

March 28, 2013  
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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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.

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Long range calendar items:

LLos Angeles Public Library Celebrates our DiverseCity  
<http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

February 16 - April 14, 2013 Patriots & Peacemakers: Arab Americans in Service to Our Country

Arab Americans have been an integral part of the United States of America since its inception, contributing to our society in a myriad of ways, in particular in regard to public service. Patriots & Peacemakers: Arab Americans in Service to Our Country tells true stories of heroism and self-sacrifice that affirm the important role Arab Americans have played in our country throughout its history.

Patriots & Peacemakers highlights three specific areas of service: the U.S. Armed Forces, diplomatic service and the Peace Corps. Personal narratives highlight Arab American men and women of different national and religious backgrounds. The exhibition also asks visitors to consider how commitment to service impacts them in their daily lives.

Japanese American National Museum  
100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012  
phone: (213) 625-0414  
<http://www.janm.org>

April 04, 2013 Zhou Zuoren and the Uses of Greek Mythology in Modern China  
Zhang Wei, Fudan University

Thursday,  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
167 Dodd Hall

A public lecture presented by the UCLA Department of Classics.

Sponsor(s): Classics

April 4-14 Vietnamese International Film Festival (ViFF)  
<http://www.vietfilmfest.com>

April 6, 2013 The Undiscovered Chinatown Tour (Apr)

Saturday, 10:30am - 1pm

\$20 per person

RSVP required as group size is limited. Please email [info@chinatownla.com](mailto:info@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](mailto:info@chinatownla.com) with your need.

<http://www.chinatownla.com>

April 5, 2013 Hafu: The Mixed Race Experience of Japan by Lara Perez-Takagi and Megumi Nishikura

Friday, 7:30 PM

[Tateuchi Public Program Series](#)

Hafu: The Mixed Race Experience of Japan is the unfolding journey of discovery into the intricacies of mixed race Japanese and their multicultural experiences in modern day Japan. The film follows five hafus – the Japanese term for people who are half Japanese – who are compelled to explore what it means to be multiracial and multicultural in a nation that proclaims itself to be mono-ethnic.

In conjunction with the exhibition [Visible & Invisible: A Hapa Japanese American History](#)  
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April 18, 2013 Dim Sum Crawl

Thursday, 6:30pm-9:30pm

Various locations in Chinatown

\$40 GA Early Bird (Limited Quantity!!)

\$50 General Admission (Until 11:59pm April 14th)

\$60 General Admission (April 15th - 18th)

[chinatownla.ticketbud.com/dimsumcrawl](http://chinatownla.ticketbud.com/dimsumcrawl)

Los Angeles Chinatown has long been recognized for its many authentic dim sum restaurants. This new event ties in a curated selection of Chinatown dim sum restaurants that showcase the best of dim sum in the historic district.

The Dim Sum Crawl is an immersive foodie experience that not only allows attendees to sample a range of dim sum from different restaurants, but also includes beer pairings from local breweries curated by Eagle Rock Brewery. Attendees buy their tickets online and will be treated to nosh at four different dim sum restaurants. Each restaurant will pair its dim sum with different brews from four different breweries. Diners will also receive a souvenir glass to use and take home.

1 ticket x 4 restaurants x 4 breweries = Chinatown Dim Sum and Then Some!

<http://www.chinatownla.com>

April 18, 2013, Book Talk on Tiger Writing with Gish Jen

Thursday, 4PM - 6PM

Tiger Writing by Gish Jen

Where: UCLA Humanities, Room 193

Co-Sponsored by: UCLA College of Letters and Science, UCLA International Institute, UCLA Department of English, UCLA Center for Asian American Studies, & UCLA Department of Asian American Studies

Register by April 12, 2013 via email at [aascsvp@aasc.ucla.edu](mailto:aascsvp@aasc.ucla.edu)

or [ucla.aasc.eventbrite.com](http://ucla.aasc.eventbrite.com)

April 20, 2013 The Manzanar Fishing Club by Cory Shiozaki

Saturday, 2:00 PM

[Film Screenings](#)

The Manzanar Fishing Club is a feature-length documentary that chronicles the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans from a unique perspective: through the eyes of those who defied the armed guards, barbed wire and searchlights to fish for trout in the surrounding waters of the Eastern Sierra. This untold story offers a unique perspective on freedom, where internees found relief from the daily grind of unjust incarceration by matching wits with the trout in the surrounding waters of the famed Eastern Sierra.

