



HISTORY of Mid-Hudson Japanese Community Association

The Mid-Hudson Japanese Community Association, Inc. (MHJCA) is operated as a not-for-profit organization, created and supported by individuals, families, professionals and corporations from the Mid-Hudson Valley region of upstate New York. The MHJCA's activities are organized and carried on a volunteer basis by the members. Membership is opened to those of any culture and ancestry. MHJCA has been offering enrichment program to local communities including schools and public libraries since 2005. We share our knowledge with local people through demonstrations and educational presentations to introduce its beauty and our heritage in Japanese art and culture including the important elements of the philosophy and spirituality. The mission of MHJCA is to help create a bridge for local people, especially new generations, to connect to Japan and its unique and extraordinary culture.

- 10/2001 : Limited group activities by several Japanese and American residents in the Mid-Hudson region started for cultural exchange purpose.
- 04/2002 : The official name of organization "Mid-Hudson Japanese Community Association (MHJCA)" was established.
- 09/2003 : The Mid-Hudson Japanese Community Association, Inc. was officially incorporated and filed as a not-for-profit organization.
- 02/2005 : The official events for members and public programs started - Cooking class, ceramic class, field trip, New Year's party, social luncheon and cultural program workshops for members were held first time this year. Cultural workshops opened to public - Demonstration of Tea Ceremony, Calligraphy, Temari, Origami and Kimono Kitsuke were provided at the local schools and public libraries. The cultural program at the Beacon Folk Festival and some of the workshops at local libraries are the joint venture collaborated with Dutchess County Arts Council (later called Arts Mid-Hudson) and have become our regular events.
- 05/2012 : The 10th Year Anniversary, "Japan Day", was held in LaGrangeville, NY.
- 07/2012 : Tanka workshop was added for members.
- 12/2014 : Provided 9 cultural programs at local schools & libraries and 17 social programs for members including 13 culture workshops in 2014.
- 12/2015 : Provided 11 public cultural programs at local communities including schools & libraries and 16 social programs for members including 13 workshops in 2015.
- 04/2016 : The 501.c(3) Tax Exemption status was approved by IRS effective 04/07/16.
- 12/2016 : 13 public cultural programs incl. Nodate & 11 social programs were held in 2016.

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