

THE APPA Newsletter
July 21, 2009

Obon, see below

See This Weekend

MISSION STATEMENT:

Promote full utilization of the capabilities of the Enterprise's employees and champion the betterment of the company and community. Promote interest in Asian Pacific issues and culture and act as a bridge to all groups within our community. (substitute in your Enterprise and company, etc...)

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Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009 are available at

<http://www.ikemi.info/APPA/newsletters>.

if you want to look up some past event.

This newsletter was originally published under the auspices of the Hughes Asian Pacific Professional Association (no longer extant). It currently has no affiliation and is available to anyone who is interested in downloading it.

Please send in information on cultural events and news items to dkikemi@pacbell.net. The mac.com address will be shut down soon. Thanks to those who have.

Long range calendar items:

Chinatown Farmers Market EVERY THURSDAY FROM 2-6PM, the Chinatown Farmers' Market takes place at Hill & Alpine bringing fresh fruits and produce by California Farmers to the Chinatown Community. FRIED BANANA, FRIED YAM, HAWAIIAN CHICKEN. We invite you to come and experience the Chinatown Farmers' Market. Free parking with purchase.

The Downtown Arts District/Little Tokyo Farmers' Market

Weller Court 2nd & San Pedro in Little Tokyo Summer Hours 10-3pm

Features fresh produce, Hawaiian Chicken, more food gifts...and live jazz band.

Tuesdays from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

The weekly market is held every Tuesday from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m year round, rain or shine. Sponsored by LARABA the market will include farm-fresh produce, Asian produce, organic produce, eggs, seafood, cheese, olives, olive oils, flowers, plants, bread and prepared foods and more. Hawaiian Chicken, Roasted corn on the cobb Local businesses interested in having a prepared food booth at the market or individuals interested in volunteering at this non-profit event, please contact Susan Hutchinson at

323-660-8660 for more information
Los Angeles Public Library Celebrates our DiverseCity
<http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

Obon festivals in Southern California
<http://www.japanese-city.com/calendar/events/japanese-city-events-locations-summer-obon-odori-taiko-line-dancing-dango-drums-games-food.php>

August 1, 2 Gardena Buddhist Temple
For more information email: info@gardenabuddhistchurch.org
Copyright 2009 Gardena Buddhist Church
1517 W 166th St., Gardena, CA, 90247
(310) 327-9400
<http://www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org/>

Aug 1
Buddhist Temple of San Diego Obon Odori (1 Day)
BON ODORI: Gathering of Joy (5-9 pm). Our colorful outdoor festivities begin with music, cultural displays, food sales. Family and community are invited to celebrate OBON, the Buddhist holiday dedicated to expressing joy and gratitude for the gifts of life, heritage, and those we have taken for granted or forgotten. We dance out of sheer gratitude for the contributions of people who made possible life as we know it. Japanese food, snacks, gifts, books; a drawing to benefit the temple's youth; and a rousing taiko performances. The unique OBON AGAIN RESALE SHOP offers new and vintage Japanese clothing, ceramics, gifts wares. Free, public welcome.

Schedule

5 pm - 9pm

Dance Time

5:30 p.m.

Location

2929 Market Street San Diego, CA 92102

Contact

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Rev. Tesshi Aoyama

Fowler in Focus: Masks of Sri Lanka

Through August 30, 2009

Brightly painted wooden masks transform Sri Lankan dancers into specific characters that appear in curing rituals or popular entertainment. Ranging from comical to fierce, these unusual masks have long played an important role in performance genres that were created through the mixing of local indigenous religious traditions with strains of Buddhism and Hinduism originally imported from the Indian mainland in the first millennium BCE. The Fowler Museum collections include the most important

assemblage of nineteenth and early twentieth century Sri Lankan masks in North America. Fowler in Focus: Masks of Sri Lanka presents twenty-five of these rare masks, as well as newly produced masks representing Singhaya (lion) and Mahasona (Great Graveyard Spirit) in full costume.

Developed in collaboration with David Blundell, associate professor, National Chengchi University, Taiwan and consultants in Matara, Southern Province, Sri Lanka: Conrad Ranawake, Institute for the Development of Community Strengths, and A. V. S. Ranasinghe, Sri Lanka Mask and Dance Ensemble. The accompanying programs are made possible through the Sri Lanka Foundation and the Yvonne Lenart Public Programs Fund.

UCLA Fowler Museum

Treasures through Six Generations: Chinese Painting and Calligraphy from the Weng Collection

10-31-2008 - 12-31-2009 The Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles will be open the Korean Folk Art Museum at the first floor. The new exhibition title is " Emerging Country in East Asia - Elegant Life of Noble Class in Joseon Period".

