

THE APPA Newsletter  
August 19, 2009

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

if you want to look up some past event.

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Please send in information on cultural events and news items to [dkikemi@pacbell.net](mailto: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>

May 15 through August 23, 2009 "ANIME!" AN EXHIBITION OF THE DEUTSCHES FILMMUSEUM, FRANKFURT AM MAIN, GERMANY, PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES. SUPPORT FOR THIS EXHIBITION PROVIDED BY THE GOETHE-INSTITUT, LOS ANGELES

Japanese comics and animation have had a strong influence on modern art and popular culture throughout Asia, Europe and the United States. Colorful and energetic, anime enjoys worldwide popularity through numerous television series and feature films such as "Akira" (1988), "Ghost in the Shell" (1995), "Perfect Blue" (1998) and "Metropolis" (2001).

Perhaps most widely known in the U.S. are the works of Hayao Miyazaki, which include "Princess Mononoke" (1997); "Spirited Away" (2001), which won the Academy Award® for Animated Feature Film in 2002; and the Oscar®-nominated feature "Howl's Moving Castle" (2004).

This electrifying traveling exhibition explores the history, aesthetics and production of Japanese animation from its earliest beginnings up through the cinematic successes and popular heroes of the late 1970s serials, and on to the current computer and video game manifestations of this cultural phenomenon.

"ANIME!" illustrates the fascination of anime and its dramatic, and often breathtaking, visual language. On view are rare collectors' items and artwork that has seldom been seen outside Japan. A portion of the exhibition is devoted to manga and its relationship to anime, providing a historical overview of the development of this "comic book" genre from 19th century Japanese woodcuts and book illustrations to the mass-produced manga of the present.

Where

The Academy's Grand Lobby Gallery and Fourth Floor Gallery

8949 Wilshire Boulevard

Beverly Hills, California

Public viewing hours

Tuesday – Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday: Noon to 6 p.m.

Closed Mondays.

Admission

Free

<http://www.oscars.org/events-exhibitions/exhibitions/2009/anime.html>

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](http://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

369 East First Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

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fax: 213.625.1770

[www.janm.org](http://www.janm.org)

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](http://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/>

Steeped in History: The Art of Tea

Exhibition at the UCLA Fowler Museum, August 16-November 29, 2009

UCLA Fowler Museum

308 Charles E. Young Drive North

Los Angeles,

Explore the cultural and historical significance of tea-after water, the world's most consumed beverage-through a magnificent and wide-ranging survey of visual art.

Chinese paintings; Japanese screens, ceramics, and prints; rare English and Colonial American paintings; photographs and historical documents; tea-serving paraphernalia from around the globe; and much more, all tell the fascinating history of tea drinking.

The subjects of the exhibition range from tea's mythic origins in the hills of South China through its enormous significance in Japan, its introduction in Europe by Dutch traders

around 1610, its role in colonial American life beyond the clichés of the Boston Tea Party, and finally to its expanding importance as a global commodity at the height of the British Empire.

Steeped in History: The Art of Tea is guest curated by [Beatrice Hohenegger](#). Major support for Steeped in History: The Art of Tea and publication is provided by the Henry Luce Foundation and Mr. Lloyd Cotsen, in memory of Bob Ahmanson. Additional support is generously provided by Patsy and Robert Sung, The Edna and Yu-Shan Han Charitable Foundation and Numi Tea.

The accompanying programs are made possible through the Yvonne Lenart Public Programs Fund, the UCLA Asia Institute and Manus, the support group for the [Fowler Museum](#).

Media sponsorship provided by Edible Los Angeles.

[Click here](#) for further information about the exhibit.

Please visit the [Asia Institute](#) website for further information about the public lecture series.

