



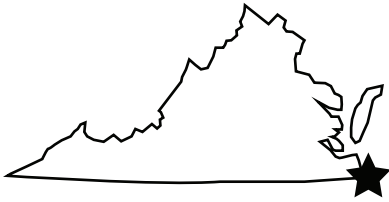
CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL ACTIVITY BOOK



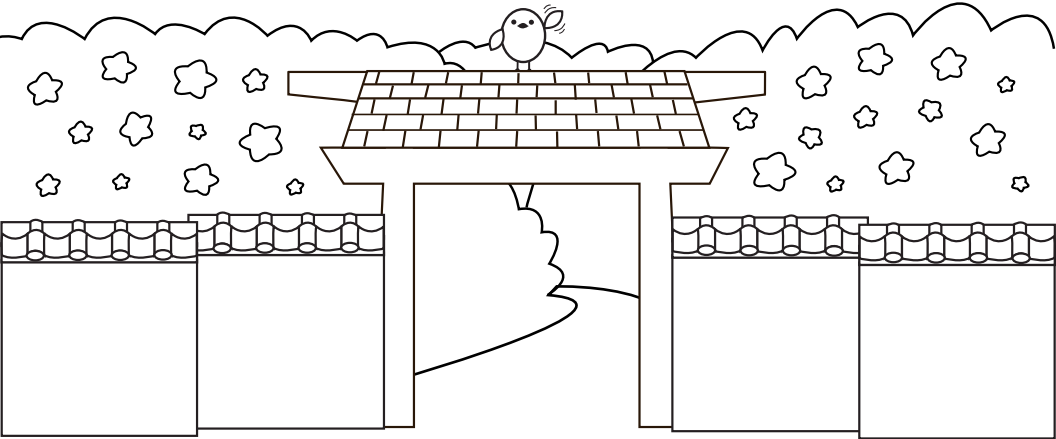
Parks &
Recreation

Sister Cities

The Virginia Beach Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates the goodwill and friendship between the City of Virginia Beach and Miyazaki City, Japan which have been Sister Cities since 1992. Miyazaki City is located on the southeastern coast of Kyushu Island, Japan just like Virginia Beach is on the southeastern coast of the United States. Both cities have approximately the same population.



Miyazaki Japanese Garden

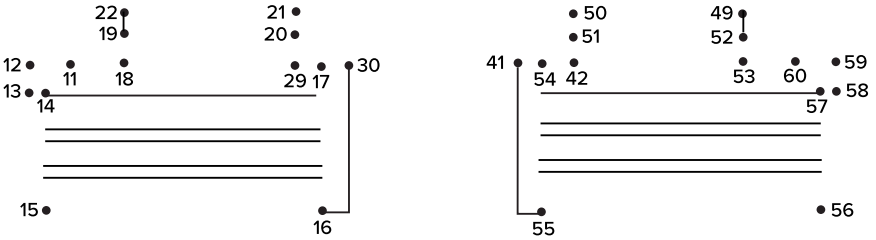
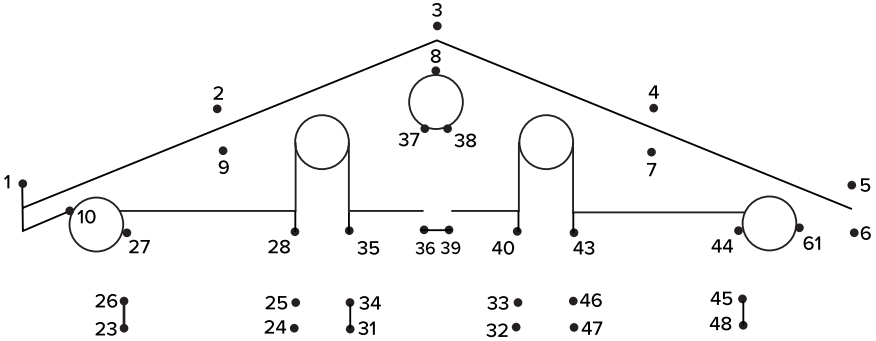


Miyazaki Japanese Garden was created and dedicated to Red Wing Park on September 25, 1997. This dedication was in honor of the 5th anniversary of the Sister Cities relationship. Today, the garden is a popular venue for weddings and is maintained by Virginia Beach Parks and Landscape Services.