The Joseon period (1392-1910) was the closest time period to present day Korea and a crucial element for understanding Korean heritage.

Visitor will experience the Joseon period at KCCLA

5505 Wilshire Blvd., L.A.

www.kccla.org

National Museum Presents!

Family Events at the National Museum

August 8: Kidding Around in the Kitchen Family Cooking Adventure: Summer Boredom Busters

August 15: Summer Festival on the Courtyard

August 29: *Common Ground* Tour for Families

August 29: Taiko for Families

JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

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Los Angeles, California 90012

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Hollywood Chinese: The Arthur Dong Collection Exhibition / October 23, 2009 – May 31, 2010

Hollywood Chinese: The Arthur Dong Documentary Collection presents selections from over 800 pieces of movie memorabilia that was collected during the ten-year research for Arthur Dong's groundbreaking film, Hollywood Chinese. Through posters, lobby

cards, film stills, and scripts and documents dating from 1912, visitors journey into a vivid and graphic study of how Chinese have been imagined in the movies, reflecting the social and cultural history of the Chinese in America during the last century. In addition to iconic depictions evidenced by material from films such as *The Good Earth*, *The Vengeance of Fu Manchu*, *Charlie Chan in Honolulu*, and *Flower Drum Song*, highlights of the collection include the surviving archive of pioneer Chinese American filmmaker James B. Leong, who produced the 1921 film, *Lotus Blossom*, in Los Angeles.

Filmmaker Arthur Dong is the Guest Curator for this exhibition.

The Chinese American Museum

425 N. Los Angeles Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(The cross street is Arcadia)

camla.org

Discovering Ganesha: Remover of Obstacles

Through September 20, 2009

Ganesha, the so-called “Elephant God,” is one of the most adored and widely worshipped deities in the Hindu pantheon. In a series of stunning photographs, New York-based artist Shana Dressler investigates contemporary Ganesha festivals in Mumbai. Juxtaposed with classical representations of Ganesha from Pacific Asia Museum’s collection, Dressler’s vibrant photos connect the past and the present of India while illustrating the historical legacy and spiritual significance of Ganesha in Hindu society.

Curated by Yeonsoo Chee.

Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA

46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena California 91101 [Google Map](#)

Hours: Wed – Sun: 10:00am-6:00pm

<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/>

CECILIA HAE-JIN LEE

Informal Talk/Booksigning: Quick and Easy Korean Cooking: More than 70 Everyday Recipes

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 7:30 PM at Pacific Asia Museum in Pasadena

Using readily available ingredients and techniques already familiar to home cooks, Cecilia Hae-Jin Lee offers tantalizing Korean specialties. Appetizers and snacks, soups and hot pots, side dishes, rice noodles and entrees, and a whole chapter devoted to kimchi, will bring new flavors to your lunch or dinner table any day of the week.

Cecilia Hae-Jin Lee is a first-generation Korean-American who has written about food for the *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *Food & Wine*, *Eating Well*, and *Korean Culture*.

To RSVP, please call the Museum Store, 626.449.2742, ext. 20. Light Korean refreshments will be available at the program.

Pacific Asia Museum 46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena 91101

www.pacificasiamuseum.org

The Undiscovered Chinatown Tour (Aug)

Saturday, August 1, 2009

10:30am - 1pm

\$20 per person

Group size is limited.

RSVP via email at info@chinatownla.com or call (213) 680-0243.

chinatownla.com

"The Undiscovered Chinatown Tour" To Uncover History, Treasures, and Great Shopping

Visit a temple, an herbal shop, art galleries, antique stores, and more when guided to the unique treasures--not to mention great bargains--to be found in Chinatown. The 2 1/2 -hour walking tour will be offered on the first Saturday of every month and will take visitors to a number of off-the-beaten-track points of interest, and will guide those interested in shopping to some of Chinatown's best bargains and its trendiest shops. See why Chinatown is touted by Sunset and Los Angeles magazines as one of the hottest destinations for urban adventurers! Wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to wind your way through a myriad of alleyways, plaza stalls, and classical courtyards to discover the charm of L.A.'s Chinatown.

For special tour arrangements or requests, please contact the BID office at (213) 680-0243 or via email at info@chinatownla.com with your need.

2009 North American Taiko Conference

August 7, 8, 9, 2009

Little Tokyo

Los Angeles, CA

<http://www.taikoconference.org/news>

Saturday, August 08-9, 2009 **TAIKO JAM '09**

No one has been presenting taiko longer than the JACCC and the Aratani/Japan America Theatre is still exactly where it's at to get a taste of the four corners of this art form.

