

21st Annual

# Japanese Fall Festival



日本秋祭り

**PASSPORT TO  
CULTURE**



Springfield, Missouri

## Get Involved today! Springfield Sister Cities Association

Membership levels

Individual: \$25.00

Family: \$50.00

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[SpringfieldSisterCities](https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldSisterCities)

**Membership benefits** include an annual pass to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden and free admission to annual festivals. Other benefits include membership notices, an invitation to the Annual Meeting and networking opportunities throughout the year.

**Sponsor benefits** include publicity through brochures, emails, festival banners and other printed material including posters, and annual meeting recognition; VIP events; free T-shirts, and extra admission tickets to all events. Springfield Sister Cities Association actively seeks support from local businesses and organizations. If you are interested in becoming involved with us in this way, please call Cindy Jobe @ 864-1341 or [cjobe@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:cjobe@springfieldmo.gov).

This festival is brought to the community by the  
Springfield Sister Cities Association.

Stop by our tent to learn more about Sister Cities and  
other activities we sponsor.

# Special performers for 2016

## Shoji Tabuchi



When it comes to popular Branson entertainment, the name says it all.. "Shoji Tabuchi!"... Shoji and his wife Dorothy, who produces emcees, sing and dances, present a sparkling family, variety show. His Daughter, Christina, also sings and dances as a featured vocalist and dancer as well as co-dance, vocal director, show director and assistant producer.

Music includes country, bluegrass, big band, cajun, Broadway/movie tunes, pop, jazz, swing, classical and even some Led Zepelin and Michael Jackson music.

He will perform on Saturday 5 p.m. Don't miss it!!

[www.shoji.com/](http://www.shoji.com/)

## Samurai Sword Soul



Samurai Sword Soul (SSS) was founded by Yoshi Amao and Yoshihisa Kuwayama in 2003. Since then, Samurai Sword Soul's numerous performances, an engaging mix of comedy routines, humanistic-theme drama, and thrilling sword fights have been attracting a wide range of audiences in New York. Their sword technique is based on Waki Ryu Tate, which was created by Keihei

Wakisaka, Seido Karate spirit and Kendo technique. Now imbuing traditional Japanese sword fighting arts with a more contemporary essence and their own artistry, they have established unique "Samurai Sword Soul Style." We will have leader Yoshi Amano, Saori Gouga, and Koji Nishimura. Don't miss it!

[www.samuraiswordsoul.com](http://www.samuraiswordsoul.com)

## Seiran Chiba



Ms. Chiba is Large Scale Calligraphy artist from Fukushima, Japan.

(This is where there was a nuclear reactor accident caused by tsunami in March 2011.)

Ms. Chiba explores the beauty of the natural world through large-scale calligraphies. Since the great Japanese earthquake and tsunami disaster of 2011, she has been traveling throughout the Fukushima area. In 2013 she became the Fuku-

shima Tourism Ambassador and continues to hold workshops at temporary housing where some of the disaster victims still live. She then travels the world, sharing stories of the beauty and peace that is found, even after extreme disasters such as the one Fukushima experienced.

Don't miss this special opportunity. [www.seiran-c.net](http://www.seiran-c.net)

## Other Performers and Friends

### St. Louis Osuwa Taiko



The original Osuwa Taiko was formed by Grandmaster Daihachi Oguchi in Suwa, Japan, In 1986, Oguchi visited St. Louis. with a generous donation of hand made drums to the City, and helped form the first Osuwa Taiko in St. Louis. St. Louis Osuwa Taiko was restarted at Washington University in September of 1996.

Since then, the group has grown and invited to perform at numerous events and occasions mostly in the mid-western region of the United States. We hope to broaden the awareness of this rich Japanese tradition and culture to the general public.

[www.stltaiko.com](http://www.stltaiko.com)

- Hiroshi Tada: Koma mawashi - Top Spinner
- Kizuna: Japan America Friendship Group - Japanese folk dance
- Tracy's Kenpo Karate Studio
- Springfield Aikodo
- Springfield Cosplay



### Special guests from our Sister City Isesaki, Gunma Japan.

**Yae-zakura** will perform Japanese songs on the stage and in the stroll garden.

More friends from Isesaki will help the tea house, cafe and cultural tent.

Please say "Hello" to all of them. They traveled long hours for this Festival.



# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Japanese Fall Festival September 9, 10, 11 2016

Friday, September 9th

Gates Open 5:00 p.m.

