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URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR FESTIVAL OF NATIONS BAZAAR BOOTH

The Festival of Nations will be held April 30, Thursday through May 3, Sunday at RiverCentre in St. Paul. **Currently we are in significant need of volunteers for Friday anytime and Saturday night.**

Free admission tickets (value \$13.50) will be provided. We have not been able to get parking passes but there will be free Metro Transit for Festival days on the Festival of Nations website. A list of reasonable lots will be provided and carpooling is encouraged.

The Saturday and Sunday morning shifts are over subscribed so if you volunteered, please check the website at tcjacl.org/fon to be sure you are not on the alternate list. Alternates are encouraged to sign up for a different shift if they still are able to participate.

We need a couple of guys to help load and unload the moving truck between 4:30 and 7:00 PM on Tuesday, please contact Karen Lucas at katalucas@aol.com or call 952-270-3278. Storage site is in the south Minneapolis area and our move in time is scheduled at 6 PM at RiverCentre in St. Paul.

To volunteer you can go to our website at tcjacl.org/fon and sign up. If you prefer you can call or e-mail Karen Lucas at the contact information in the previous paragraph and sign up.

Thanks for supporting the Twin Cities JACL!!

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Want to recommend a young person for a Twin Cities JACL Scholarship?

We would like to identify current high school, middle school, elementary school, and pre-school students!



Please send the name, address, high school graduation year of your child / niece / nephew / grandchild / friend to Pam Dagoberg
dagob001@tc.umn.edu

Once received, their name will be added to the scholarship database And they will receive an application during their senior year.



In the news: *Peter Kirihara, son of Lucy and Mikio Kirihara on the front cover of Mpls St Paul magazine in February.*

SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 16

12 - 4 pm

Rosland Park in Edina



TWIN CITIES JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE (JACL)

ONLINE/SILENT AUCTION

May 10-May 17 (Items will be on display at
opening ceremony)

Dear Friends,

This online/silent auction is the last of our fundraising efforts to support the exhibit titled, **“Japanese-Americans in the Military Intelligence Service during World War II”**. This exhibit of unique wartime photographs will be on display at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center and is sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society and the TC JACL. The opening ceremony and reception will be held at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center Auditorium on Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

This auction is a continuation of an earlier online auction (April 4-April 16). For your bidding pleasure we are pleased to offer many wonderful auction items, the majority of them “vintage”. Items have been graciously donated by several people. One of the donors, Phyllis Jokyll, worked for the US Embassy in Tokyo during the early 1950’s. Steve Ozone, a committee member and noted Twin Cities artist, whose works have received much acclaim donated one of his beautiful prints (see item #43).. Louise Platt and Jean and Wayne Takeshita donated items that they have treasured for many years.

We know you will find something to interest you and hope you will bid often. Remember that all of the proceeds will benefit the exhibit and related programming. Questions can be directed to nayem001@umn.edu. Thank you for your support.

Co-chairs: Sally Sudo and Carolyn Nayematsu of the JACL Education Committee.

ONLINE AUCTION RULES

Online email bids will be accepted starting May 10, 2015. Email your bid to nayem001@umn.edu with the following information: your name, email address, telephone number, item #, item description, and bid. You can bid on as many items as you would like. Also, bids will be accepted on May 17 at Fort Snelling. All email bids will be listed.

You will be notified that your bid(s) has been received.

Because the online auction concluded April 16 and the deadline for the Rice Paper submission was April 13, it is possible that the items you bid on were sold during the first phase of the auction. If so we will try to notify you via email.

Items can be picked up at Fort Snelling on May 17 after the ceremony. If unable to attend, you will be notified by email if you have won the item and where the item can be picked up.

Payments may be made by check, payable to TC JACL Education Fund, or cash. We cannot accommodate credit cards.

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JACL Silent Auction Items

(Note: Estimated values listed. Feel free to submit your best offer.)



