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Greetings from JEC! Springtime's arrival in Atlanta is abloom with building excitement about Japanese embroidery in 2006. Please read these latest notes from our office for a glimpse.

Bead Class 2006 & celebration! (June; Phase I: 20-21; Phases II&III: 22-24; Phases IV&V, SP: 26-28)

With the success of Gold Leaf 2006 now behind us, JEC anticipates Bead Class in June, when we will commemorate Ms. Matsukawa's 10th anniversary visit from Japan as guest instructor. She will bring her newly-published textbook on Japanese bead embroidery and will be on hand to sign copies. Please see our website soon for full info and registration. We hope to have you with us to celebrate this special event with Matsukawa-san!

Mr. Yamashita returns!

October-November 2005 was a special time at the Center, with students and staff inspired by the visiting Mr. Yamashita (*Nuido*, Winter 2006). We are happy to announce the Kurenai-Kai workshop chief's return to the Center this fall! He will contribute his expertise at the November classes listed below. Details and registration to follow soon at our website. Please join us!

- **Special Crane Class (November 8-11)**

Landing Crane, front cover of this past journal issue, will be stitched at a special class the week following Teachers Class. Mr. Yamashita will offer assistance in instructing the class.

- **Thanks from Mr. Yamashita (November 6-7)**

In gratitude for the many donations to mount the Hoitsu scrolls (pg. 11 inside), Mr. Yamashita will preside over a special free session, Nov. 6-7. Capacity for the free class is 25 students/day; priority registration to Yamashita Fund contributors, as appreciation.

- **Teachers Class (November 1-4)**

The new Phase III piece, *Young Samurai*, will be offered at Teachers Class (Nov. 1-4), with Mr. Yamashita in assistance.

All Phases/New Students Class (July 12-15) – New Encounter

This July, the Center welcomes beginning students by teaching *New Encounter* (back cover, *Nuido*, Fall 2005; http://www.japaneseembroidery.com/Instruction/phase/phase_0.html). Karen Plater will again return to the classroom to teach with Masa Tamura. Students at all levels welcome, and staying for Open Class the following week (19-22) is encouraged! Please contact us for class application or further info.

Classes abroad in 2006 – Australia & France

Kazumi Tamura will be teaching Japanese embroidery abroad in Adelaide, Australia this summer (details inside this journal issue), and Cannes, France in the winter. We hope to see you there!

Exotic koma, new and restock

Koma of African blackwood, tulipwood, Honduras rosewood, purple heart, and other rare woods, will be available soon. Please preorder now if you are interested in these limited quantity items.

As always, thank you for being a part of JEC. **Remember that the Center is always anxious to welcome visitors (please make an appointment) and new members, so please pass JEC on to your family, friends, and acquaintances.** We hope you enjoy our Spring 2006 issue of *Nuido*!

Yours appreciatively,

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