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Exhibition

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We'll have an annual exhibition at the Matsuya Ginza department store. We are sure that many people will enjoy our new products. Now the theme is "Spring".

Matsuya Ginza department store
April 14th - 20th 10:00 - 18:00



The Odawara & Hakone wooden goods fair 2008 has ended. Craftsmen, Kawashima and Hoshino announced their first works at this exhibition.



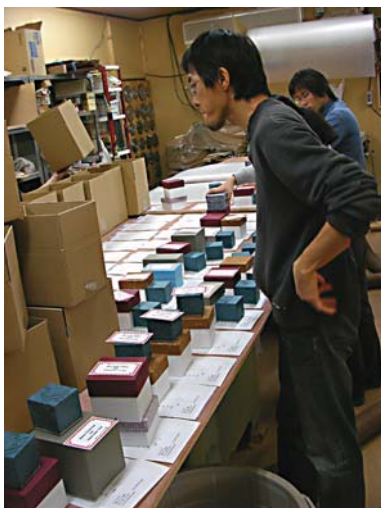
Secret Pocket
Desined by Hoshino
It has a secret pocket .
But, it looks like a normal bag.
She uses cloth for her works.
Ordinarilly, craftsmen don't use cloth.

Regular dodecahedron box (turntable)
Desined by Kawashima



It looks like a Regular dodecahedron.
But, the box's basic mechanism is a cube.
And it consists of pentagons.

The "Christmas Present" was shipped!!



The "Christmas Present" is shipped for Karakuri Club members every year.
This year, it was finished in just one day!!
In fact, we needed two or more days until the last time....

We received a lot of orders, thank you.
The "Christmas Present" was packed at Kamei Studio by the craftsmen.
They packed it meticulously and carefully.
This season, the members of Kamei Studio have increased.
There are 6 people in all.
So we could pack everything speedily!

Did you enjoy the "Christmas Present" ?

 "Machi-naka Cafe"(Demonstration on the street) has been completed .

"Machi-naka Cafe in Odawara City" was held from January 2008 to March 8th, 2009.

Every month, except for rainy days, the Karakuri puzzle demonstration is held in front of Odawara station. Mr.Yoshiaki Hirano gave his demonstration. He ran a puzzle shop in Akihabara in Tokyo, called, "Cosmo Product". Akihabara is well known as an electric gadget town. People who love puzzles surely know the world's smallest and most famous puzzle shop, Mr. Hirano's, "Cosmo Product". Unfortunately the Akihabara Department store was closed in 2006. It is disappointing.



Mr. Hirano's demonstration sale of puzzles is quite unique. It is a cross between a talk and a comedy show. When you listen to his demonstration you are intrigued and stay longer.

I tried to imitate his way of speaking and also gave a demonstration sale to some customers.

It was a great learning experience for me.

People who gathered to watch Mr.Hirano's demonstration enjoyed it.

There is one woman who regularly comes to watch.

We hope we can meet again.



Mr.Hirano



left:Mr.Ninomiya

right:Mr.Hirano



Oh!This person,too,,

After "Machi-naka Cafe".....

We had tea time at a restaurant.

Mr.Hirano and Mr.Ninomiya love sweets!!!

Information

The Karakuri Club office has moved.

Now, "Karakuri News" is published in Odawara,
and Yoko Kakuda is the editor.

Thank you.



Additional information
One afternoon...

Ninomiya: That happened to me the other day...

Iwahara : Uh, when exactly was that?

Ninomiya: Oh, let's see...when I was (?) years old. Maybe about 30 years ago...

Iwahara : What?! That's the other day?