Q&A to follow with filmmakers.

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April 23, 2013 [Rape, Incest, and Abortion in the High Plains of Heaven: The Misdeeds of Susanoo Reconsidered](#)

Presented by Bernhard Scheid, research fellow at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, specializes on the history of Shinto. He has published widely on medieval and early modern Shinto, including: *The Culture of Secrecy in Japanese Religion* (2006, ed. with Mark Teeuwen), as well as on the history of Japanese studies.

Tuesday,

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Faculty Center, Sequoia Room, UCLA

The 2013 Festival marks the 16th Anniversary of the Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival  
APRIL 20th 11:00 AM TO 6:30 PM & APRIL 21st 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

The 2013 Cherry Blossom Festival Committee and the City of Monterey Park are pleased to present the 16th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 20 & 21, 2013 at Barnes Park, located at 350 S. McPherrin Avenue; Monterey Park, CA. Entry to the Festival is FREE.

Planned and coordinated by community volunteers, the Cherry Blossom Festival strives to provide a cultural arts event that offers a forum for learning, entertainment, fun, and support of community.

So take the time to see, hear, and taste a bit of the Japanese and Japanese American culture through a first-hand experience of watching traditional Japanese dancing, hearing the resounding beats of the taiko drums, observing the mastery and various skills of martial arts, participating in the ancient art of the tea ceremony, or buying hand-made crafts or food with an Asian flair. Other highlights of the Festival include games & crafts for children, and numerous cultural displays.

[PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE](#) [DIRECTIONS & PARKING](#)

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<http://ci.monterey-park.ca.us/index.aspx?page=812>

April 20-21 Festival of Books

<http://events.latimes.com/festivalofbooks/>

May 12, Free Family Festival: [The Garden in Asia](#)

Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

A perfect Mother's Day afternoon! Enjoy a flower-filled day of performances, crafts and more as we celebrate the garden traditions of Asia.

Pacific Asia Museum

<http://pacificasiamuseum.org>

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

May 7, 2013, Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival

Thursday, 7PM

Where: Directors Guild of America, 7920 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90046

Sponsored by: Visual Communications

Co-Sponsored by: UCLA Center for EthnoCommunications

Three films from the UCLA Center for EthnoCommunications program have been selected to screen at the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival. The Digital Posse program features films by young, up and coming filmmakers from both EthnoCommunications and from Visual Communications' Armed with a Camera fellowship.

## EXHIBITS

Ikenobo

Saturday & Sunday, June 1 & 2, 2013

In celebration of Shunho Shimbashi's 50th anniversary as head teacher of the LA chapter of the Ikenobo School of flower arrangement, who will be exhibiting her member's flower arrangements.

For more information call (213) 628-2725.

George J. Doizaki Gallery

Free Admission

244 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

[info@jaccc.org](mailto:info@jaccc.org)

<http://jaccc.org>

### [2013 Chinatown Summer Nights Series](#)

[Saturdays: June 15, July 20, August 17](#)

This year's Nisei Week Japanese Festival has been set for August 10 - 18, 2013

June 8-9 626 Night Market

The largest Asian night market in Los Angeles.

Now at Santa Anita Park.

July 6-7

August 3-4

Sat 4-12PM

Sun 4-10PM

\$3 admission, free parking

**Event Address:**

**626 Night Market @ Santa Anita Park infield**

**285 W. Huntington Drive**

**Arcadia, CA 91007**

**(Enter through Gate 3, 5, or 6)**

**<http://www.626nightmarket.com>**

Movie on the Plaza

July, 2013 Date: TBA

JACCC Plaza

### [75th Annual Mid-Autumn Moon Festival](#)

[Saturday, September 21, 2013](#)

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This Weekend (and earlier/later)

March 30 [Books & Conversations](#)

Strawberry Yellow by Naomi Hirahara

Mas Arai is a taciturn, sometimes even curmudgeonly retired gardener with a past. Born in Watsonville in California's strawberry country, he was raised in Hiroshima, Japan, and as a teenager survived the 1945 A-bomb. After the war, he returned to Watsonville to start over, finding shelter with cousins and work in the strawberry fields.

