Local Events – May 2023

Iris Rice Planting Festival

Date: 5/5

Time: From 11:00AM

Location: Tenma Shrine (Ichinono,

Kumihama-cho)

This festival, celebrated since the Edo period, prays for health and abundant harvests and is known to be celebrated in



only three places in Japan. Although the event itself does not involve rice planting, the local children sing folk songs and toss iris leaves high up into the sky. It is also registered as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in Kyoto Prefecture.

Hanago Okada - 1st Flush

Duration: Until 5/7

Location: Hanago Okada Flower Gardens (Okada,

Kitsu, Amino-cho)

Admission: Adults - 700 yen

Children (Elementary School Age) - 350 yen

Infants/Toddlers - Free

Come see some seasonal blooms at Hanago Okada! While viewing the rows of colorful blossoms, you can also enjoy their housemade strawberry sweets, like strawberry daifuku. It's a wonderful way to spend a bright spring day!



The 6th Wisteria Festival

Date: 5/7

Time: 9:45AM ~ 3:00PM

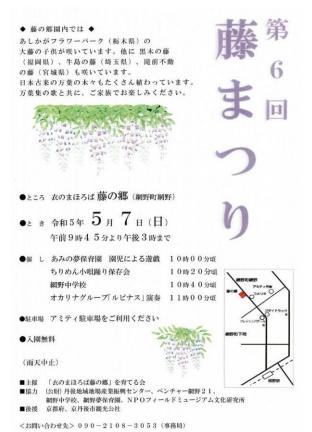
Location: Fuji no Sato – Wisteria Park

(Shimooka, Amino-cho)

Admission: Free

Like the famous wisteria trellises at Ashikaga Flower Park, Kyotango has its own grand display of these magical purple blooms in Amino. Come by for some family fun and entertainment under the eaves of wisteria gently swaying in the breeze.

Please use the parking lot at Amity Tango for this event.



Kyogamisaki Lighthouse Festival

Date: 5/7

Time: 10:00AM ~ 3:00PM

Location: Kyogamisaki Lighthouse (Sodeshi,

Tango-cho)

Event may be cancelled due to bad weather. The notice will be issued by 7:00AM the day of the event.



2023 All-Japan Canoe Marathon Championship/

2023 National Team Selection Trial/

2023 All-Japan Collegiate Long-

Distance Canoe Championship/

2023 All-Japan Long-Distance

Paracanoe Championship

Dates: 5/13 ~ 5/14

Location: Kumihama Bay Canoe Stadium (3143

Kumihama-cho)

The Canoe Marathon is a long-distance race where all competitors begin all together at the start line and race around a course. In the middle of the course, there is a portage area where the athletes will carry their canoes and dash across the dock. The energy of onlooking spectators runs high during this stretch, cheering for their favored competitor.



Day 1 Category – Singles (Begins 8:00AM)

Day 2 Category – Pairs (Begins 8:00AM)

<u>Butterflies of the World – Special</u> Exhibition

Duration: 5/15 ~ 6/18 (Closed on Tuesdays)

Open Hours: 9:00AM ~ 5:00PM (Last Entry at

4:30PM)

Location: Kotobikihama Singing Sands Museum

(1250 Kakezu, Amino-cho)

View around 500 different specimens of around 50 species of butterflies from all around the world. There will also be a lecture on May 28th about the Chestnut Tiger Butterfly, a migratory species that visits the beaches of Tango in June. The lecture will require prior



reservation.

The 7th Tango Divine Sake Festival

Dates: 5/27~5/28

Times: 10:00AM ~ 5:00PM

Locations: Sake Breweries all over the Tango

Peninsula

Admission: Entry is Free *Tastings may be free or

require extra charge. Food is extra charge.

5/27 (Sat.):

Yosamusume Sake Brewery (Yosano), Taniguchi Sake Brewery (Yosano), Hakurei Sake Brewery (Miyazu), Ikeda Sake Brewery (Maizuru), Wakamiya Sake Brewery (Ayabe)



5/28 (Sun.):

Shirasugi Sake Brewery (Kyotango), Takeno Sake Brewery (Kyotango), Kumano Sake Brewery (Kyotango), Kinoshita Sake Brewery (Kyotango)

If you are driving to the breweries by yourself, please remember to have a designated driver, Japan has a zero-tolerance policy for drunk driving.

Kumihama Bay Expo 2023

Date: 5/28

Time: 10:00AM – 3:00PM

Location: Amenity Kumihama Park

Things to Do:

- Boat Experiences

Ride in a canoe, a traditional merchant boat, or a dragon boat for free!

Make sure to wear clothes that can get wet.

- Town Walk

Collect stamps all over Kumihama and discover new places! Also, quiz your knowledge on the town with the Kumihama Quiz!



- Bayside Market

Browse the stalls in the open-air market and satisfy your tastebuds with gourmet eats from an array of food trucks!