

MY FAVORITE SPOTS and EVENTS



日本在住の外国人の方から日本国内で訪れて印象に残った観光地や、感動した事柄などについて寄稿いただきましたので、ご紹介します。今回は松川玲子さんからのご紹介で、アメリカ出身で名古屋在住7年の Mr. Dustin Harris です。ご協力ありがとうございます。

皆様のお知り合いの外国人にも、日本滞在中に心に残った体験や文化的習慣など、ご紹介をお願いできませんか。ジャンルは問いません。投稿お待ちしております。

Hammering Out the Details

I may not be able to get lost in a new city due to the pandemic, but I can get lost in a new project. I love to make things, and because of Japan's commitment to keep traditional crafts alive I have been learning to make Japanese armor for the past five years.

Not long after arriving I learned of a Japanese armor creation course at one of the culture centers in Nagoya City, my hometown in Japan. The next thing I knew I was on my way to crafting my first helmet. I'm sure my neighbors weren't so excited about my new hobby! Imagine watching your neighbor carrying an anvil into their apartment!

Every class I learn something new. There is always a new step I was not aware of, or I learn a new way to use my tools. It is exciting to know that I am learning a craft that not only goes back centuries but endures to this day. Making armor requires patience, and an eye for detail. Now when I visit a museum, I can look at a suit of armor on display and have a much deeper understanding of the craftsmanship that goes into each piece. I often wonder if the armorers of old felt the same joy that I do when I finish a new piece of armor.

The best part however is not the creation of each new piece of armor. It has been the friendships that I have cultivated and the wonderful people I have met because of taking these classes. Moving to and living in a different country can be very lonely if you let it and getting involved in a craft class is a wonderful way to make new friends and meet like-minded people.



Kabuto (left)
Sode/Shoulder protector
(up)

Photos by Mr. D. H. "Self-produced armor"

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* 保存会では、鎧兜を中心に、馬具・陣羽織・旗幟・指揮具など武具全般を対象にした研究と後世に伝えてゆくための保存活動を行っています。

また、海外支部発行『JAS YEARBOOK』の発行や甲冑武具審査会なども行っています。

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