

からくり新聞

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THE 71st TOKYO INTERNATIONAL GIFT SHOW 2011 SPRING (1st~4th Feb At Tokyo Big Sight)

Karakuri boxes were exhibited at the Gift Show for the first time.

This premier event is one of the largest personal gift and accessory international trade fairs in the world. This exhibition space had a total of 86,410sq. meters, and featured more than 2,400 exhibitors. 200,000 visitors from around the world were anticipated to come. This is a very large event, indeed.

A craftsman who looked at all of the exhibits said he had terrible aches and pains afterwards, because of all the walking he did.

The next exhibition is in autumn.



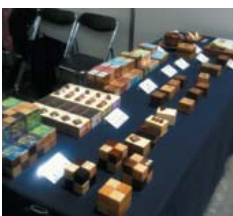
Karakuri booth (Right side).
The left side is the booth for Kinokuniya (Wood craft shop).



House building exhibition (12th, 13th Feb)

This event was held at Tokyo Big Sight too.

It was held for families who wanted to build their own house. There were a lot of shops besides Karakuri. For example, construction company, builders, and others. In one corner, visitors could experience a simulated earthquake. Many people came to visit our Karakuri shop as well. So naturally, many carpenters and builders became very interested in Karakuri boxes.



This is the flier of this event.

Karakuri shop.



Odawara area's traditional handiworks exhibition ~TAKUMI / WAZA exhibition~

This exhibition's theme was "Wooden crafts for your lifestyle. ~Suggesting new applications of wooden crafts." It was held at Ume terrace in Odawara station building "LUSCA". There were a lot of wooden crafts shops from the Odawara area in this exhibition. In one corner, visitors could try their hand at wood planing Yosegi. Many people were very interested in those crafts.



Karakuri shop.



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The wooden crafts of Odawara
There were a lot of different kinds of works.
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Yosegi was made from the origin block.
Craftsmen use Yosegi sheet which was planed
very thin from the original block.
This machine is " Sen-plane".
It is a special plane for Yosegi.



The First Annual Hakone Karakuri Party (3rd, 4th Sep)

We are now taking applications for participants. The contents of "The First Annual Hakone Karakuri Party" have carefully been decided. We are now beginning to accept applications for attendance to this event for Karakuri club members, ahead of the public. If you would like to attend this event, please send an e-mail or fax. We look forward to everyone's confirmation.

" Phoenix" report !!

Kamei(Box), Ninomiya(Yosegi), and Uchiyama (Zogan Art) are each making their own part of "Phoenix". We think that everyone will be surprised by the price of "Phoenix". The craftsmen are working hard to satisfy every member.



Kamei went to Gifu Prefecture to buy horse chestnut which is the main material in "Phoenix".

What a lot of wood!!
It looks like a forest.

Left: This operation is called [Kidori]. It means roughly cutting.
Center: Kamei checked the design of phoenix for the top plate. This is designed by Haruo Uchiyama.
Right: The main material "horse chestnut" has been cut and is continuing to the next step.



Update Information Karakuri Creation Group's member will be broadcast on TV.

This TV program will take place in Hakone-Yumoto. Tanaka Kazuyuki who is one of the member's of Karakuri Creation Group will be broadcast in this program. In the program, Tanaka will talk about his nesting wood works and his life as a craftsman. Unfortunately, this program will only be broadcast in Japan.