

HONORING YUKITAKA OSAKI

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 2022

NOON ~ 3:00PM, HADLYME CT

Join the East Haddam Stage Company for a very special celebration of the life of Yukitaka Osaki

The event takes place outside (rain date is Sunday October 9th), and is free to all

Includes graveside blessing, live theatre and refreshments

The East Haddam Stage Company, in collaboration with the East Haddam Historical Society and the Friends of Gillette Castle State Park, will be honoring the life of Yukitaka Osaki, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of his passing. While he was born into a Samurai family in Japan, he came to America on a visit in 1888, and decided to stay. He was eventually employed by Victorian actor William Gillette (famous for creating Sherlock Holmes for the stage) and never left his employ. His is an inspiring life story of a humble man who did not seek the limelight, but thrived in the sun! Join us to experience his joys...and sorrows.

(And by the way....his brother, Yukio, as Mayor of Tokyo, gifted the Cherry Trees to Washington D.C.!)

We'll begin at 12 Noon on Saturday October 8th, with a brief ceremony at Cove Cemetery, 138 Ferry Road in Hadlyme CT. There will be a Buddhist blessing and offering with prayers at his graveside. Then we will have a procession down to the CT River, to the Hadlyme ferry landing, and the house that Gillette built for Osaki.

Actor Taku Hirai will portray Yukitaka Osaki in EHSCO's one-man drama:

Osaki-san, William Gillette's Gentleman Valet



The show will begin approximately at 1:00pm, runs 50 minutes, refreshments will follow

There is some parking at the landing, but it is also suggested you park and carpool or hike down from the park's visitor center parking lot (67 River Road East Haddam CT). It is a short walk from the cemetery to the landing, but those who need wheels for mobility may wish to park at the landing and carpool to the cemetery, as there is very little street parking at the cemetery. Ferry Road leads straight down to the landing. Set your GPS for 138 Ferry Road, Hadlyme, and follow the signs to the ferry and the dirt parking lot. The event is wheelchair accessible. **Please dress for the cooler fall weather.** RAIN DATE IS SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th

Directions to the Hadlyme-Chester Ferry Landing can be found here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Traveler/ferries/Chester-Hadlyme-Ferry>

You do not need to sign up or register to attend this event, it is free and open to all ~ the more the merrier!

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