



Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc.

Our society (formerly known as the Fairhaven-New Bedford/Tosashimizu Sister City Committee, Inc.) has been active in promoting U.S.-Japan relationships for more than 22 years. Through various citizen exchanges and events we have sought to introduce the US culture to visiting Japanese as well as to assist our citizens to visit Japan and/or learn about the Japanese culture. It has been a very rewarding challenge

In our new role we have also been designated to operate the:

Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House
(Museum & Cultural Center)

It is located at the former home of Captain William Whitfield where Manjiro Nakahama spent his first days living in the USA. The Captain had rescued him from a small Pacific island and brought him to Fairhaven, Mass. to be the first Japanese person to live here.

This home had been put on the market for sale and was rescued as a significant, historic edifice by the amazing fund-raising efforts of supporters led by Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara of Japan. The buildings, including the carriage house (which will become the Cultural Center) were purchased and are being renovated. The house (museum) was finished in May of 2009 with the carriage house being designated as phase II. This complex is due to become the focus of attention for all those interested in the initiation and continuation of friendly relationships between the peoples of Japan and the USA.

We are proud to accept this historic trust and we would like to invite you to become a Member of our Society. If you wish to add your support to this endeavor, complete the form at the right and mail it as indicated or hand it to a representative of the WMFS. In any event we look forward to greeting you where Manjiro and Captain Whitfield shared time and space.



*The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House
on the Manjiro Trail*

Web site: <http://manjiro1.tripod.com>

How to become a "Member" of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc.

Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Country _____ Telephone _____ E-mail _____

This is a one-year _____ new _____ renewal application _____

\$25 Individual _____ \$35 Family _____ \$50 Friend _____ \$100 Supporter _____

\$200 Patron _____ \$500 Benefactor _____ \$1,000 Sponsor _____ \$5,000+ Corporate _____

Please enclose your tax-deductible contribution [the WMFS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization], payable to Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, and mail it to:

Whitfield Manjiro Friendship Society, 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, USA