



Japanese Embroidery Center Inc. (JEC)

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Greetings from JEC! As the turning leaves rustle in the new season's cool winds, we at the Center look forward to again stirring your attentions with the following news and notes from our office.

JEC supply items price increases for 2006

After facing 16 years of universally inflating costs since our inception, JEC has raised but a relative handful of our supply items in sale price, in an effort to keep Japanese embroidery as affordable a pursuit as possible. Now, however, with this hardship a mounting pressure on us, an across-the-board price increase on JEC supply items, effective January 1, 2006, must be made to meet these economic demands (specifics to be announced on our website soon). In the meantime, supply items remain at their current prices for orders placed before 12/31/05!

Increase in baseline membership price for 2006

As a concession to burgeoning costs of printing and postage, the baseline Friend membership will be increased for 2006, also effective January 1 of next year. **Domestic memberships** will be **\$40.00** for the **2006 membership year**, and **international, \$45.00. An exception is for submitted renewals and new memberships for 2006 postmarked prior to 12/31/05, which will be charged the current \$35.00.** LIKEWISE, A SPECIAL EXTENSION TO KEEP PAYING \$35.00 PER ANNUM FOR UP TO THREE YEARS IS AVAILABLE AS PART OF A MULTI-YEAR MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION. AS ABOVE, MULTI-YEAR MEMBERSHIPS SUBMITTED AFTER 12/31/05 WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THIS EXTENSION (current multi-year memberships already qualify). Membership levels above Friend will not be increased in price.

Automatically Renewed Memberships to be also affected by the above

Our many subscribers to Automatic Membership Renewal will also experience an adjustment in how they are charged upon implementation of the Friend membership price increase. *To avoid the \$5.00 increase for each of the next three years beginning in 2007, please authorize us before December of this year to charge your next three years of membership upfront (\$105.00). Otherwise, \$40.00 will be charged to each per annum System membership after the 2006 renewal year.* If you no longer wish to belong to our Automatic Membership Renewal System, please contact us with a written notice postmarked no later than December 1 of each expiration year.

Support JEC with an upgraded membership

To help JEC cover additional costs that will not be met by the above price increases, we hope that some of our members, specifically our teachers and advanced stitchers, might wish to consider an upgrade in membership level to Patron (\$75.00) or above. We desire to continue our support of each other as we spread Japanese embroidery across the globe!

Stitch with Yamashita-san special class

Mr. Yoshihiro Yamashita, head of the Kurenai-Kai workshop in Japan, will be honoring our classroom with his presence during late October and early November. Two special classes, one dedicated to pre-Phase X stitchers (Oct. 28-29), and the other to those at Phase X or above (Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8), will share his special mastery of Japanese embroidery with us. All tuition proceeds will go to funding a special Kurenai-Kai embroidery mounting project (detailed on pg. 15 of the journal). Several spots are still available in the first class, and a few in the second (Nov. 7-8 only), so please register today!

Advanced Class 2006 news

JEC's Advanced Class 2006 (tuition: \$200.00) is slated for next March 15-18. The special new design for this class, presently being worked on by Mr. Tamura, will be detailed in the next issue of the journal. We hope to please you!

Phase X & Teachers Class only weeks away!

While Teachers Class is now filled to capacity (thanks to our teachers for helping us to realize this goal!), a few openings are still available for Phase X Class. Acceptance of applications has been extended to October 10, so send in yours today!

Enclosed JEC Class Schedule 2006

As briefly mentioned in our Summer 2005 newsletter, our class schedule for 2006 (enclosed) has been significantly overhauled. Please look at it to plan your embroidery travel for next year, and let us know if you have any questions!

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 Fall 2005 issue of *Nuido*!

Yours appreciatively,

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