

第二十五回  
日本秋祭り

25<sup>th</sup>  
Annual



FACE COVERINGS  
RECOMMENDED  
AT INTERACTION  
POINTS



# JAPANESE Fall Festival

## SEPTEMBER 10-12

**Fri., Sept. 10**  
5-10 p.m.

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\$7 Adult

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**Sat., Sept. 11**  
11 a.m.-10 p.m.

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\$10 Adult

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**Sun., Sept. 12**  
11 a.m.-6 p.m.

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\$7 Adult

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\$3 children 12 yrs. & under, FREE children 2 yrs. & under

## Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at Springfield Botanical Gardens

Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave.

GARDEN SPONSORED BY Simmons Bank

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# SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday, September 10 • 5-10 p.m.

## STAGE PERFORMANCES

- 5:15 p.m. **Kizuna**, traditional dancers
- 5:50 p.m. **Uzumaru**, ensemble Yosakoi dancers
- 6:10 p.m. **Opening Ceremony**
- 6:25 p.m. **St. Louis Osuwa Taiko**, ensemble drummers
- 6:40 p.m. **Yasu Ishida**, magic storyteller
- 6:55 p.m. **Uzumaru**, ensemble Yosakoi dancers
- 7:20 p.m. **St. Louis Osuwa Taiko**, ensemble drummers

## ACTIVITIES

Dusk **Candlelight Walk**



## Ongoing Daily Throughout the Festival

*Availability varies; please check posted schedules.*

- **Art Tent**
- **Vendors and Artisans**
- **Souvenir and Snack Tent**
- **StoryWalk®**
- **Children's Activity Area**
- **Concessions**

Saturday, September 11 • 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

## STAGE PERFORMANCES

- 11:50 a.m. **KiRa-KiRa Springfield**, costume role play dancers
- 12:15 p.m. **Tracy's Kenpo Karate**, martial artists
- 1:05 p.m. **The Shandies**, local musicians, performed in Isesaki in 2019
- 1:40 p.m. **Yasu Ishida**, magic storyteller
- 2:15 p.m. **Uzumaru**, ensemble Yosakoi dancers
- 2:45 p.m. **St. Louis Osuwa Taiko**, ensemble drummers
- 3:20 p.m. **Kizuna**, traditional dancers
- 3:55 p.m. **Lancaster Station**, local musicians, performing in Isesaki in 2022
- 5 p.m. **Break**
- 6:05 p.m. **Yasu Ishida**, magic storyteller
- 6:40 p.m. **Uzumaru**, ensemble Yosakoi dancers
- 7:10 p.m. **St. Louis Osuwa Taiko**, ensemble drummers
- 9 p.m. **Miku Concert**, hologram projected performance presented by Springfield Cosplay

## ACTIVITIES

- 2 p.m. **Martial Arts Workshop**, \$5 suggested donation (pre-registration required, online or at souvenir tent)
- 5:30 p.m. **Bonsai Workshop**, \$60/Individual, \$70/Couple (pre-registration required, online or at souvenir tent)
- Dusk **Candlelight Walk**

Sunday, September 12, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

## STAGE PERFORMANCES

- 11:30 a.m. **Tracy's Kenpo Karate**, martial artists
- 12:20 p.m. **Springfield Cosplay**, costume role players
- 12:55 p.m. **Uke 66**, local musicians, performed in Isesaki in 2017
- 1:35 p.m. **Yasu Ishida**, magic storyteller
- 2:10 p.m. **Uzumaru**, ensemble Yosakoi dancers
- 2:40 p.m. **St. Louis Osuwa Taiko**, ensemble drummers
- 3:30 p.m. **KiRa-KiRa Springfield**, costume role play dancers
- 4:05 p.m. **Kizuna**, traditional dancers
- 4:40 p.m. **Springfield Cosplay**, costume role players

## ACTIVITIES

- 2 p.m. **Martial Arts Workshop**, \$5 suggested donation (pre-registration required, online or at souvenir tent)

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EXIT to Scenic Ave.

# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual JAPANESE FALL FESTIVAL

OVERFLOW  
PARKING



ENTRANCE

Dog Water Station



Japanese  
Garden  
Pavilion &  
Restrooms

Wedding  
Deck

WORKSHOP AREA

PERFORMANCE  
STAGE

Moon  
Platform

Bleacher Seating

ART  
TENT

Asian  
Artique

Tracy's Kenpo  
Karate

CHILDREN'S  
ACTIVITY  
AREA

Machiai

Pagoda

Waterfalls

Wisteria  
Island  
Pergola

FOOD COURT

Baker's Delight  
Heart of the Ozarks Sertoma  
Lae's Authentic Egg Rolls  
Springfield-Greene County  
Park Board Concessions

Moon  
Bridge

Zig-zag  
Bridge

Gazebo

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Browse souvenirs, festival t-shirts,  
and Japanese snacks and beverages.



