## White Stone Journal



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Spring is coming! It's a new start for some people, while everyone is looking at the cherry blossoms.

And I'll have my parents visiting in Shiroishi! They always enjoy coming to Japan, especially at the blossoming season.

My mother loves painting. She has actually painted for more than twenty years. Her favorite painters are the impressionists, like Monet, Van Gogh, Cezanne.

And her paintings are influenced by these artists. She admires Japanese artists, too. Especially Hiroshige.

In April, she will hold an exhibition at "Sumaruyashiki". If you're interested in her sensitive and colourful paintings, please come and visit us!

Spring has sprung! Because it is warm now, I want to go outside more. I went skiing a few times, but I did not run a lot. I signed-up for the Shibata half-marathon. I don't know if I can run it well.

In March, I went to Fukushima to see an art exhibition. It was about an Edo-period sculptor called Enkuu. He was a Buddhist monk. He made many beautiful statues from wood. My favorite one is called Nio. It is big and strong, but Enkuu only cut a head from the tree. It is unique. What artist do you like?

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- ・Spring has sprung! : 春が来ましたよ ! (sprung: 動詞 spring の過去分詞)
- ・signed-up for ~: ~に申し込んだ ・Edo-period: 江戸時代 ・sculptor: 彫刻家
- ・Enkuu: 円空 ・Buddhist: 仏教徒 ・monk: 僧侶 ・statue(s): 彫像
- ・Nio: 仁王(像) ※「立木彫り」と言われる仁王像。自然に生えていた木を立ったまま刻んだと言われるもの

Last weekend I spent volunteering at a hoya farm in Ishinomaki with an organization called ICC (Ishinomaki Christian Centre).

Hoya, or sea pineapples, are grown on oyster shells. So we helped hoya farmers choose the good shells. Then they put them in strings to put into the sea to grow hoya!

Ishinomaki is a beautiful place. Even after the disaster, people there are living in hope and being very grateful for life. They have so much courage!

It was a delightful weekend and I had a great experience. To be able to live is a blessing. Let's spread love and help each other!



