

KARAKURI NEWS #30
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Karakuri Puzzle Festival 2009

The 2nd Karakuri Puzzle Festival (July 18 ~ August 31) was held.

A lot of local people and tourists joined and enjoyed this festival.

Thank you so much!

The reports are as follows



Karakuri-puzzle work shops had great popularity!

Karakuri-puzzle work shops were held in Odawara-city.

We developed 10 kinds of work kits for those work shops. There were 14 kinds of work shops, 430 children participated in total. They enjoyed various types of 'Karakuri'.

'Sushi-box' was designed from the Hakone traditional 'secret box'. In this work shop, the lecturer introduced traditional secret box.

In another work shop, the lecturer used 'Yosegi'. The participants felt the charm of the traditional products, and they enjoyed making Karakuri-Puzzles.



「Sushi-box」



She said,
"This sushi is my favorite, octopus."

Fatty tuna & salmon



Many stores, museum, and institutions cooperated during the stamp rally.

This events prizes included complimentary museum tickets and complimentary lodging tickets, among others.



The 1st annual Karakuri-Puzzle Idea Contest The commendation ceremony!

To celebrate, a commendation ceremony was held at Hakone Open Air Museum on August 22nd. The five winners and members of 'Odawara Hakone Association of Karakuri Puzzle and throughout Japan' were there to take part.

The Mayor of Hakone town, and many guests attended this ceremony. The five winners received a testimonial and the work that was designed by them. Those works were produced by Karakuri creation craftsmen, and other craftsmen in the Odawara and Hakone area.

The winning works are,
「Tako-yaki」, 「Lucky cat」, 「Fruit pafe」, 「Mochi-tuski」
and 「After the rain」.

Each work is unique !



Exhibition & performance

There were exhibitions at Hakone Toy-museum, Fujiya-Hotel (Miyanoshita). At Hakone Toy-museum, Karakuri Monopoly Maze and Karakuri boxes were exhibited. At Fujiya-Hotel, Karakuri furniture and Karakuri boxes were exhibited.



Exhibition at Hakone Toy-museum



Performance in Mitsuki
(near Yumoto station)



Exhibition at Fujiya-Hotel



The Karakuri-Puzzle festival for 2010

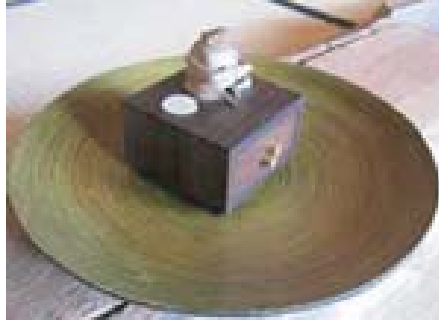
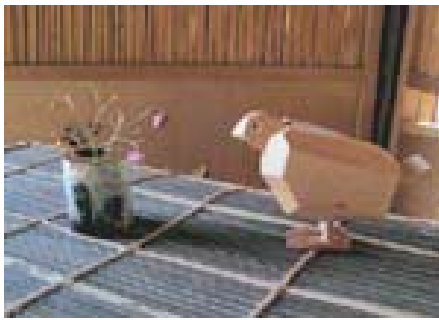
The Puzzle festival in 2009 included many things that we did for the first time. We were lucky to have the help of so many people, which contributed to the festival's success and safety. We hope that the festival in 2010 is even more enjoyable and more successful. See you then!

The exhibition "Lacquer boxes and Karakuri boxes" is completed.

Yoh Kakuda and her friend exhibited their work at Cafe & gallery MOMO-GUMI, in Kanazawa city ISHIKAWA prefecture.



The gallery is more than 100 years old, so it is full of atmosphere. They exhibited their works on the 2nd floor which is the Japanese style room in this gallery. Kanazawa city is a very famous sightseeing spot, so many tourists visited and enjoyed.



The lacquer artist Maya Higuchi's work. Raden(shell) decoration.

The Production of the Christmas Present has begun!!



At last, the season for producing the Christmas present has arrived. The material was cut! There is what a lot of it!!

A winning prize of IPP Puzzle Competition!

The IPP29 (International Puzzle event) was held in August, in San Francisco U.S.A. There was a 「Nob Yoshigahara Puzzle Design Competition」 in the event. One of the Karakuri creation group members won the competition.

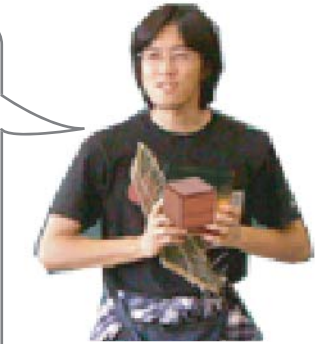


[Confet Box]
Hiroshi Iwahara

This work was produced as one of the christmas presents for 2008, as you know. The focus is in how the two plates move.

It is difficult, so you need a hint.

But a few members told me "I opened it!". Great!! (Iwahara)



This is the winning prize pin.



Honorable Mention
The trophy of 2009.
This is the puzzle, too!

You can see the winning prize at this sight. →<http://www.puzzleworld.org/DesignCompetition/>

Craft fair in HAMANAKO lake

September 26th, (it was such a hot day, as if summer had come back!) the HAMANAKO lake Craft fair was held. Many craftsmen and shops (300 kinds!) exhibited their works at stalls. They were selected for this craft fair from all over Japan. Customers enjoyed selecting their favorite one.



Such a big space! So lively.

The stall of Hideto Sato(wood craft "Myo-an") He is a member of Karakuri creation group, as you know. A lot of people enjoyed Karakuri. There was one child who said, "I want to come again!". He played all day with many types of Karakuri!

