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## Information Release

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### *A Touch of Japan for Cherry Blossom Time*

## Explore an Aspect of Traditional Japanese Culture at Sully: Tea, Sweets, Fans and Fun

Discover several varieties of green tea and sample Japanese sweets at Sully Historic Site on Sunday April 10, 2016 at either 11 a.m. or 3 p.m. Taste the difference between three types of green tea, Sencha, Hojicha, and Genmaicha. Contrast the flavors with Japanese sweets such as mochi and other Japanese treats. Explore the processes used to create the different flavors of these teas, how they're cultivated and learn a little tea history. Sully joins sites across the Washington D.C. region in celebration of the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

See a special exhibit of netsuke figures, colorful Japanese fans and dolls. Netsukes are miniature Japanese sculptures, originally used for utilitarian purposes. Today, they are created as beautiful works of art showing great craftsmanship. Learn about Japanese 19th century influences on the U.S. At our craft table, take the opportunity to paint your own paper fan to keep as a remembrance of Japanese culture.

The cost of this program is \$27 per person. To register, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks) or call 703-222-4664. For reservations use Parktakes Code: 381 201 6301 for the 11 a.m. seating or Code: 381 201 6305 for the 3 p.m. seating. Each program lasts one and a half hours. An optional house tour of Sully, the 1794 home of northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee, will be available and is included in the cost.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is the nation's greatest springtime celebration. The 2016 Festival, held March 20 through April 17, includes three spectacular weeks and four weekends of events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Visit [www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org) for more information.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way in Chantilly, one quarter mile north of Route 50, five miles north of Route 66 or five miles south of the Dulles Toll Road. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit us on the web at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully).



If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.