- Please enjoy Japanese traditional sounds by Yae-Zakura from Isesaki, Japan.  
(They will perform near the entrance gate.)
- Mr. Hiroshi Tada performance "top spinning."
- Kizuna - Springfield's Japan America Friendship Group will be performing traditional festival dance on stage. Everyone is invited to participate!
- 6:00 Opening Ceremony at the stage
- 6:15 St. Louis Osuwa Taiko
- 6:30 Seiran Chiba - large scale calligraphy
- 6:45 Samurai Sword Soul
- 7:10 St. Louis Osuwa Taiko
- **Candlelight walk begins at dusk!**

Hundreds of torches and candles fill the garden, creating a special evening stroll.

Throughout the festival the souvenir tent, food service, children's activity area, vendor booths and artisan tents also available.

Special Thank you to the students from  
Springfield Public Schools!!  
Yokoso!! (welcome!)

## Saturday, September 10th

- Gates open 11:00 a.m.
- Mr. Hiroshi Tada performance “top-spinning.”
- 11:45 Springfield Aikido School
- 12:30 Yae-Zakura (our friends from Isesaki, Japan)
- 12:55 Kimono show
- 1:15 Seiran Chiba - large scale calligraphy
- 1:45 Samurai Sword Soul
- 2:15 Tracy’s Karate
- 3:00 St. Louis Osuwa Taiko  
(children’s workshop follows the performance)
- 4:00 Yae-Zakura (our friends from Isesaki, Japan)
- 4:30 Seiran Chiba- large scale calligraphy
- 5:00 Shoji Tabuchi Live!
- 6:00 Kizuna - Japanese folk dance
- 6:45 Samurai Sword Soul
- 7:45 St. Louis Osuwa Taiko
- **Candlelight walk begins at dusk!**

Enjoy Beautiful Japanese bamboo flute sound by Yae-Zakura from Isesaki, Gunma Japan and hundreds of torches and candles in the garden, creating a special evening stroll.



## **Sunday, September 11th**

- Gates open 11:00 a.m.
- Mr. Hiroshi Tada performance "top-spinning."
- 12:00 Tracy's Kenpo Karate Studio
- 1:00 Yae-zakura (our friends from Isesaki, Japan)
- 1:30 Samurai Sword Soul
- 2:30 St. Louis Osuwa Taiko
- 3:15 Seiran Chiba - large scale calligraphy
- 3:45 Springfield Aikido School
- 4:30 Kizuna - Japanese folk dance
- 5:00 Cosplay parade on stage

Springfield Cosplay: Springfield Cosplay is a group of people, located in Southwest Missouri, who love cosplay, the art of dressing and impersonating a character, originally originating in Japan.

[www.facebook.com/SGFcosplay](http://www.facebook.com/SGFcosplay)

[www.instagram.com/springfieldcosplay](http://www.instagram.com/springfieldcosplay)

### **Souvenir Tent Hours**

**Friday: 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **Food Court**

**Food Service provided**

**Hy-Vee Food Store & Roll on Egg Rolls**



## Omiyage (Souvenirs)

お土産 and Dagashi-ya 駄菓子屋

Friday and Saturday open till 9:00 p.m.

Sunday open till 5:00 p.m.

Visit this tent to buy Festival t-shirts and authentic Japanese souvenirs, toys and candies.

All proceeds benefit SSCA's "Peace Through People" programs.



## Special Activities / Japanese Cultural Tent

日本文化体験 Nihon-Bunka Taiken

organized by Friends of the Garden

Please check daily activity schedule board at the site

- Gyo-taku 魚拓 - Fish print
- Sho 書 - Japanese Calligraphy by Seiran Chiba
- Origami and more

Friends of the Garden exists to inspire the discovery, understanding and appreciation of nature by creating and maintaining the Springfield Botanical Gardens and by supporting the mission of the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center and Park Board. Together, with nearly two dozen park partner organizations, we bring people, nature, and gardens together on a daily basis.



## **Tea Café (Cha -dokoro) 茶処**

### **Café Matcha カフェ抹茶**

Served by Kizuna - Japan America Friendship Group

**Saturday: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Our outdoor café serving Japanese Matcha tea. You will enjoy the same tea and candy as served in the Tea House but without the complete ceremony.

\*\$5.00 for one cup of tea and a tea candy.

(\*cash only please)

### **Yukata 浴衣 (Cotton kimono) Dressing**

(yukata dressing at the tent next to tea Café)

This café and yukata dressing organized by the “Kizuna” local Japan and America Friendship group.



### **Children's Activities and Games**

**Friday: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Join in the hands-on children's area with traditional games and crafts. Adults please stay with your children in this area.

Organized by Kazumi Holcomb and Kickapoo High School Japanese language class.

**Tea Ceremony (Cha - no - yu) 茶の湯  
at the Tea House**

**\$10.00 each, limit of six participants per ceremony.  
Served by Kizuna - Japan America Friendship Group**

**Saturday: 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.**

This is your chance to experience an authentic Japanese tea ceremony in our beautiful Tea House located on the north side of the Garden.

