

Clara's House, 10748 Main Street, Clarence, NY

cordially invites you to



FRIENDSHIP THROUGH TEAS - EAST MEETS WEST

Authentic Japanese Tea Ceremony demonstration and tasting

(Program is a part of 2007 Year of Japan in Buffalo and Niagara)



The Japanese tea ceremony incorporates various aspects of artistic and spiritual expressions of its culture. It involves painstaking preparation to serve a cup of tea to the guest by the host through which both will treasure the moment of encounter which will never happen again in the same manner in the future. The host prepares everything for this occasion to thoroughly satisfy their guests - the garden where the tea house is located, a room with simple flowers arranged, matching scroll paintings, the incense and its burner, a tea cup, the tea itself, a tea caddy, a bamboo spoon and even the charcoal to boil water arranged in a certain manner to be viewed by guests and all. Experiencing a ceremonial tea is to expose ourselves to all the aspects of Japanese customs, art and culture. The spirit of serving tea is to nurture true friendship based on selflessness, respect, consideration, understanding, humility and love for others- the universal discipline for keeping harmony and peace. Come and enjoy such a tranquil moment of peace and friendship!

SCHEDULE OF TEA CEREMONY AND PROGRAM EVENTS

April 29	2:00 PM	Tea Ceremony and tasting with Ikebana (Japanese floral art) demonstration and Japanese music performance
April 30	10:00 AM	Special program for Buffalo Schools
May 3	10:00 AM & 2:00 PM	Tea Ceremony and tasting: Story telling and Origami workshop
May 4	10:00 AM & 2:00 PM	Tea Ceremony and tasting: Story telling and Origami workshop
May 5	2:00 PM	Closing Tea Ceremony and tasting with Ikebana demonstration and music performance

Admission: \$30.00 per person per ceremony
\$25.00 seniors or for a group of 10 or more per person

Reservations and more information, contact: Presentations 565-3120



Clara's House will be decorated with Japanese art objects, but with a flavor of East meets West: Kimono/Obi, scroll paintings, woodblock prints, silk screens, Ikebana floral arrangements, sculptured dolls, and ceramic arts. A docent program will explain the artwork exhibits. Tea is served with Japanese authentic sweets. Educational leaflets will be distributed to take home for future reference.

Participating organizations and individuals: Clara's House, Buffalo-Kanazawa Sister City Committee, Ikebana International Buffalo 50, Japanese Group of Buffalo, Friends of the Japanese Garden (Under the auspices of Year of Japan in Buffalo and Niagara).

