

からくり新聞

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 Karakuri Puzzle Festa 2012 is now being held
7/21 ~9/2 7/21~9/2

Karakuri Puzzle Handicrafts have created such an interest that some applicants had to be put on a waiting list.



★The winning works of the 4th Karakuri Puzzle Idea Contest have been completed.

Karakuri box section: winning works are as follows



「Miniature bulb」



「The folder」



「Teapot」



「Toilet」

They are always on display at The Open Air Museum of Hakone while the festa is being held.
They are being displayed at the following three stores in rotation.
You can vote at each place, so please visit them and cast your vote.

◆The Open Air Museum of Hakone
: permanent display ◆
Dates: Jul.21st to Sep.2nd (at free of charge space)
Popularity poll : Jul.21st to Aug.19th
(at free of charge space)
Awards Ceremony: Aug.25th (pay space)

◆stores ◆
Maruyama Inc.(in front of Sekisho) Jul.21st to Jul.29th
(Open every day)
Kakutaya (in front of Gora Station) Jul.31st to Aug.9th
(Closed Wednesday)
Mitsuki (in front of Yumoto Station) Aug.11th to Aug.19th
(Closed Tuesday)

The silhouette puzzle section: winning works are as follows



「The mountens of Hakone and Lake Ashi」



「EKiden」



「Air plane」



「Lie down」



「Sit down」

The silhouette puzzles are also displayed at The Open Air Museum of Hakone as well as Karakuri Puzzles.
You can download the list of winning products from the home page (see below). And try the puzzles after clicking!

The page for HKP and the contest are as follows.

<http://www.karakuri.gr.jp/hiromerukai/context.html>

★Orienteering (“Stamp Rally” in Japanese) is now being held.

We are holding it (free of charge) in Hakone this year too, while the Festa is being held. You can get some points at some places by solving some Karakuri Boxes and Karakuri Puzzles. The prizes include free hotel vouchers, Karakuri Boxes and Yosegi. Please visit Hakone.



The prizes!

You can receive the form in all participating stores and facilities. Please look at the home page for more details.

<http://www.karakuri.gr.jp/hiromerukai/index.html>



★Now recruiting students for the adult handicraft class.

This time, we are recruiting students to the handicraft class for adults. Why don't you come inside and stay cool while you challenge your mind? The number of participants is limited so apply early.



Dates: 8/12 13:30~
for reservation : 0465-55-7887
space : Odawara Lusca fifth floor U-me Salon
Fees : ¥3,500
Target Age : 18 years and older
Hours of Instruction : about one hour.

「New secret box II」

Exhibition held concurrently : Our exhibition is being held at the same place as the handicraft class. Please feel free to try some of the products and play with them. Please note that these products are strictly for exhibition. There will be no products for sale or advanced ordering of products at the exhibition site.

★ A lot of events in summer !!!

★Oita Prefectural Art Center

This is a special project during summer vacation, a sensory museum.

「Treasure Hunter : Let's explore the mysterious castle」

7/12 ~ 8/18 9:00 ~ 17:00

Fees : ¥1,000 for adults ; ¥600 for children ; 3 years and younger-free.

This is a sensory exhibition which uses the five senses of the human body. The event space is like a scary castle where monsters live. There is a room to play with light and shadow. You will see two-dimensional pictures which look 3-D, with floating objects in it. There are also trick pictures which look differently from the opposite side. At this event Karakuri Creation Group will display Karakuri furniture! With the title, “Study in a scary castle”, you can see the furniture in an obstinate father's room. Please touch Karakuri furniture at this event.



大分県立芸術会館



★Now Holding an exhibition sale in Tokyu Hands, Nagoya store.

We are now holding an exhibition and sales on the 8th floor of Tokyu Hands in Nagoya. Hakone Maruyama Inc. joined us this time, too. (No craftsmen will be there) Term: Aug.1 to 21

Aug.11,12,13 and 14, Hirano of Kosumo-Bussan will perform Hanayama Puzzle.(Only the 14th, at Annex Store of TOKYU HANDS) He may perform Karakuri Boxes with it.

★Exhibition Sale at Tobu Ikebukuro Department Store



Karakuri work kit 「Urashima's box」

The exhibition sale is held on the 6th floor of Tobu Ikebukuro Department Store.
(No craftsmen will be there)

8/9 ~ 8/21

Then the Handicraft class is held on 8/11 as a children's event during summer vacation.

①13:00 ②15:00 class hours : 60~90 minutes

(call the shop for reservations : 03-5951-8517)

★Tsukuba Expo Center



The exhibition 「special exhibition : Puzzle exhibition

- The challenge to the thinking of practical science 」 is held at the multiple purpose hall on the second floor of Tsukuba Expo Center in Ibaragi prefecture.

7/21 ~ 9/2 9:50 ~ 17:00

Admission fee : 400 yen for adults/200 yen for children/free for less than 3 years old

Karakuri Creation Group displays some products like Karakuri Small Box. In addition, there seems to be corners to display other products and to try various Puzzles.



Tsukuba Expo Center

★Handicraft class at summer market in Suzuhiro Kamaboko no Sato



We participate in the handicraft class of the event held in the Kamaboko shop in Odawawa, summer market in Suzuhiro Kamaboko no Sato.

Fees for Cost of materials : 1200 yen

Dates : 8/15, 8/19, 8/26 10:00 - 17:00

Class hours : 45 minutes to 75 minutes

Location : In front of Koyurugi-Chaya in Suzunari Market.

Please come and play if you are nearby.

Young craftsmen will participate in this event.

Recruiting participants in the second HKP in 2012.

The last Karakuri Handicraft class for adults got a favorable response.

This class creates the famous "Secret Box".

This class can give you a rare chance to be able to see the detailed mechanism of Secret Boxes.

The content of the class is so effective because you can create it, after hearing the explanation about the architecture of the box and stories of it.

We are also preparing new special presents made by Mr. Kamei. These will not be available for sale.

This is a special benefit for participating in this class.

There are no other events planned for this class.

Please apply for this class early as capacity is limited.



★Sightseeing in Hakone

Unfortunately, it rained on the second day of this event.(A typhoon was coming the day before.)
 In the morning, we went to Kakutaya in front of Gora Station, Hakone. We could watch
 A special performance of “Terihuri Dolls”, which are souvenirs of Hakone. As it is rarely seen, Karakuri craftsmen
 were also very interested in it. “Terihuri Dolls” are very valuable and could only be bought here. Some participants
 including Iwahara bought them.



What 's “Terihuri Dolls” ?
 These dolls have a male costume on one side and a female costume on the other, that change, depending on the weather. It has a unique device which rotates the dolls on an axis on the top of the building roof, which twists, depending on the humidity.

The craftsman of Terihuri Dolls.

Then we moved to Hakone-Sekisho and had free time to do as we liked. Some of us went shopping and some of us had lunch with craftsmen.



What did they talk??



Lunch time! It was dericias!



Maruyama Inc.

★Karakuri Factory Tour

After leaving Hakone, we went on a tour of the Karakuri Factory in Odawara. Participants could see an outdoor lumber yard, a mechanical field and warehouse in the factory.



Kamei is explaining about machines and etc.



This report on the first HKP, which was reported on four times is the final episode.
 We hope that you can get a feeling of the atmosphere of HKP.
 The second HKP will be held soon.
 We are still recruiting participants for it. Please attend if you can!