Item #1: rectangular Imari style porcelain dish 8" x 4.5" X 1 3/4" (donated by P. Jokull)

Value \$20



Item # 2: round Imari style porcelain dish 5" circumference (donated by P. Jokull)

Value \$20



Item# 3: Japanese Imari style porcelain dish 7" x 4.5" x 1 3/4" (donated by P. Jokull)

Value \$20

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Item # 4: four black and gold stackable lacquer trays, 9 ½ “ square, 1 ¾” H (donated by P. Jokull)

Value \$30

Item #5: two red lacquer trays 8 1/3 “ square, 1 ¼ “ H (donated by P. Jokull)

Value \$30

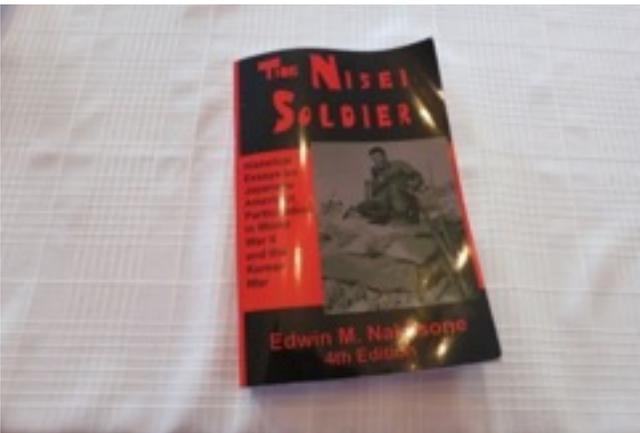


Item # 6 kime komi ningyo picture, 10 3/4” x 9 ½” (donated by C. Nayematsu) Value \$15

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Item # 7 red lacquer tray 14 1/4" square, (in original box (donated by P. Jokull) Value \$40



Item # 8 and #10 Two copies of Nisei Soldier by Edwin Nakasone (donated by E. Nakasone) Nisei Soldier is the stories of Japanese American citizens participation in and experiences with events of WWII and Korean War. Copyright 2007. Value \$21.95



Item #11 Assorted Wooden boxes (all empty) Value \$5

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Item # 12 Books about Japan: *Stepping Stones and Japanese Floral Art* by Rachel Cott, *We Japanese* (1950), *Geisha of Pontocho* (1954), by P.D. Jenkins, *Things Japanese* by Basil Ball Chamberlain, and Japanese Fairy tale *Chin Chin Kobakam*—this book appears to be quite old as evidenced by the paper. (donated by P. Jokull) Value \$15



Item # 13 Sadao Watanabe print 23" x 18", 5/150, 1965 (donated by L. Platt)

Value \$400

Sadao Watanabe (1913-1996) is a famous Japanese print maker noted for his biblical prints rendered in mingei fashion. He used kozo or momigami paper, which is a kneaded paper. The donor visited the artist's workshop in the 1960's.

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Item# 16: 4 imari (has possible imari marking on bottom) style rice bowls (donated by P. Jokull) beautiful red with pine trees. Value \$30



Item# 17: 6 black and gold lacquer soup bowls with lids—each bowl has a unique design with matching lid (donated by L. Platt) Value \$150



Item #18 blue and white ceramic bowl and stand—appears old (donated by P. Jokull) Value \$40

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Item #21: 2 two miniature porcelain bowls 3"x2" H (small chip in one) (donated by C. Nayematsu)
Value \$8



Item #24 antique silk kimono (dry cleaned but small spots) (donated by C. Nayematsu)
Value \$30



Item #25 5 donburi bowls with lids (donated by P. Jokull) Value \$40

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Item #26, vase 12" H x 4 5/8" W (donated by P. Jokull) Value \$40



Item #27 red and black lacquer soup bowl (donated by P. Jokull) Value \$10



Figure #30 jade bracelet (1 loose link) (donated by L. Platt) Value \$20

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Item #31 Japanese table (zotaku) 45" x 23 1/2" x 14 (a couple of small nicks, heavy) P. Jokull had this table made for her while she was posted at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo in the 50's. She thought it was made of cherry wood . (donated by P. Jokull) Value \$350



Item #33: Japanese letter holder 9 1/2 " H x 7 1/8" w (donated by Jean Takeshita) Minimum bid Value \$10



Item #34: Pair bronze etched metal Japanese vases, over 50 years old, 7 1/4" H 10 1/2 " circumference (donated by Jean Takeshita) Value \$25

