

CrossTalk

May CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter 2004

The Story of *Mother's Day*



May, is **associated** with Mother's Day. It is a time for thanking our mothers for all they have done for us, and telling them how much we **appreciate** their love and understanding. But, do you know how Mother's Day **came into being**?

It all started with an American woman named Anna Jarvis. Anna, wanted to **establish** a Mother's Day in order to remember the hard work her mother had done during her life. She was very proud of her mother, and wanted to repay her for her thoughtfulness and **dedication**.

Anna thought that it would be a day that women would appreciate. She wanted to call this special day Mother's Work Day. Her quest to have this day set aside for mothers led her to write to numerous politicians for several years, hoping that they would support her campaign. She also organized a



church service at her mother's church to celebrate Mother's Day. She held it on the second **anniversary** of her mother's death, the second Sunday of May. She gave out white carnations to people who attended, because they were her mother's favourite flowers.

Her hard work paid off in 1913. The House of Representatives in America asked officials of the federal government to start wearing carnations on the second Sunday of May.

Finally, on 8th May 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made an important **announcement**. He stated that the second Sunday of May would be **designated** as Mother's Day, **hence**, making it a national holiday. Anna Jarvis' dream had at last become true.

Happy Mother's Day, and I hope that you decide to do something special for your mother this year!!

Story by Grace



Glossary

(These words are in **color** in the story)

associated 関わっている	appreciate 感謝する	came into being 生じた(できた)
establish 設立する	dedication 献身	anniversary 年忌
announcement 声明	designated 指定された	hence よって

A Word From Us



Joshua Says: Well, of course, the big news this month is our move to a new location in Okaido. And, what an effort it took! Builders, movers, packing, unpacking - not to mention some pretty hard labour in the process. But I am very pleased with the results. The new school has just about everything we could possibly want for a great teaching environment. I know you are all going to really “love” the new place!

Junko Says: I'm so thrilled with our new school. At Crossroads, we can now give not only foreign languages lessons, but we can also experience some of the culture these languages come from. Learn English while cooking foreign dishes, or write original songs; how about studying various forms of foreign etiquette? And, of course, there is now space for drama lessons and performances again!



Grace Says: Mother Nature sure works in marvellous ways. The cherry blossoms are an excellent example. It's one of the most beautiful scenes I've seen in nature. The colours were so magical and pretty, and the ambiance very serene and joyful.



Rachael Says: I'm glad to be back in Japan and feeling satisfied with working in such a progressive school. I'm looking forward to meeting all the students at Crossroads. If you see me walking around Matsuyama, please say "Hello" and introduce yourself – in English, of course. Don't be shy, be confident. The best way to improve your English is to use it!



Greg Says: I look forward to May as it brings with it the warmer weather. However it won't be too long until the weather gets too hot and we will be all looking forward to the colder months again. May was also the month I first arrived in this country (Sendai, Miyagi) many years ago. I remember it clearly but I can't believe how quickly time has flown by...

Richard Says: The saying, “once a teacher, always a teacher” rang true when I spread the news of my voyage to Matsuyama. A former headmaster exclaimed, “Oh, Matsuyama! Mountain of pine trees, lovely place. No pine trees left, of course”. Well, it just so happens that even a headmaster can make a mistake. I found the mountain, and the pine trees... and I am pleased about it too!!



Natasha Neronova: Zdravstvuyte (Hello)! My name is Neronova Natalia and I am from Sakhalin, Russia. I live in Komatsu now. I am a professional Russian Language teacher and am very happy to be teaching at Crossroads. Every April, we celebrate Easter by going to church, painting eggs, exchanging cards...etc. I hope you enjoy studying Russian and our culture with me. Do svidaniya (“Good-bye”)...for now!

Yuka Says: Now that Spring has come, I think it's the best time to start something new. I began going to the gym and found an interesting way to study English more effectively. How? “Repeating English while jogging!” You may think this sounds ridiculous, but it works! You can learn to speak rhythmically this way. Why don't you try it?



A Word From You

Daisaburo Says: I went to Budapest, Vienna and Prague for the first time at the end of March. This trip was very exciting and enjoyable. I especially liked the Romanesque and Gothic architecture. I bought some Bohemian glasses, Helend's dishes and vases. In the near future, when I open my new restaurant, I'm going to decorate it with my new souvenirs.



Notice Board

Congratulations to Ayano for obtaining a second part-time job! She is currently working for Iyotetsu Catering Services as a waitress. She is sent to different hotels and restaurants, where she serves food and drinks at all sorts of parties and weddings. Lots of good luck juggling those plates!!

Net News

NET LESSONS: Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS to study? Try our *lessons on the internet!*

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Easy English Lesson



In honour of **Mother's Day**, here are some idioms which include the word "mother."

Watch Over something or someone like a Mother Hawk: To watch carefully and protect.

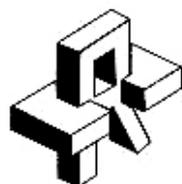
When Beatrice takes her children to the park, she **watches over them like a mother hawk.**

Claire is very fond of her flower garden. She **watches over it like a mother hawk.**

Tied to Your Mother's Apron Strings: To be dependent on mom.

Michelle still lives at home. She **is tied to her mother's apron strings.**

Walter constantly asks his mother for money. He **is tied to his mother's apron strings.**



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