Toyokawa student delegation visited Cupertino. Last year marked the 40th anniversary of the relationship between Cupertino and Toyokawa. An adult delegation including Toyokawa citizens and Mayor Yamawaki visited Cupertino in July 2018, while Cupertino residents and Mayor Darcy Paul visited Toyokawa in November.

We thank and applaud the volunteers, parents, teachers, and students who keep alive the link between Cupertino and Toyokawa, and help build a global community of respect and understanding.

I hope you enjoy the entertainment, participate in the demonstrations, and taste the delicious food during your time here. Thank you for coming!

Sincerely,

Steven M. Scharf
Mayor
City of Cupertino

Cupertino City Council
Liang Chao, Vice Mayor
Darcy Paul
Rod Sinks
Jon Willey

To all the participants of Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival,

The beautiful cherry blossoms finished falling and the season of fresh green has come in Toyokawa. In Japan, the cherry blossom season is a good time to begin new things. Sometimes people face some difficulties by challenging new things, however, continuous efforts will bear fruit someday.

Our sister-city exchange program celebrated the 40th anniversary last year, and both cities conducted the adult delegations including Mayors and many citizens for its celebration. I believe that the cities became tied firmly and the citizens deepened the understanding of the city and friendship mutually through the adult delegations. I am deeply grateful to all relevant people and express my respect for their hard work toward this program.

May this good relationship last forever. Best wishes for the success of the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival.

Sincerely yours,

Minoru Yamawaki
Mayor of Toyokawa

In December, 1978, Councilman Daniel O’Keefe visited Toyokawa for the official signing of the Sister City declaration. Several months later Vice-Mayor Daniel O’Keefe lead the first official adult delegation of 12 Cupertino citizens to visit Toyokawa.

Early in 1983, a delegation from Toyokawa visited Cupertino to present a gift of 200 cherry trees commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister City program. The trees have flourished in Memorial Park. As the cherry trees have grown, the bond between the cities and their people have also grown.

At the annual Cherry Blossom Festival we celebrate the blossoming of the trees and the many special friendships which have grown through the Sister City adult and middle school student homestay exchange programs.

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Cherry Blossom Festival Committee

Alysa Sakkas - Chairperson

Steve Akimoto
Vinod Balakrishnan
Yoshiko Bartell
Meenakshi Biyani
Angeles Elizondo
Fran and Jerry Ellis
Sharon Fong and Wesley Lau
Hiroko and David Frederick
Jean Gasperini
Sheldon Hambrick
Trisha and Virgil Klein

Thank You!

Kelsey Hayes, Recreation Department
Brian Gathers, Grounds Supervisor and their respective staff members
Brian Babcock, Public Information Officer
Sharon Hirozawa

Gochi Restaurant - Cupertino
Abundant Life Assembly of God
SignMySigns, Santa Clara
Starbucks, Hobee’s- Cupertino
Noah’s Bagels – San Jose
Sprouts, Trader Joe’s – San Jose

Thank You to all who attend and help make our Cherry Blossom Festival a big success!
Mayor of Toyokawa Festival.

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In December, the bond between the cities and their people have also grown. In September a Toyokawa student delegation visited Cupertino. Last year marked the 40th anniversary last year, and both cities are looking forward to a new decade of sister city relations.

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Thank you to our generous Sponsors

Congratulations to the Cupertino Union School District middle school students and chaperones selected as the 2019 student delegation to Toyokawa, Japan.
11:15 a.m. Opening Remarks
    Master of Ceremonies - Bill Nishimoto

11:20 a.m. Suio Ryu Iai Kenpo USA
    Instructors: Gerardo Torres and Bruce Mitchell

11:50 a.m. Maikaze Taiko (Japanese drums)
    Artistic Director: Bruce Ghent

12:10 p.m. Welcome Remarks and Introductions of Honored Guests
    Honorable visiting dignitaries (listed on Food Vendors page)
    and the 2019 CUSD student delegation and chaperones
    Presentation honoring Bill Nishimoto