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Item# 35: Pair sake decanters , 8 1/2 " H x 13 1/2 "circumference, donated by Jean Takeshita
Value \$20



Item # 36: pair tea cups approximately 4/12 " H x 10" circumference donated by J. Takeshita Value
\$10

Item #37 six blue and white chawan mushi porcelain cups with lids, 3" H x 9 3/4" W donated by J.
Takeshita Value \$40



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Item #38 beautiful Arita porcelain brocade plate and stand, 12" circumference, 52+ years old, donated by J. Takeshita Value \$50



Item #39 ceramic figurine 7 1/2" H, donated by J. Takeshita Value \$15



Item #40 Empress and Emperor Girls' Day Doll (hina ningyo), 3 3/4" H x 3 1/2" W, porcelain, donated by J. Takeshita Value \$20

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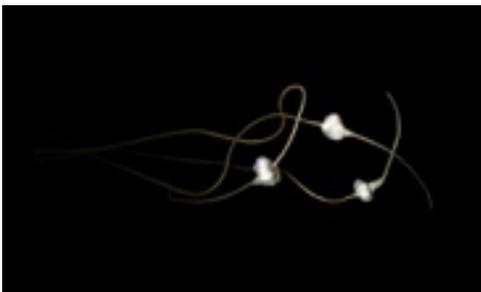


Item #41 six mother of pearl butter knives in beautiful silk case (donated by L. Platt) Value \$25



Item #42: Twice Heroes: America's Nisei Veterans of WWII and Korea.

Value \$20. This book is new but arrived slightly damaged. San Francisco writer and photographer Tom Graves spent over a decade collecting stories of this fast disappearing generation of heroes who shed their blood to prove their loyalty, and in doing so, forever changed America. The author combines his "conversations: with the veterans and his portraits of them. The title, Twice Heroes, echoes President Truman's words to the Nisei soldiers, "You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice, and you have won." (taken from book cover)



Item #43 Garlic Scapes #2. Pigment print on fiber-based paper by Steve Ozone, 12"x20"x2". Mounted in shadow box. Value \$500

Steve Ozone is a well-known and award-winning Minnesota artist and a member of the JACL Education Committee.

Steve says this about his creations: When my Japanese and Chinese grandparents left Asia, they saw America as a new start and believed in the necessity of leaving the old ways behind. The result: my generation-sisters, brother, and cousin have lost much in the way of culture and language in realizing our elder's assimilation dreams. My work aims at reconciling the tensions between what I feel I've lost versus what I've gained in the attainment of the "American Dream". Through this exploration of my heritage and origin, I also seek to reconcile the tension that exists in being both Japanese and Chinese. This-tension is born of a history my American born sisters, brother, and cousins and I have no responsibility for and only a vague awareness of, yet it shaped our parents view of the world, and therefore, our foundational understanding as well. To date, much of my work has explored this warring and internment history through images of food and portraiture.

*Minnesota's Secret WWII Weapon:
JAPANESE AMERICANS
In the Military Intelligence Service*



PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT
Historic Fort Snelling Visitors Center

200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul, MN
(612) 726-1171

*Exhibit Opening
& Reception*
Sunday, May 17, 2015
1:00 pm

2015 Free Public Exhibition Dates
April 24 - July 5
August 25 - October 31
See www.historicfortsnelling.org for hours

Co-sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society (www.mnhs.org) and the Twin Cities Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (www.tcjacl.org)

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Sponsoring a Trip to Japan for Five Japanese American High School Students

Apply Now!

Washington, D.C. - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan will sponsor a group of five Japanese American High School Students to travel to Japan from June 26 - July 7, 2015. This program seeks to promote mutual understanding and exchanges between Japanese and younger generations of Japanese Americans, and gives the students an opportunity to visit and learn about Japan. Students with multiracial backgrounds and the children of first generation Japanese immigrants are encouraged to apply. The trip is scheduled to include a visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, tours of Tokyo and the Kansai area, and a home stay experience.

Applicants should submit their application materials to their nearest Consulate General office or to the Embassy if they reside near Washington, D.C. Applications are due by May 1, 2015.

For further information, please contact Jennifer Usyak at [213-617-6700 ext. 166](tel:213-617-6700)
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