JACCC's taiko curators have put together a taiko show that will stimulate, inspire and educate!

Hailing from Las Vegas is the dynamic Kaminari Taiko, from Oregon comes the visually stunning Portland Taiko, and representing Los Angeles are the intense Kishin Daiko and rhythmically creative On Ensemble.

Taiko Jam only happens every 2 years in conjunction with the North American Taiko Conference so don't hesitate and get your taiko jam on!!

at 8:00 PM

Aratani/Japan America Theatre

244 South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: (213) 628-2725
Website: www.jaccc.org
E-Mail: jatevents@jaccc.org
[Map & Directions](#)

Aug 13 Chinese Film Festival 8PM

Enjoy extended gallery hours plus the second presentation in our Chinese Film Festival screened under the stars in the museum's beautiful courtyard garden. This is an outdoor event, so beach chairs, blankets and picnics are welcome!

Check back soon for more information on the film. Co-sponsored by EDI Media/Chinese American Film Festival.

Free for members, included with museum admission for non-members. RSVP to (626) 449-2742 ext. 31

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August 20 8pm Chinese Film Festival

Autumn Gem

Enjoy extended gallery hours plus *Autumn Gem* screened under the stars in the museum's beautiful courtyard garden. Filmmakers Rae Chang and Adam Tow will introduce the film and answer questions. This is an outdoor event, so beach chairs, blankets and picnics are welcome!

Autumn Gem tells the story of China's first feminist, Qiu Jin (1875 -1907). During China's last dynasty, Qiu Jin challenged traditional roles, demanding equal rights for women. An accomplished writer, political activist, and leader of a revolutionary army, she redefined what it meant to be a woman in early 20th-century China.

Free for members, included with museum admission for non-members. RSVP to (626) 449-2742 ext. 31

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Sept 12 Ganesha Free Family Festival

As seen in [Discovering Ganesha](#), each August and September throughout the Hindu world huge festivals celebrate Lord Ganesha's birthday. We will celebrate it as well with music, dance, fashion, crafts, hands-on activities, and more! Free. 10AM-12PM

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Oct 24-25, 2009 Japan Expo

www.japanexpo.org

See LA Library DiverseCity events at <http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

This Weekend (and earlier/later)

May 14-July23 Anime Film Festival - Seven films, five nights, and lots of fun!

Seven films, five nights, and lots of fun! Enjoy early Japanese cartoons such as Momotaro's Sky Adventure (1931) by Yasuji Murata and The Animal Village in Trouble by Sanae Yamamoto along with popular films including Samurai X and Gundam Wing: The Movie. Stay tuned for more information on film, time and cost.

Pacific Asia Museum

46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena California 91101 [[Google Map](#)]

Hours: Wed – Sun: 10:00am-6:00pm

July 25-26 Higashi Honganji

OBON is a traditional event to honor and express gratitude to the spirits of our ancestors, those before us who provided us with the gift of life. Each year, obon is held as a time to celebrate the return of the spirits of our ancestors.

The Obon Festival features food, games, farmers market, flower market, traditional Bon Odori Dancing, and various types of entertainment. The 2008 entertainment lineup included [June Kuramoto](#) of [Hiroshima](#), [TAIKOPROJECT](#), [hereandnow](#), [The Grateful Crane Ensemble](#), [happyfunsmile](#), Bombu Taiko, and Kitsune Taiko.

The 2009 festival details and entertainment lineup will be determined at a later date, so please check back soon.

MANTO-E -

The tradition of [Manto-e](#) during the Obon Festival is to light the sky with "ten thousand lanterns", originating about 1,200 years ago.

BON ODORI Practice -

Bon Odori practice will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays, so please check back soon for practice dates and times.

505 East Third Street

Los Angeles, CA 90013

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Facsimile: (213) 626-6850

E-mail: info@hhbt-la.org

<http://www.hhbt-la.org/>

July 25-26 West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple

Obon Saturday, July 25, 5-10pm

& Sunday, July 26, 3-9pm

2003 Corinth Avenue

West L.A., CA 90025

(310) 477-7274

<http://www.wlabt.org/>

+Through July 26, 2009

TWO VIEWS OF MIYATAKE: The photographs of Toyo and Archie Miyatake

This June, the JACCC honors Archie Miyatake of the Toyo Miyatake Photography Studio with the Pacific Pioneer Award for his invaluable contribution to the community.

