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**60<sup>th</sup> CWAJ Japanese Print Show Travels to Highfield Hall & Gardens**

Highfield Hall & Gardens, located in Falmouth, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, announces that the 60<sup>th</sup> CWAJ Contemporary Japanese Print Show will be the highlight of the 2016 exhibition season. The show of over 200 art works will travel to Highfield after its premier in Tokyo and will feature the top printmakers in Japan today. The exhibition will be held from June 23 to September 14, 2016. The opening reception will be on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and all are invited and welcome. The prints will be available for sale and will benefit the CWAJ scholarship and education programs and Highfield Hall & Gardens.

A wide range of programs will be offered at Highfield Hall & Gardens highlighting Japanese culture and native art forms throughout the summer.

Since its inception in 1949, the College Women's Association of Japan (CWAJ) has been a not-for-profit volunteer organization of Japanese and non-Japanese women

interested in education, cross-cultural exchange, and friendship. Offering opportunities for women from all over the world to share unique cultural experiences with their Japanese peers, CWAJ provides a long-term link with Japan as well as the immediate benefits of a wide range of activities in and around Tokyo.

The first CWAJ Print Show opened in October 1956. The show was the brainchild of a CWAJ member who had studied printmaking and the art critic and author Oliver Statler. Through their efforts, the Print Show was born, assuring significant funds for the CWAJ Travel Grants Program, and later the Scholarship Program. Mr. Abe Yuji of Yoseido Gallery in Tokyo assisted the young venture by introducing top-ranked artists.

Over 59 years, the CWAJ Print Show has grown into a highly respected annual exhibition of contemporary Japanese prints (hanga). It features many diverse printmaking techniques, from intaglio, to lithography, to silkscreen. Since 1980, the prints have been selected by international advisors who are printmaking experts, art critics, or curators from highly respected museums.

Having celebrated their 40th anniversary at the British Museum in London and their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at The Library of Congress in Washington, DC, the CWAJ has chosen to celebrate their sixtieth anniversary in Falmouth. Falmouth has welcomed visits from Japan's Crown Prince Akihito, Emperor Showa and Empress Kojun. Emperor Showa was a world-renowned marine biologist and his keen interest in the Marine Biological Laboratories and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, located in the Falmouth village of Woods Hole, has helped to foster cordial relations between Japan and the Town of Falmouth for more than sixty years. For more information about the CWAJ visit [cwaj.org](http://cwaj.org).

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Highfield Hall & Gardens, a five- star rated destination, is a magnificently restored historic estate with beautiful gardens in the heart of Falmouth, MA. Built in 1878 as the summer home of the Beebe family of Boston, the 20-room mansion sits on 5.5 pristine acres surrounded by nearly 400 acres of conservation land and trails. The mansion serves as a cultural center offering concerts, festivals, art exhibits, culinary classes, family programs and educational opportunities. It is a “must see” for those visiting Cape Cod. Highfield Hall is open 7 days a week: 10:00 am – 4:00 Monday through Friday and 10:00 am – 2:00 pm weekends. For more information visit [highfieldhall.org](http://highfieldhall.org).

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