Now, after moving to Altadena and spending a lifetime as a gardener, Mas returns to Watsonville for the funeral of his second cousin Shug Arai, who'd become a leader in the strawberry-growing world. In no time at all, Mas finds himself at the scene of a murder, and there are Arais involved every which way. Plus he has suspicions that there might have been more behind Shug's death than a simple heart attack. And is the terrible blight called Strawberry Yellow that's threatening the crops somehow involved? In the fifth and most compelling of the Edgar-winning Mas Arai mysteries, it's up to this quiet, uneducated old man—who considers himself unworthy and finds most other human beings to be exhausting—to unravel the layers of mysteries. He negotiates a complicated web of Arai cousins, deals with decades-old family rivalries, faces a terrifying attempt on his life, and ultimately discovers not just what was behind the two deaths, but why a top-secret new strawberry varietal is named for him—and why it may have inspired murder.

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March 30, 2013 Little Tokyo Walking Tour

Saturday, 10:15 AM—12:15 PM

[Lifelong Learning](#)

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

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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>

Cultural News

<http://www.culturalnews.com/>

Los Angeles Public Library

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

Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum

[http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum\\_nikkei.php](http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum_nikkei.php)

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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.

OP-ED

In voting districts, should every person count?

The Supreme Court may rule on whether the principle of "one person, one vote" should be clarified to allow the exclusion of noncitizens.

By Karthick Ramakrishnan

March 28, 2013

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-ramakrishnan-california-reapportionment-20130328.0.7629284.story>

Lower-income residents took advantage of online voter registration

By Patrick McGreevy

March 27, 2013 10:09 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/political/la-me-pc-voter-registration-20130326.0.3037713.story>

TV writing dominated by white males, but minorities, women gain

By Richard Verrier

March 26, 2013 12:32 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/envelope/cotown/la-et-ct-wga-report-minorities-20130326.0.2679881.story>

Gay marriage: Where is it legal?

By Emily Alpert

March 26, 2013 11:47 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-gay-marriage-where-is-it-legal-20130326.0.5848512.story>

Asian Americans attack cultural labels at summit on stereotypes

By Anh Do

March 23, 2013 7:28 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-asians-attack-labels-20130323.0.883060.post>

Hong Kong Film Festival: Promoting the idea of going to the movies

By Clarissa Sebag-Montefiore

March 24, 2013 5:13 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/envelope/moviesnow/la-mn-hong-kong-film-festival-director-20130324.0.7617602.story>

Wyoming: Heart Mountain's chill winds of Japanese American internment

The raw high desert east of Cody was the site of a World War II internment camp. The new learning center there finds compelling ways to relive those days.

By Diana Lambdin Meyer

March 31, 2013

<http://www.latimes.com/travel/la-tr-heart-mountain-20130331.0.2056866.story>

Bandai brings Tamagotchi pets to the iPhone, iPad

By [Salvador Rodriguez](#)

March 28, 2013 11:44 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/technology/la-fi-tn-tamagotchi-iphone-ipad-bandai-20130328.0.1857772.story>

Steve Jobs as adorable manga man

By Carolyn Kellogg

March 27, 2013 3:23 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/features/books/jacketcopy/la-et-jc-steve-jobs-adorable-manga-man-20130327.0.3271792.story>

Jewish dead lie forgotten in East L.A. graves

A search at Mount Zion for the tomb of a prominent Yiddish author reveals a dystopian landscape of toppled tombstones that no one seems to own.

BY HECTOR BECERRA, LOS ANGELES TIMES

March 28, 2013

<http://www.latimes.com/news/columnone/la-me-jewish-cemetery-html-20130328-dto.0.4355412.htmlstory>

Music review: Yuja Wang inspires wonder at Disney Hall

The young pianist displays speed, agility and strength, but also a quiet side, in a recital including works by Scriabin and Rachmaninoff.

By Mark Swed, Los Angeles Times Music Critic



March 25, 2013 7:30 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/culture/la-et-cm-yuja-wang-review-20130326,0,2575431.story>

Saving a language, and a culture

A Pasadena linguist earned the affection of Lu-Mien people by helping compile a dictionary of their dying language that goes way beyond merely defining words.

By Lee Romney, Los Angeles Times

March 23, 2013 5:25 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-mien-dictionary-20130324,0,7243512.story>

Review: Chilling look inside a sex ring called 'Eden'

By Robert Abele

March 28, 2013 3:30 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/moviesnow/la-et-mn-eden-capsule-review-20130329,0,5310514.story>