

からくり新聞

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Karakuri exhibition at Matsuya Ginza May 5th to 10th

The theme of our newest products for this exhibition was "Forest".
Each craftsman made his work using this theme.
By the way, the location of the exhibition was changed.
It is a larger space than what we usually use.
Everyone admired and enjoyed Karakuri Boxes for a long time
in the large space. Thank you so much!



The 3rd Karakuri Puzzle Idea Contest Winning works are coming soon!

There were many ideas from all over Japan for this contest.
There were two judgments in April, and five ideas won.
The craftsmen of Karakuri Creation Group began making these works after the final decision.
And now, almost all the craftsmen have finished making the winning works.
The winning works will be exhibited at The Open Air Museum of Hakone this summer, and a poll
for the most popular one will be taken.

Exhibition: July 23rd to Sept. 4th
Place: The Open Air Museum of Hakone
Popularity poll: July 23rd to Aug. 16th
Award ceremony: Aug. 20th



The winning works of last year

Karakuri Puzzle Festa 2011 coming soon!!

Karakuri Puzzle Festa will be held this summer as well.

We have the Karakuri Puzzle Workshop, stamp rally, exhibition, Karakuri Puzzle Performance, exhibition of idea contest, and others as well.

The First HKP (Hakone Karakuri Puzzle Party)

Let's enjoy Karakuri Puzzles this summer in Odawara and Hakone!!



Newest information of the First HKP.


We are looking for participants for this event.

The deadline is Aug. 19th.

The newest information 1

Introduction of works for auction.

We will contribute part of the sales for the conservation of forests.




The Burr
Craftsman: Akio Kamei

This work is special because Kamei made this when he was a university student. He was a layman of wood working, but he made every part of this work using a hand saw.

We can feel young Kamei's passion for wood working and making puzzles.

Zogan Art
Craftsman: Sadaji Uchida
The frame was made by Yoshiyuki Ninomiya




Sadaji Uchida is the most famous craftsman of Zogan Art and he is a specialist of Zogan Art. The design was made by himself. This is decorated with the frame which was made by Yoshiyuki Ninomiya.

Japanese traditional bathroom
Craftsman: Fumio Tsuburai



There was a bathroom like this in every home in Japan at one time. This is a traditional Japanese bathroom style. It was heated by firewood. This work has a nostalgic feeling.

4 direction drawer (Special version)
Craftsman: Hiroshi Iwahara



This is a special version of "4 direction drawer" which was made as an X'mas present for 2009. There are 6 drawers in this work.

The newest information 2

The presentation of "Phoenix"!? Special talk show by 3 craftsmen.

"Phoenix" (made by Akio Kamei:Karakuri box, Yoshiyuki Ninomiya:Yosegi Art, Haruo Uchiyama:Zogan Art) will be finished soon.

In the First HKP, there will be a special talk show by these 3 craftsmen.

You can hear the secret story about making "Phoenix"!?