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Karakuri Puzzle Festival 2011 was finished successfully !!

Karakuri Puzzle Festival 2011 , held from July 23rd, and was successfully completed on September 4th. We'd like to give our heart felt appreciation for everyone's help. We are looking forward to seeing you at next years Festival and other Karakuri events.

◆ The 3rd annual Karakuri Puzzle Idea Contest .

Total number of entries : 166 entries
The award ceremony was held on August 20th, 2011.
Here are the winners photos.



◆ Karakuri Puzzle Handicraft Class. Thirty-six classes were held from July 23rd to August 19th, 2011. Applicants for this class are increasing each time. More than 780 members took part in this class. We are very grateful for your interest and enthusiasm and apologize if you were unable to participate. There were so many applicants that we, regrettably, had to decline participation due to the limited space of the venue.



◆ Display of Karakuri Box

July 23rd to September 4th, at Kakutaya in Gora Hakone and Maruyama Inc. near Sekisho. We displayed various Karakuri Boxes at two stores. Some Karakuri Boxes, which we do not usually see, were displayed at that time. We suppose it was a lucky chance to see them to many visitors.



◆ Orienteering (“Stamp Rally” in Japanese) · Karakuri Puzzle Performance

Term : July 23rd to September 4th Place : Hakone town

This event won popularity by a lot of participants. They won gifts by solving Karakuri boxes and found the solution of the puzzle under the rules of Karakuri puzzle.

Participants enjoyed this event and challenged their mind. The total number of entries for the lottery was 620.

On Aug.6,7,13 and 14, Mr.Yoshiaki Hirano, a puzzle specialist, had a funny and interesting performance of Karakuri boxes and puzzles. His performance made pedestrian’s stop. In addition to visitors travelling to see famous spots in Hakone and the rest of Japan, lots of people always gather around him to see his performances. Many of those visitors love Karakuri puzzles and spend a long time playing with the puzzles.

◆ The first HKP 

Date : September 3rd ? 4th

Place : Hotel Hakone Academy , Hakone and Odawara

The first annual event of HKP has successfully been completed, even during the heavy rains due to the typhoon. This event was held for two days and kept everyone involved actively enjoying the various activities.

So, the participants are hoping for next year’s event.

The contents were as follows:



1. Handicraft Class for Adults.
2. Sales of Karakuri puzzle
3. Charity Auction
4. Collaboration meeting for new works
5. Lecture
6. Round-table discussion
7. Sightseeing in Hakone
8. Karakuri factory Tour



We will report on them here and in the next papers.

Lecture

Akio Kamei gave a lecture on Kumiki and Secret Boxes, which inspired the beginning of his own creations. Karakuri Boxes. The lecture included many pictures during the special talk. The participants listened eagerly.



Special Talk Show (to make 'Phoenix')

Three craftsmen, Kamei of Karakuri box , Ninomiya of Yosegi Art, and Uchiyama of Zogan Art, met together to talk about making 'Phoenix' . (It was a very rare chance.) Each of them explained the specialized parts they made through pictures. In the final stage of the talk show, 'Phoenix' was actually opened. At that time, participants gazed at it with wonder.



Fund-Raising of Tohoku Earthquake

HKP held a fund-raising for the Tohoku Earthquake victims . 31,805 yen (approximately \$ 270) was gathered and sent to the Japan Red Cross Society in Sep. 20. Thank you so much.

Information of Exhibition

◆Exhibition by Karakuri Creation Group

The title of this exhibition was "Creative Handicraft Exhibition"

Term : Oct. 19th to 25th ,2011

Place : 7th floor of Kohrinbo Daiwa (Kanazawa city, Ishikawa Pref.)

Open 10a. m. – 7p. m. (last day closed at 5p. m.)



We exhibited about 40 to 50 works.



◆Works exhibition by Hideaki Kawashima and Kaori Katoh

Term : Oct. 27th to Nov. 1st ,2011

Place : Gallery MADO

3-5-13 Nishiogiminami, Suginami ward, Tokyo

2 min. walk from JR Nishiogikubo Station South Exit

7th floor of Kohrinbo Daiwa (Kanazawa city, Ishikawa Pref.)

Open 12p. m. – 7p. m. (last day closed at 5p. m.)

This exhibition was held by 2 artists, Kawashima and Kato. Kato is a designer of ladies bags and a friend of Kawashima since her preparatory school days. Most of her designs are for ladies, however, she can handle custom order bags for men as well. In this exhibition Kawashima displayed 12 works including some new ones. Seven works out of the 12 were for sale.

◆Karakuri Box Exhibition

Term : Nov. 3 rd to 8th ,2011

Place : Minamimachi-dori open gallery CROSS ROAD

S・A RUMINA building 1st floor

1-4-26 1banncho aoba-word, Sendai-city, Miyagi pref.

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Open 11a. m. – 7p. m. (last day closed 5p. m.)

Craftsmen: Kanae Saito, Yoh Kakuda, Kyoko Hoshino and Hideaki Kawashima

This exhibition was held by 4 young craftsmen of Karakuri Creation Group. For them, this is the first exhibition in Sendai.



New Born Baby!

In the Iwahara family, a new baby boy was born on Aug. 14, 2011. The baby boy was named 'Saku.' Congratulations!



Making Christmas Presents

This year will end soon. So, we are making Christmas Presents.

What works will be delivered!? We will send them in the middle of Dec.