SOUVENIR AND  
SNACK TENT

Dr. Tada  
Tribute

The Bonsai  
Guy

A Garden For  
Everyone

STORYWALK® -  
SADAKO'S  
CRANES

ALL  
Anime

Meditation  
Sand Garden

- Paved trail
- Gravel path
- Stepping stones
- Wooden bridge



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# ABOUT the PERFORMERS



## **KiRa-KiRa Springfield**

[facebook.com/kirakiraspringfield](https://facebook.com/kirakiraspringfield)

KiRa-KiRa Springfield is a local costume role play (cosplay) group which performs cover dance routines, particularly those from the popular Japanese series, *Love Live!* Cosplay is an art that originated in Japan.



## **Lancaster Station** • [lancasterstation.com](https://lancasterstation.com)

Lancaster Station is a vocal quartet featuring Ron Marshall, Sydney Young, Sheila Davis and Jeffery Kastner. They perform complex harmonies covering hits from the 60's-80's and some 2000's. They will perform at Isesaki's next Summer Festival. Donate to their trip at [peacethroughpeople.org/lancaster](https://peacethroughpeople.org/lancaster).



## **Springfield Cosplay** • [facebook.com/sgfcosplay](https://facebook.com/sgfcosplay)

Springfield Cosplay was formed during the 2015 Japanese Fall Festival and works to connect cosplayers of all ages and skill levels with one another. Costume role play (cosplay) is an art that originated in Japan. In celebration of their 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they are hosting a hologram projected concert Saturday night featuring Miku, a Vocaloid software voicebank character.



## **St. Louis Osuwa Taiko** • [stltaiko.com](https://stltaiko.com)

St. Louis Osuwa Taiko was founded in 1986 by Grandmaster Daihachi Oguchi of Suwa, Japan, St. Louis' sister city. The group performs Japanese ensemble drumming (kumi-daiko) on large drums (taiko) to promote and preserve the art while fostering understanding between Japanese and American cultures.



## **Kizuna Japan America Friendship Group**

Kizuna Japan America Friendship Group is local to Springfield and works to create bonds (kizuna) between Japanese and American cultures. The group facilitates Japanese culture workshops on tea ceremonies, traditional dances, activities, exercises, kids' games, and more.



Sister Cities would like to remember and honor Fianna Megumi Hansen, a member of Kizuna, who lost her battle with cancer earlier this year at just age 15. She, along with her family, was a very active participant in the Fall Festival, performing authentic dances with the Kizuna group, modeling kimonos, and helping with the Tea Café and Tea Ceremonies. Her contributions are hugely appreciated and she is greatly missed.

## **The Shandies** • [facebook.com/springfieldshandies](https://facebook.com/springfieldshandies)

The Shandies is a performing duo made up of Shannon Stine and Natalie Włodarczyk. They play an eclectic mix of folk, pop, country, and rock with an Ozarks twist. They traveled to our sister city of Isesaki, Japan, in 2019 to perform in Isesaki's Summer Festival.



## **Tracy's Kenpo Karate** • [tracyskenpo.net](https://tracyskenpo.net)

Tracy's Kenpo Karate is Springfield's original, authentic, and traditional Japanese martial arts (kenpo) studio. Chief Instructor Anthony Verburgt is a ninth-degree black belt and a direct student of Great Grandmaster Al Tracy.



## **Uke 66** • [uke66.com](https://uke66.com)

Uke 66 is a performing and teaching ukulele duo made up of Dr. Rick and Karen Maxson. They support the growing ukulele community in the Midwest particularly through teaching grown-ups how to play. They traveled to our sister city of Isesaki, Japan, in 2017 to perform in Isesaki's Summer Festival.



## **Uzumarū** • [uzumarū.wixsite.com/website](https://uzumarū.wixsite.com/website)

Uzumarū is a Yosakoi dance team from San Jose's Japantown. Yosakoi is a traditional Japanese dance style that blends traditional Japanese choreography with modern and folk music. It is performed at festivals and events across Japan, typically by large teams. Uzumarū hopes to enthrall their audiences with each team member's heart and soul shining through their dancing.



## **Yasu Ishida** • [yasutheatre.com](https://yasutheatre.com)

Yasu Ishida is a magician and storyteller originally from Ube, Japan, who combines traditional Japanese theatre, music, origami, magic, and storytelling to bring the enchanting land of Japan to his audiences.



