

July 10, 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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Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 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:

LLos Angeles Public Library Celebrates our DiverseCity

<http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

The Art of Continuity: Revering our Elders December 14, 2012 to January 5, 2014
Changing Exhibition Galleries

[Press Release](#) [PDF:63KB]

The Art of Continuity: Revering our Elders examines the impact of the veneration of ancestors and lineages on the arts of Asia. In cultures informed by Confucian values, worship of family ancestors has generated countless objects for use in prescribed rituals. In other areas of Asia and the Pacific Islands, elders of prior generations are revered for their accumulated wisdom and ability to guide us through life's transitions. The exhibition includes paintings and sculpture from East Asia and the Pacific Islands, including China, Korea and Papua New Guinea. In addition to enjoying a variety of traditions through this exhibition, visitors can share their own memories of their ancestors, highlighting the richness of Southern California's cultural diversity.

Pacific Asia Museum.

46 North Los Robles Avenue,

Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 449-2742 <http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org>

May 11 through September 22, 2013 Portraiture Now: Asian American Portraits of Encounter from.

Portraiture Now is a collaboration between the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program who have mounted the Smithsonian's first major showcase of contemporary Asian American portraiture. Through the work of seven artists from across the country and around the world, the exhibition offers thought-provoking interpretations of the Asian American experience and representations against and beyond the stereotypes that have obscured the complexity of being Asian in America.

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

July 19 Visiting Artist

1 p.m.-4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Textile artist Naina, visiting from Pakistan's Sindh region, demonstrates the intricate processes behind the art of ralli. Created throughout the region, as well as in western India, these treasured quilts blend generations of tradition with personal artistry. In addition to observing the artist at work, visitors may enjoy many other finished works available for purchase.

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July 19 Fusion Fridays

7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

The celebrated summer series continues! July's event features elegant Thai dancers, a dynamic Korean drumming performance, plus the chance to shake it up on the dance floor to K-Pop tracks. As a special treat, textile artist Naina will be demonstrating traditional Pakistani ralli quiltmaking from 7:30 to 8:30. Plus, make your own Thai headdress, and get inspired in the galleries! Free for members, \$15 general public. For tickets or info, visit pacificasiamuseum.org/fusionfridays. Reserve your tickets early; this event tends to sell out!

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July 28 Authors on Asia: Mark Edward Harris

2PM

Sixty years after the signing of the armistice that halted - but did not officially end - the Korean War, two newly released books North Korea and South Korea, provide insightful photographic studies of this challenging region. Award-winning photographer Mark Edward Harris has had unparalleled access to both sides of the DMZ (the Demilitarized

Zone), the 154-mile long and 2.5-mile wide line that divides the peninsula. He will share and discuss images from both books. Books available for purchase and signing, light refreshments. RSVP to the Museum Store at 626-449-2742 x 20.

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Three Saturday Nights Only

2013: Jun. 15, Jul. 20, Aug. 17 Chinatown Summer Nights

5 pm to midnight

Featuring KCRW 89.9 FM DJs: TBA

Interested in becoming a vendor at LA Craft Experience? Visit: www.laceevent.com

For food truck vending or sponsorship information please email: info@chinatownla.com

Download the 2012 press release [here](#).

943 – 951 N. Broadway, Los Angeles CA 90012 (Central and West Plazas)

Part food event, part summer party, Chinatown Summer Nights presents an exciting hot spot for Angelenos this August. Taste the many culinary offerings of Chinatown and LA's gourmet food trucks; sample the neighborhood's wares; watch Chinese chefs perform cooking demonstrations; experience large-scale, outdoor video projections; take part in hands-on, Chinese cultural activities presented by local organizations and museums; sip on Chinese beer and dance in Central Plaza with 89.9 KCRW's DJ's!

Presented by the Chinatown Business Improvement District, Community Arts

Resources (CARS) and KCRW, in association with Los Angeles Chinatown Corporation, and the ChungKing Plaza Association.

July 13 [Film Screenings](#)

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Community Special

Remembering Sadako:Folding for Peace

Saturday August 3, 2013- Tuesday August 6, 2013

This four-day remembrance, will pay tribute to Sadako, who was two years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on August 6, 1945, near her home in Hiroshima, Japan.