Cost: Free

Tel: 310-825-4361

[www.fowler.ucla.edu](http://www.fowler.ucla.edu)

Sponsor(s): [Asia Institute](#), [Fowler Museum at UCLA](#)

Related Event(s)

Curator Lecture: Steeped in History: The Art of Tea

Beatrice Hohenegger, exhibition curator and author of "Liquid Jade: The Story of Tea from East to West"

Saturday, September 12, 2009

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

[learn more »](#)

From Elephants to Tea: The Nilgiris under Colonial Rule

Sanjay Subrahmanyam, UCLA Professor of History

Thursday, September 24, 2009

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

[learn more »](#)

Tea and Chinese Cultural Aesthetics

Pei-kai Cheng, Chinese Civilisation Centre, City University of Hong Kong

Saturday, October 24, 2009

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

[learn more »](#)

The Buddhist Arts of Tea in Medieval China

James A. Benn presents the 22nd Annual Sammy Yukuan Lee Lecture on Chinese Archaeology and Art

Saturday, November 07, 2009

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

[learn more »](#)

Tea of the Samurai in Times of War and Peace

Morgan Pitelka, Occidental College

Sunday, November 22, 2009

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

[learn more »](#)

### 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  
46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 449-2742

October 3, 2009 (5:30 to 10:00 p.m.) **Moonbeams, Moon Cakes and More in Chinatown, L.A.**

Los Angeles, CA (July 16, 2009)-- On Saturday, October 3, from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m., Chinatown will host the Southland's oldest annual mid-Autumn Moon Festival featuring cultural entertainment for the whole family. New this year, a competitive 5K run, a non-competitive 5K walk, and a 25-mile bike ride will take place in conjunction with the festival. The "Moon Festival Fun Bike Ride" starts at 4:00 p.m. with a scenic route to the Pasadena Rose Bowl and back along the Arroyo Seco Bike Path, through bicycle-friendly neighborhoods in Lincoln Heights and South Pasadena. The "Moonlight 5K Run/Walk" starts at 7:30 p.m., with a route that includes the L.A. State Historic Park and a sunset view of the old rail yards and downtown Los Angeles.

Central Plaza, the start and finish point for all races, is also the hub for entertainment that day. The Shaolin Warriors of Chinatown and Chinese acrobats will be featured during the afternoon hours, followed by a demonstration of moon cake making, free samples of moon cakes, and a performance explaining the origins of the Moon Festival by the 2009 Miss L.A. Chinatown Queen and Court at dusk. The Griffith Observatory, which is making telescopes available for the event, will demonstrate how to get the best views of Jupiter and the moon. Live music will be featured on stage until 10:00pm. Moon Festival entertainment is free to the public and will run from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. in Chinatown's historic Central Plaza (943-951 N. Broadway Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012). To register for the "Moonlight 5K Run/Walk" or the "Moon Festival Fun Bike Ride," please visit [www.ChinatownLA.com](http://www.ChinatownLA.com). Entry fees will apply and an early registration discount will be offered until August 31st. While parking around the area is plentiful, the public is encouraged to use the convenient Metro Gold Line and exit at the Chinatown Station.

For information, contact the Chinatown Business Improvement District at (213) 680-0243, or the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at (213) 617-0396.

<http://chinatownla.com/news.php?newsId=51>

East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center Akimatsuri

[www.esgvjcc.org](http://www.esgvjcc.org)

Oct 24-25, 2009 Japan Expo

[www.japanexpo.org](http://www.japanexpo.org)

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

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This Weekend (and earlier/later)

Nisei WEEK 2

Saturday & Sunday

August 22 - 23

Cultural Exhibitions, 10-5pm

Bonsai Nampu-kai

Textiles Akane-kai

Shodo (Calligraphy) Nichibei Godo Shodo

Kimekomi Ningyo (Dolls) Hirofumi-kai

Sumie (Painting) Kawai Sumie

Embroidery Sashiko

JACCC Center Building

Free Admission

Saturday, August 22

Gyoza Eating Championship

JACCC Plaza

Free Admission

NEW EVENT!

Rubik's Cube Championship

JACCC Plaza

Free Admission

Next Generation Remix Concert, 6-10pm

presented in collaboration with the Nikkei Federation

JACCC Plaza

Free Admission

Sunday, August 23

16th Annual Taiko Gathering, 11:30-4pm

JACCC Plaza

Free Admission

Nisei Week Ondo

(Community Dance Celebration) & Closing Ceremonies, 4pm

1st Street between San Pedro & Central

Free Admission

For more information visit: [www.niseiweek.org](http://www.niseiweek.org)

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

46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 449-2742

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Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before):

See [dkikemi.blogspot.com](http://dkikemi.blogspot.com)

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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>

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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.