12:40 p.m. Maikaze Taiko (Japanese drums)
    Artistic Director: Bruce Ghent

1:05 p.m. The Fine Arts Commission
    Commissioner: Diana Argabrite, Director of Arts and Schools
    Euphrat Museum of Art at De Anza College

1:10 p.m. San Jose Taiko (Japanese ceremonial drums)
    Executive Director: Wisa Uemura
    Artistic Director: Franco Imperial

1:55 p.m. Satsuma Dojo (Karate: art of self-defense)
    Chief Instructor: Jay Castellano

2:25 p.m. Northern California Naginata Federation (martial arts)
    Directors: Martin Nobida and Chad Goertzen

3:05 p.m. Cupertino Judo Club (Olympic sport since 1964)
    Instructor: Rose T. Knudsen

3:35 p.m. Aikido of Silicon Valley (classical martial art)
    Instructor: Alice MacAllister

4:05 p.m. Watsonville Taiko (Japanese ceremonial drums)
    Artistic Director: Ikuyo Conant

4:50 p.m. Closing Remarks
    Master of Ceremonies - Bill Nishimoto

(Schedule Subject to Change)
The Shiba Inu Fanciers of Northern Calif. was formed in April of 1998, with 29 charter members. It has since grown over the years to a record 82 members and a current roster of 64 members. The Club holds monthly meetings, and all members are encouraged to attend. The Club has two classifications of membership – regular and associate. Regular is for active members who frequently attend meetings and wish to participate in the planning and execution of club functions. Regular members are expected to attend meetings and they are eligible to vote and hold office. Associate members have all the privileges of regular members, such as access to the “members only” section of the website and notification of all events, but they may not vote or hold office.

The SFNC has sponsored and participated in many different activities. This includes hosting the Annual Shiba Parties for the last 29 years, manning an educational booth at the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival for the last 20 years, providing public education at the Cow Palace bench show for the last 21 years and participating in the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival parade. The SFNC has its own website (www.sfnc.org.), and Facebook page. Within them is information relating to the club and activities.

The SFNC is an AKC-licensed club and has held 21 independent AKC Regional Specialties. In 2019, there will be two shows on May 17 & 18 at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the “Shiba Party”. We hope it will be special. It marks 30 years of dedication and perseverance of the Shiba community to the dogs they love. We will again feature the rescue dogs, the dedicated people who save them, and the new owners who open their hearts and homes to these wonderful Shibas. Last year there were over 200 Shibas and 400 people in attendance. Watch the website and Facebook page for additional information.
Cultural Exhibits/Demonstrations
Quinlan Center
Saturday and Sunday

**Inside Quinlan Center**
- **Bonsai** (miniature trees and plants) – ongoing demonstrations
  Midori Bonsai Club: Jack Christiansen, 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 “Year of the Pig” inspired display
  Fine Arts Commission – City of Cupertino
  Diana Argabrite – Director, Arts & Schools, De Anza College Euphrat Museum of Art
- **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
- **Kimono Dressing Try-Out** – (12:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Saturday only)
  San Francisco Kimono Day
- **Origami (paper folding)** – ongoing demonstrations and activity
  San Francisco Origami Club
- **Shodo (Japanese calligraphy)** – Students’ work display and 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 - Outdoor**

Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club
- **Shiba Inu Dogs**
  Shiba Inu Fanciers of Northern California
- **Akita Dogs** (Saturday only)
  Akita Hozonkai: Los Angeles

**Japanese Artisan Pavilion at the Cupertino Senior Center**
- **Japanese Style Vendors offering arts & crafts**
- **Student Artwork from Cupertino’s Sister City – Toyokawa, Japan**
- **Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities**
- **Photographic Timeline**

**On the Deck**
- **Craft Making**:
  Koi Fish Kite & Tatami Mat Coasters – (Saturday only)
- **Hachimaki (headband design and stamping)**
  (Sunday only)
- **Soda Booth**

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Cultural Entertainment
Quinlan Center
(Cupertino Room - Stage)

**Saturday**

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<td>Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto Koto Studio – Koto (Japanese stringed instrument) ensemble</td>
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<td>Essence – Shakuhach(Japanese flute) ensemble</td>
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