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小倉百人一首  
競技かるた レクチャー  
**Japanese Karuta Lecture**

Friday, October 11, 2013  
12:00 – 1:00 P.M.  
Free Event

**Guest Instructor: Ms. Mutsumi Yoshida Stone**  
This lecture will be in English.

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*Karuta* is a traditional card game often played by Japanese children at home and in school as an educational exercise. Any kind of information can be displayed on *Karuta* cards as a way to learn the Japanese phonetic symbols — *hiragana* and *katakana*, Chinese characters - *kanji*, proverbs, English words, etc.

*Kyogi (competitive) Karuta* (競技かるた) is a game that uses the poems of *Ogura Hyakunin-isshu*, a collection of 100 ancient *Waka (Tanka)* poems composed between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. There are two types of cards. One kind is *yomifuda* (読み札) or "reading cards", and another is *torifuda* (取り札) or "swiping cards." When a reader starts to recite the first half of a poem, players quickly determine which card, out of the cards spread out, is the correct one and then touch or swipe it before it is touched or swiped by an opponent.

**Ms. Mutsumi Yoshida Stone holds a 6<sup>th</sup> degree in *Kyogi Karuta* and is the International Representative of the All Japan Karuta Association, [www.karuta.or.jp](http://www.karuta.or.jp) - (全日本かるた協会A級登録選手。六段).** She has two decades of experience introducing *Ogura Hyakunin-isshu Karuta* and related cultures to non-Japanese in the United Kingdom, Thailand, China, Mongolia, South Korea, Malaysia, and New Zealand. Ms. Stone has established *Karuta* clubs and organized *Karuta* competitions in Bangkok and Beijing. She also lectures frequently on the history of *Ogura Hyakunin-isshu*, and organizes *Karuta* demonstrations for beginners.



Attendees will be able to play *karuta* after the lecture!  
(Knowledge of hiragana is required.)

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Seating is limited.