

THE APPA Newsletter  
August 27, 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>

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

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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/>

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 5-7 65th Annual North American Chinese Invitational Volleyball Tournament!

<http://la.nacivt.com/index.html>

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

September 12, 2009 **"Chinatown Art Nights," Free Quarterly Art Walks in Chinatown**

Saturday,

Various locations throughout Chinatown

6-9pm

Enjoy an evening of art viewing as you stroll the alleyways and courtyards of Chinatown, home to 32 of L.A.'s most cutting edge art galleries and some of the most talked-about exhibitions in the country. "Chinatown Art Nights" is a quarterly series of free art walks along Chung King Road and the streets of historic Chinatown. Illuminated by lanterns and accented with the smell of incense, the self-guided walk promises a sense of nostalgia as well as the excitement of new discoveries.

Chinatown first attracted an underground community of art lovers, bargain hunters, and trendsetters a decade ago. These artistic pioneers have since opened boutiques, studios, and galleries here and have made the retro nightclubs trendy once again. Newly restored buildings with 40s era neon lighting and free weekly cultural entertainment in Central Plaza now enhance the attraction of the area.

The next "Chinatown Art Night" will take place on Saturday, July 11. Many gallery owners--and some artists--will be on hand from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to answer questions and provide commentary on their exhibitions. Light refreshments will be available in most galleries, and restaurants in the area will remain open for pre- and post-art walk dining. The many antiques stores and curio shops for which Chung King Road is famous will also be open extended hours that evening. Adjacent parking is \$3-\$5. Gallery maps will be available at each gallery courtesy of the participating galleries and the Chinatown Business Improvement District.

October 3, 2009 **7th Annual LA Decompression Music & Arts Festival**

Saturday 12pm - midnight

Los Angeles State Historic Park

1245 N. Spring St

Los Angeles, CA 90012

[www.la-burningman.org](http://www.la-burningman.org)

Stages of live entertainment, arts and activities for all ages

This is the Official Burning Man Los Angeles Decompression event. Experience the art and culture of Burning Man brought to life in downtown LA. Be a participant in the LA Burner community, and immerse yourself in twelve hours of art, performance, live bands, Djs, theme camps, art cars, green technologies, puppetry, circus, marching bands, fire steam, and 2009 imagery. Come be a part of the experience.

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)

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

Aug 29, 2009 Little Tokyo Walking Tour

Saturday, Saturday, 10:15 AM

Relive history and learn about present-day Little Tokyo with National Museum docents. \$9 Members; \$14 non-members, includes Museum admission. Comfortable walking shoes and clothes recommended. Weather permitting

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Aug 29, 2009 Common Ground Tour for Families

Saturday, 2:00 PM

Take a fun and educational family friendly tour of Common Ground: Heart of a Community. This tour is designed to make history come alive for the whole family.

Other Family Events at the National Museum

[September 12 – Target Family Free Saturday: Crafty!](#)

[October 10 – Target Family Free Saturday: Toy Shoppe!](#)

[October 10: A Special Reading of Be Water, My Friend by Ken Mochizuki](#)

[October 17: Fall into JANM Comfort Foods Cooking Workshop](#)

[November 14 – Target Family Free Saturday: Merry Melodies](#)

[December 5: Winter Family Breakfast Feast Cooking Workshop](#)>

[December 12 – Target Family Free Saturday: Let's Celebrate!](#)

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In conjunction with the exhibition [Common Ground: The Heart of Community](#)

Aug 29, 2009 Taiko for Families

3:00 PM

Try your hand at taiko (big drum). Learn basic techniques and even play the drums yourself. This fun and interactive workshop is designed for families of all ages.

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Aug 29, 2009 Public Opening and Signing with Mike Shinoda

Free Admission

8 - 10 PM

Help us celebrate the opening of Mike Shinoda Glorious Excess (Dies).

Mike Shinoda will be signing from 8 to 10 PM

Please Note:

\* No RSVPs accepted

\* Admission based on a first come, first served basis

\* Maximum occupancy will be strictly enforced

In conjunction with the exhibition [Glorious Excess \(Dies\): Paintings by Linkin Park's Mike Shinoda](#)

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

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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.

An India battle royal follows the death of a legend

The fight for the estate of the glamorous Gayatri Devi of Jaipur shines a light on the reversal of fortunes seen by a once-privileged class that was bred to rule.

