



**CITIZEN TRIP TO TLAQUEPAQUE | Sunday-Friday, January 27-February 1**

**FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN TRIP TO TLAQUEPAQUE | Sunday-Sunday, February 3-10**

These trips are already at maximum capacity, but please contact us if you're interested in making the trip in 2020. Travelers enjoy boutique accommodations, forge lifelong friendships with locals, and participate in exclusive sight-seeing opportunities. Travelers on the Friends of the Garden trip will appreciate an emphasis on nature – particularly through visits to monarch butterfly reserve sites.

**CHERRY BLOSSOM KITE AND PIÑATA FESTIVAL | Saturday, April 6**

Bring the whole family to enjoy a day at the Springfield Botanical Gardens. From Noon-4pm, enjoy free authentic Japanese and Mexican activities and performances; bring your own kite to fly or purchase a kite kit to build and decorate for \$5. Enjoy free admission to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden until 7pm (last admittance at 6:30pm).

**THE SHANDIES CONCERT FUNDRAISER | Thursday, May 2**

Join us from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Lindberg's on C Street for an evening of eclectic music by the local duo, The Shandies. All ages are welcome. There is a \$10 cover with partial proceeds benefiting The Shandies' trip to represent Springfield at Isesaki's Summer Festival in August.

**MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION | Saturday, May 4**

Join us from 6pm-9pm as we celebrate our members, past accomplishments, and upcoming goals – this year with special guest Rodo Padilla, world renowned sculptor from Tlaquepaque! Admission is free to members and you may join at the door. You'll receive an invitation with all the details prior to the event.

**ISESAKI STUDENT TRIP TO SPRINGFIELD | Late May-Early June**

**HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES | Saturday, June 1; Sunday, June 2**

Large groups of students from Isesaki visit Springfield each year. The students spend much of their time learning at Missouri State University, but Springfield citizens are needed to host daytime activities on the weekends. Please contact [elispecialprograms@missouristate.edu](mailto:elispecialprograms@missouristate.edu) if you're interested in showing a student or two around Springfield from 8:30am-4:30pm on either or both days.

## **SPRINGFIELD STUDENT TRIP TO ISESAKI | Late June-Early July**

Open to all high school aged students, this trip offers area teenagers the experience of a lifetime in an immersive, safe, and structured environment. Registration for this trip has closed, but please contact us if you're interested in a future trip.

## **ISESAKI STUDENT TRIP TO SPRINGFIELD | Late July-Early August**

### **HOSTING OPPORTUNITY | Saturday, August 4**

Large groups of students from Isesaki visit Springfield each year. The students spend much of their time learning at Missouri State University, but Springfield citizens are needed to host daytime activities on the weekends. Please contact [elispecialprograms@missouristate.edu](mailto:elispecialprograms@missouristate.edu) if you're interested in showing a student or two around Springfield from 8:30am-4:30pm.

## **SPRINGFIELD PERFORMANCE GROUP TRIP TO ISESAKI | Second Week of August**

Every year we send a Springfield performance group to entertain at various events in Isesaki including Isesaki's Summer Festival. We are thrilled to send The Shandies this year; if you would like to recommend a performance group to make a future trip, please contact us.

## **JAPANESE FALL FESTIVAL | Friday-Sunday, September 6-8**

Thousands of people join us every year as we celebrate Japanese culture in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. Enjoy authentic activities and performances in a beautiful setting. Springfield host families are needed to provide friendship and accommodations to the visiting artists from Isesaki, and volunteers are needed to assist with tasks throughout the event. Please contact us if you're interested!

## **TASTE OF TLAQUEPAQUE | Friday, October 11**

Back again by popular demand, this lively event celebrates Mexican culture and cuisine. Enjoy live music straight from Tlaquepaque and delicious, authentic food and décor.

## **CITIZEN TRIP TO ISESAKI | Late October-Early November**

Travelers are welcomed by the City as honored guests, are immersed in Japanese culture through home stays with Isesaki families, and enjoy exclusive sightseeing opportunities. Spots are still available on this trip; please contact us if you are interested!

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