

# からくり新聞

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## Information

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### からくり Sweets

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

Matsuya Ginza department store  
May 4th - 10th 10:00-20:00 (Last day 18:00 close)



## 2010 International Puzzle Meeting will be held in Hakone!

This big puzzle event will be held in Hakone during the summer.

This international event is held yearly, around the world.

This will be a great opportunity for you to enjoy new and strange puzzles.

Many puzzle collectors and puzzle fans will come to Hakone from all over the world.

< Puzzle Party > July 14th 12:30~17:00 At Yumoto-Fujiya Hotel

This is an international puzzle flea market. The newest and most unique puzzles will be available. The entrance fee is ¥1000 yen per person. If you would like to sell your puzzles, please reserve a table. The fee per table is ¥5000 yen.

★There will be a demonstration of the Japanese wood plane, Kanna, by Kazuo Tani a carpenter, during the puzzle party.

Please enjoy the demonstration and sale of many other products.

< Lectures > July 14th 9 : 00~12:00 At Yumoto-Fujiya Hotel 1

Lectures will be given by Yoshiyuki Ninomiya, one of our own Karakuri Creation Group craftsmen, Junichi Kato, a collector of locks and keys, and Yukiji Zenba, a carpenter from Sagami-Daiku.

The lectures are free but you will need to make a reservation.

## Collaborate Karakuri and Zenmai-zamurai (Karakuri doll)

The famous and popular character among Japanese kids, Zenmai-zamurai (Karakuri doll) has now been introduced to the Karakuri world.

This exhibition is being held at The Hakone Open-Air Museum.

The exhibition includes Karakuri maze and Karakuri furniture as well as Karakuri boxes. Please enjoy our Karakuri world!!

April 10th - May 9th 2010

The Hakone Open-Air Museum HP: <http://www.hakone-oam.or.jp/>



# Kezurou-Kai was held in Hadano city of Kanagawa Prefecture.

Kezurou-Kai is the planing competition of Japanese carpenters. Many people participated in this competition and they planed woods, such as hinoki. They competed to see who could plane the wood into the thinnest possible layer.

There were also many shops at this event, including our own Karakuri shop. We held workshops and included a play corner where visitors could try their skills at solving the puzzles.

Many visitors enjoyed our Karakuri shop as well as trying the Karakuri boxes!!

Hinoki is a good smelling wood.

So at this location of the competition, we could experience the freshness and sweetness of the freshly planed wood.



The entrance of the site. These are Alpe-Holn.



This is Hinoki wood which is a product of Tanzawa area.



How thin! It's so transparent that we can see to the other side!



Karakuri Shop

Mr. Kamijo is a specialist of wood planing. In fact, he is teaching these skills to a few of our Karakuri craftsmen and members!



# The craft fair in Matsumoto.

Sato and Kakuda will open their shop.

Agata-no-Mori Park (Nagano Prefecture)

29th-30th May



## The exhibition in Nagano prefecture.

Kyoko Hoshino joined the exhibition in Nagano prefecture.  
She is one of our Karakuri Creation Group craftsmen, as you know.

< Minami-Shinsyu Iizura-Ichi >

29th April - 5th May

At Alpus Adventure Village



## New member!!



### Kanae Saito

She was born in Miyagi prefecture.  
She joined Karakuri Creation Group in April 2009,  
and is now working at Yugengaisya Karakuri Kikaku.

She studied sculpture and Japanese lacquer  
before she came to Odawara.  
She loves goats so much that her hobbies  
include goat watching, and eating out.  
She always looks so happy when she is eating!

She says  
" I will do my best like the craftsmen  
who have mastered their skills."



## A marriage report!

Hiroshi Iwahara married Mami Saito  
in November of 2009.  
His partner Mami Saito was born  
in the same town as Iwahara.  
Now she is doing office work at  
Yugengaisya Karakuri Kikaku.



## New Member Mami IWAHARA



She is also a serious artist and painter and holds  
her own solo exhibition once a year.  
She has a cat which is named Tama,  
and enjoys the atmosphere of temples & shrines.

She says  
" I will do my best to create wonderful Karakuri works for  
everyone!"