The JACCC is proud to present Two Views of Miyatake a rare and heartfelt exhibition of Archie's work alongside the work of his father and legendary photographer, Toyo Miyatake.

Facebook Event page: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=88441514286>
George J. Doizaki Gallery
Free Admission

Saturday, July 25 1pm Pacific Asia Museum Curator's Tour
Explore [The Samurai Re-Imagined: From Ukiyo-e to Anime](#) with Julian Bermudez.
Members: Free, Non-members: Cost of Museum Admission, ext. 31 to RSVP.
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Daughters of India: Photographs by Stephen P. Huyler
Through July 26, 2009

For a country as vast and paradoxical as India, it is impossible to generalize about the role of women in society. Worshiped as shakti, oppressed as chattel—these seeming contradictions have left many Western observers stumbling into stereotypes and misunderstanding. In *Daughters of India*, photographer Stephen P. Huyler celebrates the strength, courage, resourcefulness, and creativity of Indian women from a wide variety of backgrounds. Notably, artistic creativity plays an important part in the lives of many of the women, as they express themselves and address others through paintings, sculpture, embroidery, and the creation of decorative elements in their households (including kolam or rice flower drawings executed on the ground in front of their homes). For others, the full force of their creativity is brought to bear simply in overcoming the severe obstacles presented by poverty, caste prejudice, and other hardships. Taken together, these sensitive photographs form intimate portrayals of the lives, activities, and rituals of these remarkable Indian “everywomen.”

The Fowler Museum thanks Stephen P. Huyler for providing his images for *Daughters of India*, also featured in a new publication of the same name. The accompanying programs have been made possible by the Yvonne Lenart Public Programs Fund and Manus, the support group for the Fowler Museum.

UCLA Fowler Museum

The Fowler Museum is located in the heart of UCLA's north campus. Easy parking is available near the Museum by following these directions:

Enter UCLA from Sunset Blvd. at Westwood. Drive ahead to the Parking Information Booth in Lot 4. Convenient Fowler parking is at the northeast or southeast ends of Lot 4 (see map), where automated pay stations accept \$1 and \$5 bills and credit cards. The parking fee is a maximum of \$9. The Fowler is visible to your left when you ascend from the elevator or stairs (follow pedestrian walkways, indicated by arrows).

<http://www.fowler.ucla.edu/>

Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before):
See dkikemi.blogspot.com

Resources:

LACMA calendar:

<http://www.lacma.org/events/Calendar.aspx>

UCLA Asia Institute calendar:

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/events/index.asp?action=monthview>

Japanese American National Museum

<http://www.janm.org/events/>

Chinese American Museum

<http://camla.org/events/calendar.htm>

Korean Cultural Center

<http://www.kccla.org/>

Japanese American Community Cultural Center

<http://jaccc.org/>

Pacifica Asian Museum

<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/calendar/whatsnew.htm>

Links to selected articles from the LA Times and other papers. To actually access the articles, you may have to sign up for a free account.

[Lack of funds shuts down annual Pow Wow at Autry \(UPDATED\)](#)

10:39 AM, July 20, 2009

David Ng

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/culturemonster/2009/07/lack-of-funds-shuts-down-annual-pow-wow-at-autry.html>

Budget cuts raise concerns for future of Southeast Asian archive

UC Irvine's extensive collection preserves the stories of refugees, but researchers worry that cuts will hinder documentation of the evolving immigrant community.

By My-Thuan Tran

July 13, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-asian-archives13-2009jul13.3.1180852.story>

UC to award honorary degrees to interned Japanese American students

Grace Obata Amemiya is one of about 700 who were forced to leave school and relocate to camps during WWII. Now, her dream of holding a diploma from UC Berkeley has come true.

By Larry Gordon

July 17, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-uc-japanese17-2009jul17.3.5384375.story>

[Judy Chu trounces rivals in congressional race \[Updated\]](#)

10:54 PM | July 14, 2009

Jean Merl

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2009/07/judy-chu-wins-congressional-race.html>

Judy Chu becomes first Chinese American woman elected to Congress

The San Gabriel Valley Democrat, who will represent the 32nd District, adds the victory to a 24-year political career. She won with nearly 62% of the vote and the support of local political leaders.

By Jean Merl

July 16, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-judy-chu16-2009jul16.0.2984735.story>

South Korea mud festival leaves the cake

More than 2 million visitors are expected at the nine-day event in the beach resort of Boryeong. Even baby strollers get a spattering of the goo, which is said to be good for you.

By Ju-min Park

July 17, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-korea-mud17-2009jul17.0.1241878.story>