

## Local Events – October 2024

### **An Energizing Concert with the Yoshida Kinen Orchestra (YKO)**

**Date:** October 5<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)

**Time:** From 2PM (Doors Open at 1:30PM)

**Place:** Tango Performing Arts Hall (Mineyama)

**Admission:** General – 1500 yen (2000 yen at-the-door)  
Student – 1000 yen (1500 yen at-the-door)

**Contact:** Tango Performing Arts Hall

TEL 0772-62-5200

\*Tickets may be purchased on the day of the concert; however, if all tickets are sold out, then ticket sales will be stopped.

Shed off your stress and weariness from the week and listen to an exciting concert of classical favorites and J-Pop hits! The conductor himself will also entertain the audience with his fun banter.



### **Let's Wear Kimono! – Workshop #4**

**Date:** October 5<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)

**Time:** 1PM ~ 4PM

**Fee:** Free

**Sign-Ups & Contact:** Hikari Art Museum

TEL 0772-74-1009

Email: [mail@hikaribijyutukan.net](mailto:mail@hikaribijyutukan.net)

In this workshop, you can try wearing a kimono by yourself starting from the undergarments! The goal is to be able to dress yourself neatly in a kimono by the Chirimen Festival in November.



## Kumihama Marukajiri Festival

**Date:** October 6<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Time:** 9:30AM ~ 2:00PM

**Location:** Around Kumihama Town Hall  
Browse shops selling handmade goods and local produce, a flea market, game booths, and food stalls!



## Kumihama Ikku Autumn Festival

**Dates:** Oct. 12 (Sat.) – Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Time:** Yoimiya Festival (10/12) – 6PM ~ 9PM

Main Festival (10/13) – 8AM ~ 1PM

**Locations:** Kamitani Tachinomiya Shrine →  
throughout Kumihama Town Area →  
Kumihama Station



Join the festivities and experience this unique tradition in the town of Kumihama!  
The streets come alive with taiko drum beats and the shouts and cheers from the local people as the local men carry the *taikodai* floats throughout the town.

## Rediscover Mineyama! - Guardian Cat Town Walking Course

**Date:** October 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)

**Time:** 9AM ~ 12PM

**Fee:** 500 yen

**Sign-up:** Register by 10/10 (Thurs.) to Hagoromo Station's Office

TEL 0772-62-8560

Email: [mailmaster@hagoromo.gr.jp](mailto:mailmaster@hagoromo.gr.jp)

\*The tour will be held in the event of light rain.

Participate in a walking tour to get to know the historical town of Mineyama. This year's tour centers around the industries and trades that thrived in Mineyama, such as the silk textile industry. Whether you are a tourist or a local resident, you're sure to learn something new and fascinating through this tour.



## Play in a Picture Book World – “Grandmother’s Dream” by Rotou TSUDA

**Dates:** Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) – 20<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Time:** 10:00AM – 4:00PM

**Location:** Inaba Honke Residence (Kumihama)

Enjoy the world of Kumihama-born author Rotou Tsuda's picture book titled “Obaasan no Yume” or “Grandmother’s Dream”. You can also enjoy art, sculptures, embroidery, and baked goods with locally grown produce!



## Hippara Pass Gingko Tree Light-Up

**Duration:** Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Wed.) – Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sat.)

**Times:** 5:30PM ~ 10:00PM

**Location:** Along National Route 178 between Central Amino and Kitsu

A seasonal favorite photo spot for train-spotters, the ginkgo trees will be illuminated this year in the mountain pass of Amino. The glowing golden foliage of these 50-year-old trees is a spectacle to behold.



## Halloween Trunk-or-Treat

**Date:** October 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)

**Time:** 10:30AM ~ 11:30AM

**Location:** Former Tanba Elementary School Gymnasium (Mineyama)



Have a day of Halloween fun with your kids at Tanba Elementary School! The KCS will have a variety of booths, games, and of course, candies for the family to enjoy from their car trunks. This year, there will be a dance contest at the end of the event to see who has the spookiest moves!

To sign up your kids for this event, please email the Kyotango City International Association (KIA) at [kokusai\\_koryu@kyotango.net](mailto:kokusai_koryu@kyotango.net). The dance tutorial videos will be sent at a later date.

## Anyoji Candlelight Noh

**Date:** October 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)

**Time:** From 6:00PM (Venue Opens at 5:30PM)

**Location:** Anyoji Temple (Kumihama)

**Admission:** General – 11000 yen

Student – 4000 yen

In the low candlelight, experience the aesthetic beauty and solemnity of classical noh theatre anew in the elegance of a historic Buddhist temple. This year will feature a performance of *Jinen Koji* and the kyogen play *Onigawara*.



## Tango Expo 2024

**Date:** October 27<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Time:** 10AM ~ 4PM

**Location:** Tango Kingdom

Kyotango's local high school students' hard work throughout the year will be showcased at this huge SDGs-centered event in October! While working with local businesses and activists, the youth imagine and make efforts towards a better and more sustainable future for Kyotango City. Check out the many booths, activities, and live stage events at Tango Kingdom.



## Anno Mitsumasa Art Exhibition – Works from “Forests of Germany” and “Anne of Green Gables”

**Duration:** Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) – Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.)

**Location:** Wakuden no Mori (764 Tani, Kumihamacho)

**Open Hours:** 9:30AM ~ 5PM (Last Entry at 4:30PM)

*Closed on Tuesdays. The museum will be open if a national holiday is on a Tuesday, but the museum will close on the Wednesday after.*

**Admission:** Adult - 1000 yen

Junior/Senior High School Student – 600 yen

Elementary School Student – 400 yen



“Forests of Germany” – Usually kept in Tsuwano Town’s Anno Mitsumasa Art Museum, the illustrations from Anno’s first visit to Germany will be on display in Kyotango. Take in the cozy depictions of Germany’s forests and flowing rivers, and feel the towns come to life with song.

“Anne of Green Gables” – In celebration of L. M. Montgomery’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, rediscover the colorful world of this beloved series as imagined by Anno Mitsumasa.

Please come and enjoy both exhibitions.

## Kyotango Fruits Trail

**Duration:** Until October 31<sup>st</sup> (Thurs.)

**Location:** Participating vendors along National Route 178

This month, enjoy fruits like Shine Muscat and Pione grapes, figs, Japanese pears, and different varieties of sweet potatoes straight from the farm! Buy them fresh, or savor them in all sorts of desserts, juices, and smoothies!



## Tango Kimono Flea Market 2024

**Dates:** Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 11/2 (Sat.) – 9AM ~ 5PM

11/3 (Sun.) – 9AM ~ 4PM

**Location:** Mineyama General Welfare Center, 2F Community Hall



The biggest kimono market in Tango is happening again this year! Get unbeatable deals on beautiful vintage and second-hand kimonos of all sorts! There will also be *haori* coats, *obi* belts, kimono accessories, and scrap fabric on sale as well. A must-go for the Japanese fashion enthusiast.