

JOIN US! 3-9PM



# Japanese 盆 Obon Festival



## LANTERN LIGHTING IN THE JAPANESE GARDEN & FROG POND

The Japanese Obon Festival is reminiscent of Japan's annual Obon holiday, an important cultural and family event. During this holiday it is said that ancestral spirits revisit their families for three days. Many people will return home to pay their respects at grave-sites, and often small paper lanterns are lit and floated down the river to guide ancestor's spirits. The Obon Festival also features the Bon Odori, or folk dance, in which all are invited to join in the circle and dance.

Lantern launching in the Japanese Garden & Frog Pond will begin immediately after the Bon Odori performance. The Japanese Garden gate will open from the festival grounds around 8pm to view the lanterns. We ask that **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY** take place in the Japanese Garden when it opens. We want visitors to enjoy their experience without the distraction of flash photography. Thank you for your understanding.

## MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

3:00 PM Taikollaborative

Taiko (Japanese-drumming) performance.

3:30 PM Sansei Yonsei Kai

Traditional and contemporary Japanese dance.

4:00 PM Sakura Kai

Traditional Japanese Koto music.

4:30 PM Thunderwave and Momoko Tanno

Traditional Japanese festival dances and folk songs.

5:00 PM Harisen Daiko

Taiko (Japanese-drumming) performance.

5:30 PM MinnesoDance

Yosokoi style dance.

6:00 PM Damien "Nijiya" D'Luxe

A local non-binary half Japanese drag king



6:30 PM Japanese Cultural Association UND

Soran Bushi style dances.

7:00 PM Enso Daiko

Taiko (Japanese-drumming) performance.

7:30 PM Sansei Yonsei Kai

Lead a community Bon Odori Japanese folk dance.



## MARTIAL ARTS

Martial Arts Area between Frog Pond & Nason Roads

3:30 PM Minnesota Kyudo Renmei

4:00 PM Mutokai

4:30 PM Kaishin Dojo

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SPECIAL MUSIC IN THE JAPANESE GARDEN | Fern Davidson on Koto 4 & 5 PM



# FOOD VENDORS

## Hometown Ice Cream

Ice Cream, Floats, Water & Pop

## JET Alumni of MN Shaved Ice

## JuiceBox

Tropical Fruit Drinks

## KMC Eggrolls

Eggrolls, Wontons, Gyoza, Tempura Wings & Shrimp, Matcha Green Tea & Strawberry Lemonade

## Mama Chang

Gyoza, Eggrolls, Yakisoba, Fried Rice, Sesame Chicken, Street Corn, Boba Tea, Water & Pop

## Samurai Teppanyaki

Eggrolls, Wontons, Pot Stickers, Veggies, Chicken Wings, Fried Rice, Hibachi Shrimp, Teriyaki Chicken & Steak, Water & Pop

## Silhouette Bakery

Japanese Buns filled with BBQ Pork or Sweets

## Spinning Wylde

Cotton Candy & Watermelon Juice

# EXHIBITORS

## Anime Twin Cities

Crafts and event information.

## Dragonflies and Cards

Kirigami paper and Bamboo art.

## Garden Safari Gifts

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory gifts.

## Haiku Exhibit - Can You Haiku?

## Happy Island Lighthouse

Japanese anime merchandise.

## Japanese American Citizens League

Merchandise, kimonos and art. Information on organization and a game.

## Japan America Society of Minnesota

Yo-yo Tsuru, Kingyo Sukui, Calligraphy, J-quiz and merchandise.

## Love Always Laura Ann

Amigurumi crocheting animals, key chains and art prints.

## Saint Paul Nagasaki Sister Cities Committee

Create your own personalized Obon Lantern for \$10 - take it home or float it in the Lily Pond!

