# <u>Local Events – September 2025</u>

# **Kyotango Fruits Trail 2025**

**Duration:** Until Oct. 31st

Participating Locations: Ieki Farms,

Roadside Station Sankaikan, Shiroiwa

Tsunemi Farms

Enjoy the freshest fruits of the season in all sorts of ways for a farm-direct price, whether it be fresh-cut, blended in a



smoothie, topped over ice cream, or folded in a crepe with luscious whipped cream! This season, eat your way through Amino and Kumihama with refreshing Asian pears, succulent grapes, delectable roasted sweet potatoes, and more! Please check each producers' open hours of operation.

# 15<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Noh An Invitation to the World of Profound Elegant Beauty

Date: Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)

Time: Part 1 – From 4:00PM

Part 2 - From 5:45PM

Location: Anyoji Temple (125 Anyoji,

Kumihama-cho)

Admission: General – 11,000 yen

Student (Elementary to High

School) – 4,000 yen

(Tickets purchased at the door will be an

additional 500 yen)



# \*Ticket sales begin Sept. 8th (Mon.)

**Content:** Part 1 – Sword Forging Demonstration by Genshosha

Part 2 – Children's Noh Performances

Introduction & Commentary by Kanze Yoshimasa

Noh Play – "Kokaji Hakuto" (Kanze-Style)

**Contact:** Tan-Tan Noh-Noh Kai (Fujimura)

TEL 090-1137-1758

Don't miss your chance to enjoy the profundity and mystique of Japan's oldest form of theatre within a Buddhist temple! The featured noh play is titled Kokaji (Swordsmith), which will be preceded by an actual forging demonstration by one of Kyotango's sword forgeries. Reserve your tickets to the number above (Japanese only).

The event will be held entirely in Japanese.

# Mitsumasa Anno Exhibition – "Uta no Tabi" (A Journey of Songs)

**Duration:** Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) ~ Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> (Mon.)

Open Hours: 9:30AM ~ 5:00PM (Last

Entry at 4:30PM)

Closed on Tuesday, unless it falls on a holiday, in which the museum will be closed on the following day. Open 9/23, Closed 9/24.

Location: Wakuden no Mori (764 Tani,

Kumihama-cho)

**Admission:** General – 1000 yen

Junior High/High School Students – 600 yen

Elementary School Students – 400 yen

Contact: TEL/FAX 0772-84-9901



Explore the whimsical world of picture book illustrator Mitsumasa Anno's watercolors at this exhibit. Forty-six illustrations inspired by songs of nostalgia from his "Uta no Tabi" series will be on display.

## **World Café**

**Date:** Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.)

**Time:** 7PM – 8:30PM

**Location:** Machi Machi Information Center (843

Sugitani, Mineyama-cho)

**Fee:** General – 1500 yen

Members – 1000 yen

**Capacity:** 30 people (first-come, first-serve)

**Contact:** Kyotango City International Association

Email kokusai\_koryu@kyotango.net

Always wanted to learn a new language, but don't know where to start? Chat and learn about a new culture in a casual setting with native speakers and other interested people at the KIA's World Café. This time, we will feature Mandarin Chinese, Vietnamese, and English groups. Please let the KIA know which language group you would like to enter. Signature Vietnamese food will also be served!



# 10th Komaneko Festival

Date: Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 21<sup>st</sup>

Time: 10AM ~ 4PM

**Location:** Kotohira Shrine and

throughout the town of Mineyama

Celebrate the guardian cat at the Komaneko Festival in Mineyama! Cats have been worshipped and cherished by local silk weavers and merchants for centuries as they protected the precious silk cocoons from pesky



mice. Enjoy a handicraft market, food trucks and stalls, a second-hand kimono market, and other special events at the festival! Don't forget to visit Kijima Shrine, located inside of the shrine grounds, and meet the Komaneko unique to Kyotango. The *purr*-fect event for cat-lovers everywhere!

#### **Event Schedule:**

#### 9/20 (Sat.)

- Prayer Offering for the Komaneko Festival Location: Kotohira Shrine
- Komaneko Kyogen Performance Location: Mineyama General Welfare Center's Community Hall (2F)

#### 9/20 (Sat.) ~ 9/21 (Sun.)

Walking Tour with a Cat-Loving Tour Guide – Reservation Required

Contact: amidakuji0925@icloud.com

Registration Deadline: Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> (Tues.)

Capacity: 10 people (first-come, first-serve)

> Tour Plans: 1 The Playful Hearts and Prayers of the Weavers (1hr) -

- ¥1500 ② 350 Years of Tango Silk Textile (2hr) ¥2500
- The Great Tango Cat-Lover's Exhibition Location: Former Tanaka Furniture
   Gallery (32 Shirogane, Mineyama-cho)
  - Free Admission

### 9/21 (Sun.)

Konpira Handicraft Market – Location: Kotohira Shrine

Lots of cat-themed goods for sale! Food trucks and stalls selling food and refreshments will also be there!

- Paint a Ceramic Cat/Cat Mask
- Tango Chirimen Mobile Decoration Exhibition
- Cat Eye Exhibit Shuzo Ikeda
- > Tango Chirimen Projection Mapping Exhibit
- Matcha Tea Service by the Mineyama High School Tea Ceremony Club
- Komaneko Festival Celebration
- Make a Cat Bed! (Workshop Fee: ¥1500, priority to participants with reservations)
- Cat-shaped Coaster Workshop
- Darts Experience
- Wikipedia Meow-n Vol.8 Share the Pride of the Town on the Internet! –
   Location: Nissin Manufacturing Foundation Hall (22 Izumi, Mineyama-cho)
- Tango Chirimen Mobile Decoration Workshop (no prior reservation needed)
  - Location: Tango Kura (Shochu brewery across the street from Yamashita Denki)

\*\*As of 9/2. For more up-to-date information, please check the respective event websites in Japanese.