

THE APPA Newsletter
December 22, 2009

Christmas in Asia

<http://www.allthingschristmas.com/traditions/christmas-asia.php>

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>

2009-2010 International Human Rights Film Series

The UCLA International Institute is proud to present the second annual Human Rights Film Series, featuring

monthly presentations of recent documentaries and feature films, on human rights issues that receive

little attention in the United States. These films stand out for their depiction of issues on terms

dictated from within the countries and cultures that they examine. Featuring commentary from

filmmakers and scholars, each screening will also be an opportunity for public discussion about the issues.

All films screened at James Bridges Theater, 1409 Melnitz, UCLA

Sponsored by the International Institute, African Studies Center, Asia Institute, Center for European and Eurasian Studies, Latin American

Institute, Center for Near Eastern Studies, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and the UCLA School of Law International Human Rights

Program, and Human Rights Watch

The Bitter Taste of Tea: A Journey into the World of Fair Trade

Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 6:30 pm

A film by Tom Heinemann and Erling Borgen, Denmark, 2008.

Reception at 6:00. Screening followed by a forum on tea and fair trade.

Co-sponsored by the Asia Institute

Burma VJ: Reporting from a Closed Country

Friday, November 20, 7:00 pm

A film by Anders Østergaard, Norway/Sweden/Denmark/UK, 2008.

Reception at 6:30

Co-sponsored by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the Asia Institute, and Human Rights Watch

The Reckoning: The Epic Story of the Battle for the International Criminal Court

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 pm

A film by Paco de Onís, Peter Kinoy, and Pamela Yates, USA, 2009.

Wednesday, February 24: (Film TBA)

Co-sponsored by the Center for European and Eurasian Studies

Wednesday, March 31: (Film TBA)

Co-sponsored by the Latin American Institute

Reception at 6:00 pm. Screening at 6:30 pm followed by a discussion with Maximo Langer, UCLA School of Law, and

Cesare Romano, Loyola Law School.

Co-sponsored by the UCLA School of Law International Human Rights Program and Human Rights Watch.

For more info visit www.international.ucla.edu/humanrights

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

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

Dec 29 Oshogatsu Workshop

10AM-3PM

\$30 per child, call 213-628-2725

Japanese American Cultural and
Community Center

244 South San Pedro Street

(between 2nd and 3rd Streets)

Los Angeles (Little Tokyo), CA 90012

(213) 628-272

Jan 2 **Lecture**

Author of the bestselling *Graffiti L.A.*, Steve Grody leads a virtual tour of this often surprising art. Free for members, included with museum admission for non-members.

46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 449-2742
Pacific Asia Museum.
http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/_events_calendar/

Jan 3 Kotohajime

1PM

\$20

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Jan 3 - Feb 28, 2010 12th Annual Shikishi Exhibition

Japanese American Cultural and
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Doizaki Gallery

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January 10 Special Exhibition Lecture: Heroes and Villains in India's Amar Chitra Katha Comics

Sunday, | 2:00 pm

Karline McLain, assistant professor of South Asian religions at Bucknell University, will discuss the mythological and historical heroes and villains of India's most beloved comic book series, Amar Chitra Katha. She will provide insight into the stylistic, editorial, and ideological choices that went into the making of these comic books. Her recent book, *India's Immortal Comic Books: Gods, Kings, and Other Heroes* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009) was awarded the Edward Cameron Dimock Jr. Book Prize in Indian Humanities by the American Institute of Indian Studies. This lecture is held in conjunction with the exhibition *Heroes and Villains: The Battle for Good in India's Comics*.

Brown Auditorium | Free, no reservations

This lecture is made possible by the Southern Asian Art Council at LACMA.

lacma.org

January 28 Concert: Khosro Soltani

Thursday, | 7:00 pm

The renowned European-based Iranian musician and composer Khosro Soltani will perform on the Nai, Balaban, and Sornay (traditional Persian wind instruments). His work promotes traditional Persian music with philharmonics across Europe and the Americas.

Bing Theater | Free, tickets required-available one hour before the program
This event is made possible by the AME Council and the Farhang Foundation.
lacma.org

Jan 31 Today's Entertainment of Okinawa
2PM
Marsee Auditorium at El Camino College in Torrance

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

This Weekend (and earlier/later)

Saturday, Dec 26, 2009 [Lifelong Learning](#)

Little Tokyo Walking Tour

10:15AM

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.

JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

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Los Angeles, California 90012

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Dec 26 2:00 PM TOUR: Japanese Netsuke (50 min)

Pavilion for Japanese Art

lacma.org

Dec 28 1:00 PM TOUR: A Day in the Life of a Korean Scholar Official (20 min.) Hammer Building

lacma.org

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.

[Pacific Asia Museum is accredited by American Assn. of Museums, joining 15 others in L.A. County](#)

December 22, 2009 | 6:59 am

Mike Boehm

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/culturemonster/2009/12/pacific-asia-museum-is-accredited-by-american-assn-of-museums-joining-15-others-in-la-county.html>

[Did Obama give Wen Jiabao another wow bow?](#)

December 19, 2009 | 4:14 am

Andrew Malcolm

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/washington/2009/12/obama-wen-jiabao-bow.html>

In South Korea, land mines remain a threat

The devices have taken a toll on Haeon, a farm community of 1,400 people south of the DMZ. The South Korean government's mine removal proceeds slowly, and victims are rarely compensated.

By John M. Glionna

December 23, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-fg-korea-landmines23-2009dec23.0.6380108.story>

China plucks popular 'Snail House' TV show off the air

Some say the crackdown signals a troubling new trend in censorship.

By John M. Glionna

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<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-fg-china-soap-opera22-2009dec22.0.3106717.story>

Recipes for getting kids off the street

In Vietnam and Cambodia, charity has led to successful restaurants that hire and train young homeless people.

By Mike Ives

Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

December 20, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/travel/la-tr-streetkids20-2009dec20.0.6220138.story>

Travel literature that may inspire the philanthropist in you

Changed by their journeys, the authors started nonprofits to benefit the people they've visited, including 'Three Cups of Tea,' by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.
<http://www.latimes.com/travel/printedition/la-tr-benevolit20-2009dec20.0.3249356.story>

Cambodia sends Uighur asylum-seekers back to China
Rights groups fear the group faces prison or execution in China, where nine Uighurs have been put to death over July protests. Some say China's aid to the poor nation played a role in the decision.

By Brendan Brady

December 20, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-fg-cambodia-uighurs20-2009dec20.0.6150158.story>

Alive and well

Memo to doomsayers: Not only is classical thriving, but the debuts of Disney Hall and Golijov's 'San Marco' also helped give it a new energy.

By Mark Swed music critic >>>

Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

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<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/arts/la-ca-swedessay20-2009dec20.0.4064540.story>

Jennifer Jones, Oscar-winning actress and Norton Simon widow, dies at 90

December 18, 2009

By Claudia Luther

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<http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/la-me-jennifer-jones18-2009dec18.0.4038156.full.story>

Most throw cold water on China warming theory

But some historical meteorologists suggest that China has prospered during periods when temperatures are higher than normal and that climate change may not be a bad thing after all.

By Barbara Demick

December 17, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-fg-china-hot17-2009dec17.0.3842540.story>

Turner Broadcasting adds to its TV holdings in India

The Time Warner unit will pay \$126.5 million for a 92% stake in the popular NDTV Imagine channel and some smaller assets.

By Joe Flint

December 17, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-ct-turner17-2009dec17.0.2557020.story>

People in paper houses should not strike matches

December 16, 2009 | 1:07 pm

Deborah Netburn

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/home_blog/2009/12/shigergu-ban-paper-in-architecture.html

Ho Chi Minh, punning poet
December 18, 2009 | 7:44 am

Carolyn Kellogg

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/jacketcopy/2009/12/ho-chi-minh-punning-poet.html>

China puts dissident Liu Xiaobo on trial

The poet and writer has urged political reform. Officials in Beijing say his call for democracy is a threat to the Communist Party.

By John M. Glionna

December 24, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-fg-china-trial24-2009dec24.0.7155005.story>

Michael Hiltzik: The Toy District on the brink

December 21, 2009 | 3:00 am

Michael Hiltzik

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/money_co/2009/12/michael-hiltzik-the-toy-district-on-the-brink.html

Hollywood's push to open up China gets a big boost from WTO

December 21, 2009 | 12:51 pm

Joe Flint

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/entertainmentnewsbuzz/2009/12/hollywoods-push-to-open-up-china-gets-a-big-boost-from-wto.html>

U.S. birth rates back on the rise

December 22, 2009 | 12:40 pm

Amina Khan

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/12/teen-pregnancy-us-birth-rates-death-rates-cdc-pediatrics-baby.html