Azumaya

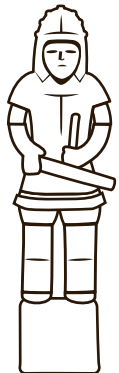
The Japanese Azumaya was dedicated at Red Wing Park in 2012. The Azumaya is a simple building with a roof and four pillars representing north, south, east & west. It is an area of rest, without walls, allowing for the enjoyment of the surrounding atmosphere and nature. It was built to honor the 20th Anniversary of the Sister Cities relationship.

Draw lines from each point in numerical order to draw the Azumaya!



Haniwa

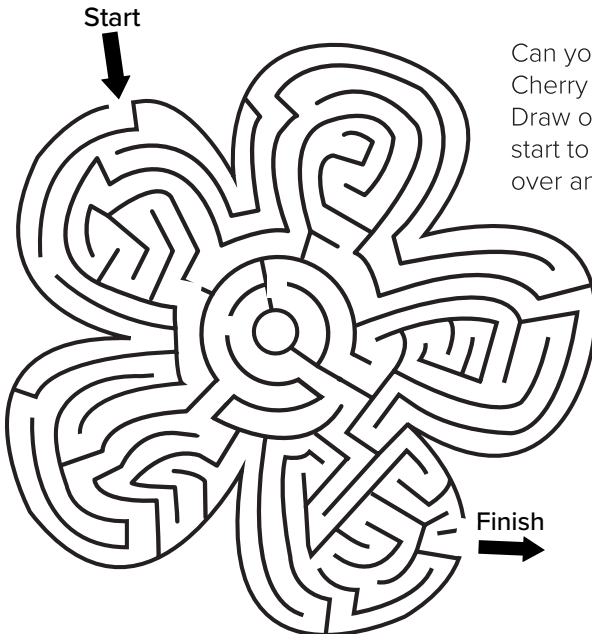
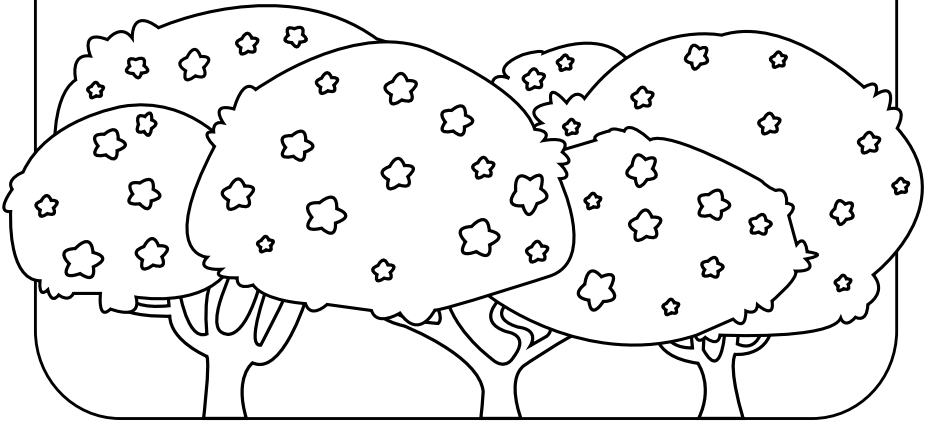
are ancient simple terracotta clay figures. They were originally made for ritual and to be buried with the dead as funerary objects. Ours is very special so it is only displayed when staff are available to watch and ensure its safety.



Haniwa (huh-nee-wuh) 埴輪
means stacked circle of coiled clay in Japanese

Cherry Blossom Trees

100 Yoshino cherry trees were planted at Red Wing Park in the Fall 2005 in honor of the Sister Cities relationship. These trees were a generous donation from the Japan Education Culture Center. Yoshino cherry trees are also known as the Japanese flowering cherry. An additional 55 trees were added in 2010. You can find them in peak bloom in late March, early April at Red Wing Park!



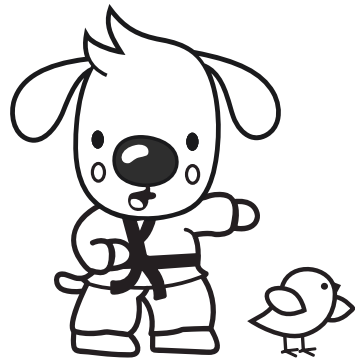
Can you get through the Cherry Blossom maze?
Draw one continuous line from start to finish without crossing over any solid lines.