## Sanei Yonsei Kai

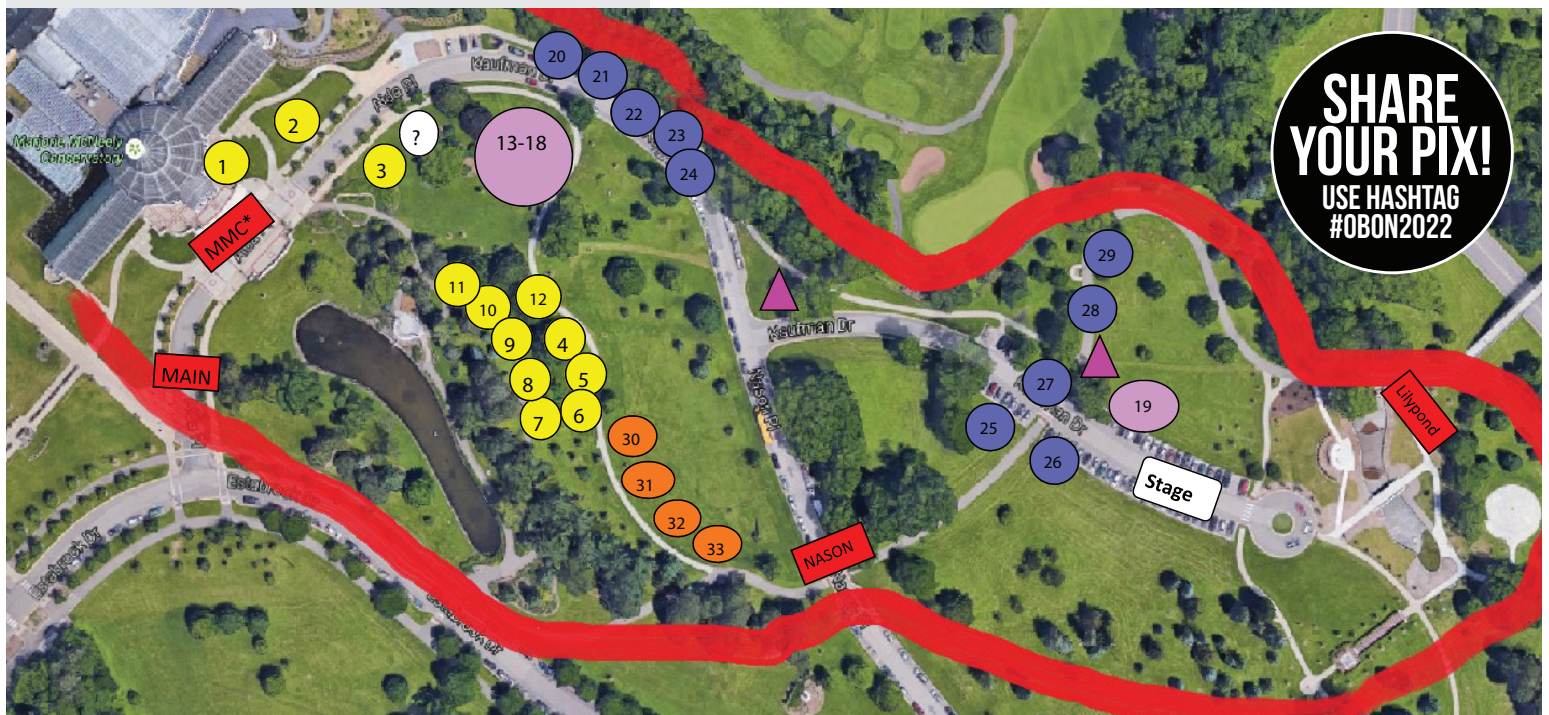
Kimono selection, Japanese gifts and festival lanterns on a stick.

## Twin Cities Buddhist Association

Sharing the Buddhists meaning of Obon and the teachings of Buddha.

## Under the Umbrella

Washi jewelry boxes, decorative household accessories and art. Yumeya Kimono



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| 1 Garden Safari Gifts               | 10 Dragonflies and Cards   | 20 Jet Alumni Association of Minnesota | 30 Kaishin Dojo        |
| 2 Sansei Yonsei Kai                 | 11 Anime Twin Cities Inc   | 21 Silhouette Bakery                   | 31 Mutokai             |
| 3 Haiku Exhibit                     | 12 Happy Island Lighthouse | 23 Mama Chang                          | 32 Minnesota Ki Aikido |
| 4 Japanese American Citizens League | 13 JASM-Main Booth         | 24 Mama Chang                          | 33 MN Kyudo Renmei     |
| 5 Japanese American Citizens League | 14 JASM- Sekohan           | 25 Spinning Wylde                      | ▲ Restrooms            |
| 6 Love Always Laura Ann             | 15 JASM- Yo-yo Tsuru       | 26 Juicebox Inc                        | ■ Gate Entrances       |
| 7 Under the Umbrella                | 16 JASM- Calligraphy       | 27 Hometown Creamery                   | ? Info Booth           |
| 8 Under the Umbrella                | 17 JASM-Kingyo Sukui       | 28 KCM Eggrolls                        |                        |
| 9 Twin Cities Buddhist Assoc.       | 18 JASM- J-Quiz            | 29 Samurai Teppanyaki                  |                        |
|                                     | 19 SPNSCC Lanterns         |  |                        |