By Mark Magnier

August 27, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-battle-royale27-2009aug27,0,6697494.story>

[China to launch nationwide organ donation system](#)

Most transplanted organs have come from executed prisoners, who get treatments to make them more suitable donors before they are put to death. Officials now say the practice is improper.

By Barbara Demick

August 27, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-china-organs27-2009aug27,0,7666721.story>

Philippine workers abroad: The boon has a price

Remittances from Filipinos abroad are higher despite the global financial crisis. The \$1 billion sent back monthly alleviates the effects of poverty and joblessness. But the exodus takes a toll.

By John M. Glionna

August 26, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-remittances26-2009aug26,0,2130696.story>

Beijing frees legal activist Xu Zhiyong

The founder of the Open Constitution Initiative is unexpectedly released on bail after being held for three weeks on tax charges. Two other activists are also freed.

By Barbara Demick

August 24, 2009

Kim Dae-jung funeral brings Koreas together

South Korea's Lee Myung-bak meets with a North Korean delegation that traveled to Seoul for the funeral of the former president, who had worked hard to improve ties.

By John M. Glionna and Ju-min Park

August 24, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-korea-funeral24-2009aug24,0,934912.story>

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA reaches far and wide to build fan base

Clippers' Baron Davis, who has been to India and China this summer, is one of about 300 players, coaches and other league affiliates who have taken part in international events to build the brand.

By Mark Medina

August 23, 2009 10:37 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/la-sp-nba-international24-2009aug24.0.2857300.story>

Obama to visit China in mid-November

The new U.S. ambassador to China, Jon Huntsman Jr., says the visit will be in November. Huntsman met with journalists the day after arriving in Beijing.

By Barbara Demick

August 23, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-obama-china23-2009aug23.0.2995228.story>

North Korean defectors network fears crackdown

Some missionaries and activists have gone deeper underground, amid fear that North Korea and China have gained information on their networks through their arrest of Euna Lee and Laura Ling.

By John M. Glionna

August 23, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-korea-underground23-2009aug23.0.2753762.story>

China's Internet-addiction camps turn dangerous

One teen is hospitalized after being beaten at a facility that promised to wean him from the Web. Weeks earlier, a boy was killed at another camp. Now the extreme methods are in the spotlight.

By Barbara Demick

August 22, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-fg-china-beatings22-2009aug22.0.231246.story>

South Korean kids get a taste of boot camp

These youths aren't delinquents -- most are sent by parents who realize that their pampered offspring need more discipline to become better students and grow into conscientious adults

By John M. Glionna

August 22, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-korea-bootcamp22-2009aug22.0.3785154.story>

South Korea satellite fails to enter correct orbit

The rocket was Seoul's first domestic space launch.

The Associated Press

August 25, 2009 3:53 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fgw-korea-launch26-2009aug26.0,7806999.story>

Ang Lee, hippie?

Not quite, but the director says he feels a connection with the lead character in his 'Taking Woodstock.'

By Rachel Abramowitz >>>

August 27, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/la-et-lee27-2009aug27.0.5369435.story>

Beijing loves IKEA -- but not for shopping

Customers hop into display beds and nap, pose for snapshots with the decor and enjoy the air conditioning and free soda refills. They just don't buy much.

By David Pierson

August 25, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-china-ikea25-2009aug25.0.7736661.story>

Two worlds blend uneasily in Koreatown

Sleek new buildings displace traditional homes and businesses. Some think that's great. Others lament the changes.

By Gerrick D. Kennedy

August 23, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-koreatown23-2009aug23.0.4678393.story>

ART

Mike Shinoda at the Japanese American National Museum

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<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/la-et-pickshinoda27-2009aug27.0.3571307.story>

'My Stinkin' Birthday'

By Leo Kamgar

August 23, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/la-et-story23-2009aug23.0.1561535.story>

Kennedy helped shape many laws that affect average Americans

The late senator's legislative legacy includes hundreds of bills on a range of issues, including education, civil rights and labor.

By Richard Simon

August 27, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-kennedy-legislative-legacy-2009aug27.0.5183159.story>

Youth's vigor makes a strong impression in environmental hearings

15-year-old Otana Jakpor has attended dozens of air-quality meetings and EPA hearings, presenting data from her experiments and advocating for tighter restrictions to improve public health.

By Amy Littlefield

August 26, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-otana26-2009aug26.0.1675073.story>

## OPINION

Watts Towers -- a soaring, baffling monument

An L.A. writer finds inspiration in her own backyard.

By Robin Rauzi

August 25, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-rauzi25-2009aug25,0,6812282.story>