## **Dr. Hiroshi Tada (1939-2021)**

We remember our beloved friend, Dr. Hiroshi Tada, an accomplished mechanical engineer and a master at top spinning (koma-mawashi). He was a festival favorite, spinning tops with elements of yo-yo, magic, and humor. Guests returned year after year to find him delighting audiences along the garden's shady pathways. His giant grin and childlike passion is greatly missed. Please stop by Dr. Tada's tribute near the souvenir tent.



## ACTIVITIES



### Art Tent

Brought to you by the Springfield Regional Arts Council. Stop by the art tent to pick up a take-home art kit.



### Souvenir and Snack Tent

Browse souvenirs, festival t-shirts, and Japanese snacks and beverages.



### Children's Activity Area

Brought to you by Kazumi Holcomb's Japanese language classes at Kickapoo High School. Participate in traditional Japanese games and crafts designed for children.



### Candlelight Walk

Stroll the garden pathways lit by hundreds of torches as Japanese music fills the air. Purchase a wishing lantern for \$5 at the souvenir tent and set your dreams afloat on the koi ponds.



### StoryWalk® -

#### Sadako's Cranes by Judith Loske

Walk the garden to read the true story of Sadako Sasaki who lived in Hiroshima when the United States dropped the atomic bomb on August 6, 1945. The book tells the story of Sadako's battle with leukemia and the meaning behind origami cranes.

## ABOUT the JAPANESE FALL FESTIVAL

Brought to the community by Springfield Sister Cities Association in partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, the Japanese Fall Festival is a celebration of authentic Japanese culture highlighting Springfield's 35-year-old sister city relationship with Isesaki, Japan.

In a typical year, a delegation of Isesaki citizens travels to Springfield to contribute to the festival through demonstrations and interactions with attendees. In response, Springfield sends a local group to perform at Isesaki's summer festival each year. These groups also make an appearance at the Japanese Fall Festival. The exchanges were canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19.

Sister Cities shares half the proceeds from the Japanese Fall Festival with the Japanese Stroll Garden Committee which was formed in partnership with Friends of the Garden. These funds are allocated to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board to maintain and enhance the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. The remaining proceeds benefit Sister Cities' cultural programs which further its mission of "Peace through People."

## COMING UP at the Springfield Botanical Gardens

### ASTRONOMY CLASS



**Sat., Sept. 11, 8 p.m.**

**FREE Admission | For ages 12 yrs. and up.** Join members of the Springfield Astronomical Society as they teach the basics of star gazing and moon phases. Telescopes provided. Held on the Botanical Center roof.

[ParkBoard.org/Botanical](http://ParkBoard.org/Botanical)



**Select Dates, Nov. 26-Jan. 1,  
5-8:30 p.m.**

**\$5/Adult, FREE/12 yrs. and under**

Enjoy an evening stroll through the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden glowing with festive lights and music! Concessions available.

[FriendsOfTheGarden.org](http://FriendsOfTheGarden.org)

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# ABOUT SPRINGFIELD SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION



**Springfield, Missouri**

Springfield Sister Cities Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the people of Springfield and the people of similar cities in foreign nations acquire a consciousness of each other and understand each other as individuals, members of their community, and members of the global community.

Springfield has two sister cities: the first was established with Isesaki, Japan on July 18, 1986; the second was established with Tlaquepaque, Mexico on June 27, 2003.

Springfield Sister Cities Association strives to facilitate “Peace Through People” by encouraging peace through understanding, welcoming and embracing unity within diversity, facilitating exchanges, and transforming distant locations into person to person relationships.



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## Get Involved

### BECOME A MEMBER

Join Sister Cities today and become a member of the internationally conscious community in Springfield. Your membership supports cultural understanding and it grants you free admission to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden and special events like the Japanese Fall Festival and Gardens Aglow.

- **\$5/Student** (free admission for 1)
- **\$25/Individual** (free admission for 1)
- **\$50/Family** (free admission for 4)
- **\$100/Supporting** (free admission for 6)

### TRAVEL

Sister Cities leads multiple trips to Springfield's sister cities in a typical year. Travelers act as ambassadors of Springfield and benefit from unique experiences beyond the reach of ordinary travelers. We look forward to planning trips again when it is safe to do so.

### HOST

Delegations of ambassadors from our sister cities visit Springfield in a typical year, and Sister Cities relies on hospitable Springfieldians of all kinds to house them or simply show them around for a day.

### VOLUNTEER

Join the Sister Cities volunteer base to contribute to the mission of “Peace through People” in a hands-on manner. Events like the Japanese Fall Festival would not be possible without volunteers.

### SPONSOR

Sister Cities relies on sponsorship income from the community to allow us to continue providing cultural programming like the Japanese Fall Festival. Sponsorship provides a variety of benefits throughout the year and contributes to the quality of life in the area. Sponsor an event for as little as \$100!

**Please visit *PeaceThroughPeople.org*  
for more information about these opportunities.**

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