

からくり新聞

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We thank you for your continued interest this year also.

Thank you for registering and updating your club member status. How are you doing ?
This is the first paper this year.

From Kuno Factory we can see Mt. Hakone, Mt. Hakone is sometimes covered with a little snow.
Mt. Fuji is covered with so much snow everyday. Please take care of yourself during the cold
and dry weather. Our Karakuri workers do their best to create new products this year as well.

Application for the fourth Karakuri Puzzle Idea Contest.

We are receiving some ideas for "Silhouette Puzzle" as well as for Karakuri Boxes.
You can download the application form from our Web site.
We are waiting for your wonderful ideas !
(Application deadline is the end of March.)

Some exhibitions have finished.

Our karakuri craftsmen held some exhibitions continuously
from the latter part of last year to this February.
We will report on them as follows.

The year 2011

「Creative Handicraft exhibition」

10/19 ~ 10/25 : Kohrinbo Daiwa (Ishikawa)

We held the exhibition at Hokuriku District for the first time.

It was a nice chance for people in Hokuriku District, to enjoy Karakuri boxes,
though we could not go sightseeing there.



Ishikawa



Osaka

「The Craft Exhibition about living and attire.

10/19 ~ 10/25 : Hanshin Department Store (Osaka)

We were able to hold an exhibition in the Kansai District after many years.

We had a nice chance to see Karakuri Products directly from people in
Kansai District. We look forward to going there again.



Tokyo

「Works exhibition by Hideaki Kawashima and Kaori Kato」

10/25 ~ 11/11 : Gallery MADDO (Tokyo)

Leather bags and wooden Karakuri boxes were exhibited. That was so unique.

The space of the exhibition was so quiet that visitors who appreciated Karakuri boxes
for the first time were also able to enjoy themselves.

「Karakuri Box Exhibition」

11/03 ~ 11/08 : Minami-chou Street Open Gallery CrossRoad(Miyagi)

Saito, Kawashima, Hoshino, Kakuda participated in this exhibition.

The number of visitors exceeded our expectation and all seemed to be enjoying
Karakuri boxes. Wooden badges and bags made of towels were also exhibited
and sold at the exhibition, as well as Karakuri boxes.



Miyagi

「Japanese Handicraftsmen exhibition」

12/29 ~ 2012/1/10 : Ikebukuro Tobu Department Store (Tokyo)

We participated in this event for the first time.

A variety of handicrafts from all over Japan were displayed at this event and the space was so crowded with many visitors.

Most visitors experienced Karakuri boxes for the first time.

Our Karakuri craftsmen were especially interested in cutlery, art with grains of rice (so tiny!), samples of foods (too real!), a broom which costs one hundred yen, and Sanuki Kagari Temari.



Ikebukuro/Tokyo



Kanagawa

in year 2012

「Creative Koubou Karakuri Box and Wooden Inlay exhibition」

1/4 ~ 1/10 : Yokohama Takashimaya (Kanagawa)

We participated in this event for the first time

We held a joint exhibition with Komoriya Koubou which produces wooden Zogan in Niigata.

「St. Valentine's Gift Fair Sundries-Alley × LOVE × NIPPON MONO ICHI」

2/1 ~ 2/14 : Shinjuku Odakyu Department Store (Tokyo)

Some goods were suitable for St. Valentine's Day, such as bugs and flowers.

To whom did the purchasers send their Karakuri gift boxes?

We hope that they were able to get their wish.



Shinjuku/Tokyo

Thank you for visiting our events.

Information of the exhibition

「The 2nd time of Ibuki exhibition」

Dates: 3/18 ~ 4/1, 11:00- 16:00 (until 15:00 on 4/1) (closed on Tuesday)

Location : Seikantei

Entrance Fee : free

This event was held by Ibuki-kai, which is a group of 22 young wooden handimen in Odawara and Hakone. Kawashima, Kakuda and Saito of our Karakuri Creation Group members belongs to it.

Genres of the event were lathe, Inlays, woodworking joints, Yosegizaiku, Japan, Karakuri boxes, as well as others. Many source technologies were collected. We expect it will be really worth seeing. Please visit if time permits.



「Karakuri Creation Group--- Newest Products exhibition---」

Dates : 4/25 ~ 5/1, 10:00-20:00 (until 18:00 on 5/1)

Location : Wanoza Gallery on the seventh floor of Matsuya Ginza.

This is the annual exhibition to introduce our newest products.

What do you think the theme of this event is ?

Information of cancellation of exhibition.

The exhibition of furniture in Yamaguchi announced at the annual schedule was called

「HKP」 this year, which received a favorable review last year, is currently in preparation. We visited the hall in Hakone and participated in the meeting for it. Hakone was so snowy!

Workshop for adults (2011)



New secret box II



Little tree

We are still reviewing contents of the event, however, we are planning to hold the Karakuri handicraft class for adults this year. We hope you are looking forward to this event.

The contents of the handicraft class are still secret!

The mascot reflected in the left side of the right photograph is → "Domo-kun", which is NHK's mascot in Yokohama and he participated in this class to review it, and Mr. "Betsuyakurei", who is an illustrator, also participated in it.

You can see this class on the following Web Site.

<http://www.nhk.or.jp/yokohama/domo/domo08.html>

It was a little difficult, but everyone could complete the first product. As everyone could complete it satisfactorily, we began making the second product without taking a break. It was relatively easy for everyone to make, so students seemed to feel more relaxed.

Some students made the product in a different way from the original one, to make their own version of the box.

What kind of product will the next class make? Please wait and see!



Meeting for the joint development for new products(2011).

A meeting for the joint development for new products was held on the same day there.

During the meeting we planned for all members to submit their ideas for new products. Each member, including some pupils, proposed some intriguing ideas to craftsmen.

(However, it was so exciting that we were unable to decide which product to make for a long time...)

The product selection was not completed by the end of the meeting and as a result, it was decided that craftsmen of Karakuri Creation Group would put together the proposed ideas later.

What product will be created? We will release it at 「HKP」 this year.



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