Ceremonies last approximately 30 minutes and cost \$10.00 per person.

**All participants must register and purchase tickets at the souvenir tent prior to the ceremony.**

**We suggest you register early. Tickets must be purchased on the day of the ceremony.**

Please be at the Tea House 10 minutes prior to scheduled start time. The tea ceremony begins promptly and latecomers will not be allowed to participate.

No refunds. All proceeds benefit SSCA's "Peace Through People" programs.



Remember, Springfield, Missouri has two sister cities. The Sister City relationship between Springfield and Iseaki was established on July 18, 1986, and the relationship between Springfield and Tlaquepaque was established June 27, 2003. Since then, there have been many exchanges between cities including cultural, business, sports, and education.

## Iseaki, Japan

Iseaki has a population of about 209,000 as compared to Springfield's 156,000. Iseaki's population has been increasing each year, and the City is now the fifth largest in the Gunma Prefecture. The City is located in a flat area at the center of the Japanese island, 100 km from Tokyo. There are seven ponds as well as numerous branches of three rivers, the Hirose River, the Kasu River, and the Tone River. In Winter, the seasonal wind called "Karakkaze" blows, but the weather is otherwise comparatively mild throughout the year.



Gunma-chan

## Tlaquepaque, Mexico

Tlaquepaque is located in the Guadalajara metropolitan area in the State of Jalisco. The city is often referred to as the "Soul of Mexico" and is well known for its quality of clay and its ceramic artists.

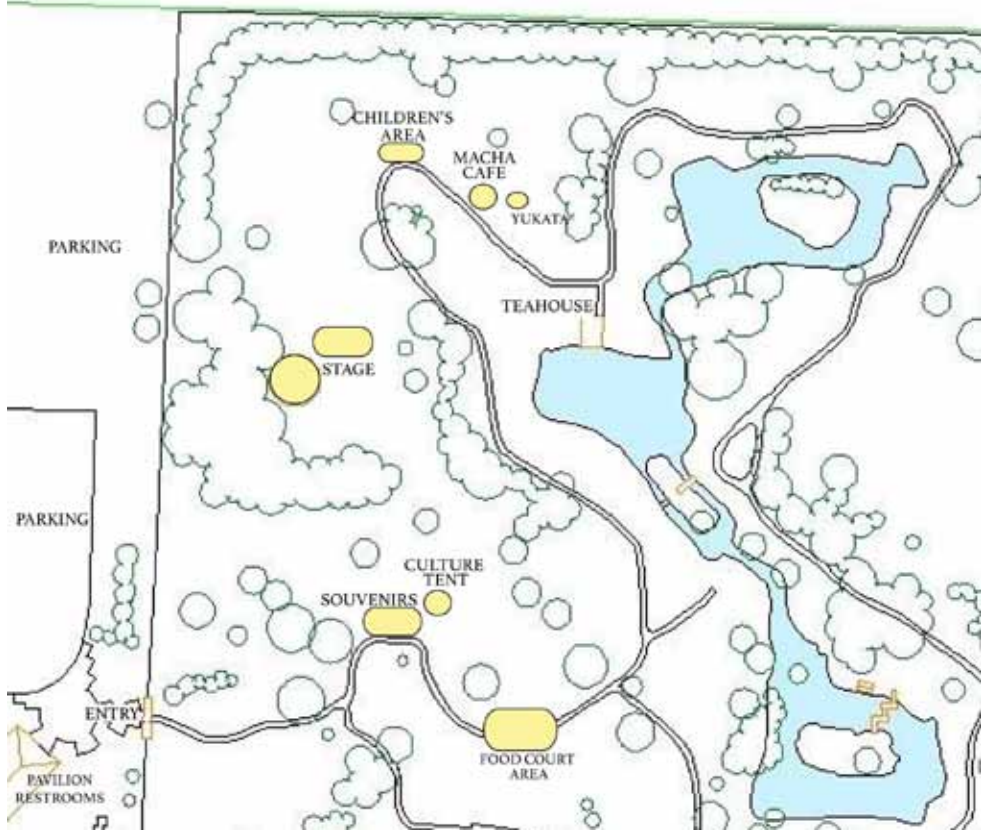
Present day Tlaquepaque is still rich with local tradition and art. The city attracts many of Jalisco's more talented artists, and has a reputation for the quality and diversity of its wares. Many colonial summer homes have been converted into shops and restaurants that serve fine cuisine.

There have been many visits between Springfield and Tlaquepaque, including Sister Cities members and city officials. Other exchanges include Rotary Clubs, student study tours, youth sport exchanges, art exhibits from Tlaquepaque, mariachi bands to perform at our Sister City events here in Springfield, and university partnerships.



# Festival Map

## Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden



Special Thanks

