Newsletter issue 9: December 2023

elcome to Atami SGG International Club and our December newsletter. We are a group of likeminded volunteers, Japanese and foreign, all living in Atami.

If you have any language problem, please contact us. We have several members who, between us, speak English, German, Spanish, Italian, French and Chinese.



FAMI SGG

The SGG had a study tour at Izusan shrine on Oct.17th. Ten members joined and had a lecture from Hara Guuji (the chief priest). He started his speech by saying that, "Our lives will not be finished by our death, our

souls will continue after death, so it's important how

Izusan Shrine Visit & Lecture



After that, he explained the history and stories behind Izusan shrine and Shintoism. The members learned a lot about Izusan and had a very enjoyable time.

SGG will run events every month and the next one on December 15th will be a cooking class at Ikiki Plaza to bake Christmas stollen. Come and join us!

Atami Art Grant will run until Dec. 17th. The concept is "walking around Atami to see various art and help cultivate young artists." About 100 artists are participating and installations will be held at 40 sites including Akao Forest, Kinomiya, Nagisa, and Atami station. Some events are free, but if you buy a passport at 3,000 yen You can visit all venues including The Curation Hotel at Momoyama. Last year a total of 180,000 people attended. Let's enjoy this chance.

Atami Events: December 2023

12/4 14:30-15:30 Atami SGG Monthly meeting; 15:30 ~ 17:00 Dr. Kinoshita's English lesson (Fukushi Ctr., 6th Fl) 12/2 & 3, 16 & 17 Nagahama Market at Nagahama Kaihin Park

12/9 & 10 Himono Matsuri, Ajiro; free entertainment both days, Jii Baas $(\cancel{2}-\cancel{2})$ band are playing live 10th 12/15 SGG Club Activity to bake Christmas stollen at Ikiki Plaza 4th Fl. 14:00 – 17:00

12/10, 24 Sunday morning market at Nagisasho Park

12/3 & 23 Fireworks Atami seaside

12/16 YMCA, Atami City, Jii Baas band end of year party. Tickets ¥1,000, BYO food and drinks 11/1 ~ 12/17 Atami Art Grant (art installations around Atami)



Cha Cha Coffee Shop

(Advertisement) This cozy coffee shop has been serving the local community since 1979. It is a little hard to locate since it is off the main street, but you will enjoy and it is well worth the effort to visit. The home-roasted coffee, cheesecake, and pudding are house specialties. There are always two blends and five single coffees. All are Q-grade coffee beans which is a universal standard for coffee beans. We are sure you will find a coffee you will like. 茶々 熱海市清水町 11-11 TEL/FAX 0557-85-8090



We are developing our information and resources for the benefit of all residents of Atami. Is there some useful information about life in Atami you would like to have? We would be delighted to hear from you at info@atamisgg.com



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