Sakura
(saa-kur-uh)
桜 さくら
means cherry blossom in Japanese



Martial Arts

With proper instruction, martial arts can lead to lifelong learning, personal growth, the discovery of one's own self-awareness, potential and self-development.



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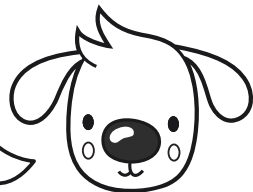
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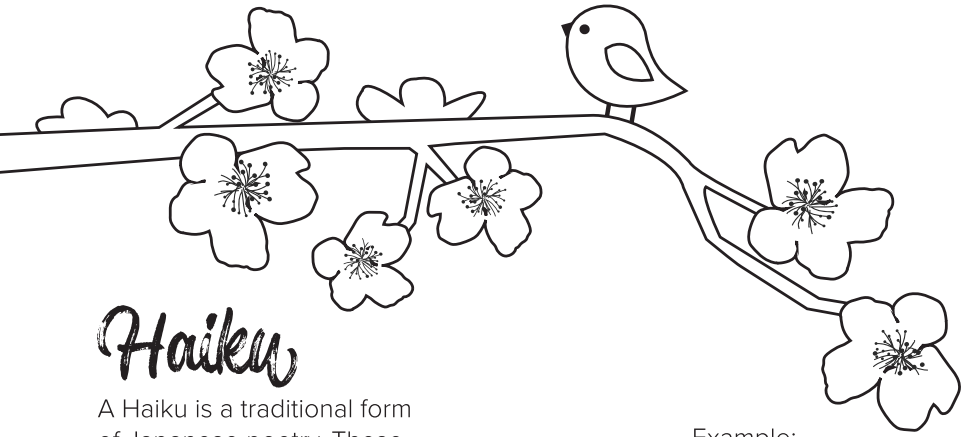
AIKIDO
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DOJO
JUJUTSU
KOBUDO

IAIDO
KARATEDO
SENSEI

Sensei (SEN-say) 先生
means teacher in Japanese.





Haiku

A Haiku is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. These three lined poems usually have a subject that is related to nature. Haikus are organized into three lines. The first and last line have 5 syllables and the middle line as 7 syllables.

Example:

Pink and perfect friend
Swaying in the gentle wind
Dance with me all day

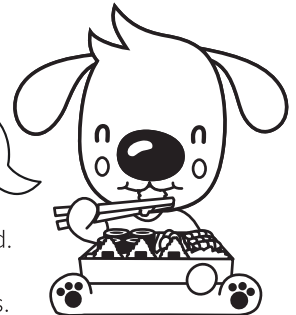
- Arlette C.
(2021 Haiku Contest Winner)

Write your own Haiku below inspired by the Cherry Blossom Festival

Hanami

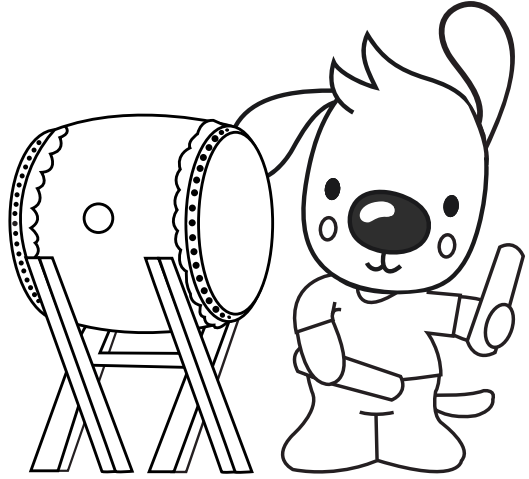
Hanami (huh-naa-mee) 花見
means flower viewing in Japanese.

The traditional custom of hanami is many centuries old. People gather in great numbers wherever flowering cherry trees are found and hold feasts under the trees.



Music

You can find many cultural performances at the Cherry Blossom Festival, including musical performances. It is a unique chance to experience traditional Japanese music and musical instruments like Koto, a stringed instrument, and Taiko drums.



The Peace Monument

The Peace Monument is constructed of a 30,000 lb. boulder extracted from the deep mountains of Tennessee. This thirteen-foot-high monument symbolizes the spiritual serenity of nature and the eternal prayer for world peace, harmony, and prosperity as evidence by the Sister City relationship between Miyazaki City, Japan, and the City of Virginia Beach.