In Pakistan tribal belt, female reporters get a voice

Radio Khyber's female journalists defy a Pashtun tenet barring women from being heard by strangers. Even so, the Taliban-wary trailblazers avoid issues such as women's rights and tribal politics.

By Alex Rodriguez

August 18, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-khyber-radio18-2009aug18.0.4638269.story>

Y.E. Yang gives Asian golfers a major breakthrough

The Korean, who won the PGA Championship by outplaying Tiger Woods in the final round, becomes the first native of Asia to win a major and help elevate the global buzz.

Associated Press

August 17, 2009 1:05 p.m.



<http://www.latimes.com/sports/la-spw-yang-pga18-2009aug18.0.1208304.story>

In Philippine town, the U.S. airmen are long gone, but the tawdry streets remain  
In Angeles City, the Clark Air Base servicemen have been replaced by lonely old men  
lured by young girls selling sex for the price of a burger and fries.

By John M. Glionna

August 16, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-fields-avenue16-2009aug16.0.1136119.story>

Sen. Jim Webb secures release of jailed American in Myanmar  
John Yettaw was imprisoned after swimming across a lake to see opposition leader  
Aung San Suu Kyi. Sen. Webb also holds talks with Than Shwe, the head of the military  
government, and visits Suu Kyi.

By Charles McDermid

August 16, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-myanmar16-2009aug16.0.7142428.story>

Former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung dies

The longtime dissident, who survived three assassination attempts and spent years in  
prison, was 85. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for engaging North Korea.

By Barbara Demick

August 18, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-korea-kim18-2009aug18.0.787710.story>

Ugly Dolls are a labor of love

The impish, cartoony monster toys, whose fans include Sasha Obama and Snoop  
Dogg, started with a doodle on creator David Horvath's letters to his college sweetheart.

By Alex Pham>>>

August 18, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-uglydolls18-2009aug18.0.2642160.story>

## OPINION

Is UC opening the door to trouble?

An attempt to increase diversity in admissions while dealing with the limitations of  
Proposition 209 could have unintended consequences.

By Marc B. Haefele

August 18, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-haefele18-2009aug18.0.3817202.story>

'Steeped in History' exhibition at Fowler Museum at UCLA

By Jenn Garbee

August 19, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/features/food/la-fo-teamuseum19-2009aug19.0.583056.story>

Nisei Week Festival draws throngs to Little Tokyo  
With sumo wrestlers, samurai rituals, food, musical performances and art exhibits, Japanese Americans celebrate their culture and roots.

By Esmeralda Bermudez

August 16, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-nisei16-2009aug16.0.4362052.story>

Workers bracing to say goodbye to Toyota auto plant  
Most industry analysts believe it's a foregone conclusion that the Japanese automaker will shut California's last remaining auto plant. That leaves 3,600 union workers to hope against enormous odds.

By Ken Bensinger

August 17, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-nummi17-2009aug17.0.2630497.story>

Scant rainfall in east China tied to pollution

A study of rainfall records in China's industrial east shows that air pollution reduced light rainfall, crucial to agricultural. Cutting pollution could help ease a drought.

Associated Press

August 16, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-fg-china-pollution16-2009aug16.0.3081442.story>

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Beijing's Water Cube still drawing crowds

A year after the Summer Olympics, the fancifully designed aquatics center is popular with tourists and is regularly booked for weddings and galas, including an extravagant production of 'Swan Lake.'

By Barbara Demick

August 14, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-beijing-cube14-2009aug14.0.6430709.story>

Iraq's gays face rising persecution

Rights groups say attacks and bias are on the rise, with one tallying 87 killings this year. A widely circulated video of men dancing provocatively is said to have stirred more violence.

By Liz Sly

August 18, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-iraq-gays18-2009aug18.0.7800076.story>

Immigration official says agents will no longer have to meet quotas

Teams of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents were expected to increase the number of annual arrests in the controversial 'fugitive operations' program, according to memos.

By Anna Gorman

August 18, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-immigration18-2009aug18.0.3416020.story>

## BELIEFS

Discussion focuses on hate-crime prevention

The panel session occurs during the week of the 10-year anniversary of a rampage by a self-avowed white supremacist against Jews and ethnic minorities.

By Martha Groves

August 16, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-beliefs17-2009aug17,0,777181.story>