Sadako is remembered through the story of a thousand origami cranes. She and the origami paper crane have become international symbols for peace for children around the world. Remembering Sadako is a multi-generational, multi-ethnic event that will promote peace through arts and culture.

A Concert for Peace featuring performance

by Jackson Browne

Tuesday August 6, 2013 8:00pm

The Aratani Theatre JACCC

Jackson Browne has written and performed some of the most literate and moving songs in popular music and has defined a genre of songwriting charged with honesty, emotion and personal politics. Beyond his music, Browne is known for his advocacy on behalf of the environment, human rights, and arts education. Browne's performance will be part of a special evening dedicated to world peace and will include a special appearance by Sadako's family from Japan.

Construction of a SAND MANDALA

Saturday August 3 - Monday August 5, 2013

JACCC Campus

Admission Free

Origami Workshop on folding cranes

Story telling by the Grateful Crane Ensemble

Saturday August 3 -Sunday August 4, 2013

JACCC Campus

Admission Free

An inter-faith CALL FOR PEACE

Monday August 5, 2013

JACCC Campus

Admission Free

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

Phone: (213) 628-2725

2013 Los Angeles Area Obon Schedule (The Japanese version of the Day of the Dead)
<http://vhbt.org/2013/05/24/southern-district-obon-schedule-2013>

July 20, 21 Nishi Hongwanji
815 East First Street | Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: 213/ 680-9130
FAX: 213/ 680-2210
<http://www.nishihongwanji-la.org>

July 27, 28 Higashi
505 East Third Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Telephone: (213) 626-4200
Fax: (213) 626-6850

E-mail: info@hhbt-la.org
<http://hhbt-la.org>

July 27, 28 Venice
12371 Braddock Drive
Culver City, California 90230
310.391.4351
temple@vhbt.org
<http://vhbt.org>

Southeast Japanese School and Community Center will be holding its 50th annual Cultural Festival and Ondo (Bon Odori) on Saturday, July 27, 3:00 – 10:00 pm, and Sunday, July 28, 2:00 – 8:00 pm.
There will be food, game and plant booths. Continuous entertainment will be at indoor and outdoor performance areas.
Minyo singer, Marissa Kosugi will perform at 5:00 pm on Saturday.
Ondo will begin at 7:00 pm on Saturday and at 6:00 pm on Sunday.
Southeast Japanese School and Community Center (SEJSCC)
14615 Gridley Road, Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 863-5996
[Cultural News]

August 3,4 Gardena

1517 W 166th St., Gardena, CA, 90247
(310) 327-9400
<http://www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org>

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

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

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

[Saturday, September 21, 2013](#)

This weekend (give or take a little)

July 13 Oxnard Buddhist Temple Obon

250 South H Street

Oxnard, CA 93030

805-483-5948 (Office)

805-483-2353 (Fax)

General questions/comments:

mail@oxnardbuddhisttemple.org

<http://www.oxnardbuddhisttemple.org>

July 13, 14 Pasadena Buddhist Temple Obon
1993 Glen Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 798-4781

PasadenaSangha@gmail.com

<http://www.pasadenabuddhisttemple.org>

July 13, 14 West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple Obon
2003 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025, USA
<http://westlosangelesbuddhisttemple.org>

Saturday, July 13, 2013 Target Free Family Saturday: Share Your Story!

11:00 AM—4:00 PM

Celebrate the exhibition *Visible & Invisible: A Hapa Japanese American History* and share your story with your family and friends! You won't want to miss out on this fun Target Free Family Saturday.

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES:

- Create a memory book to jot down stories about you and your family.
- Make a family portrait collage.
- Ruthie's Origami Corner: Fold a fun origami camera.

SCHEDULE:

11AM: Doors open.

11AM-2PM: Make a salad and salad dressing that will soon become a family favorite with *Kidding Around the Kitchen*.

12PM & 2PM: Bring your memories and prepare to write! Instructor Xochitl-Julisa Bermejo will help you write your own family stories.

1PM: Take a tour of our exhibit *Visible & Invisible: A Hapa Japanese American History* with curator Dr. Duncan Williams.

1:30PM: Join us for a 'mixed' reading with! Leslie Ryan will read her book *I Am Flippish* and Heidi Cole will read her book *Am I A Color?*

2PM: Join us for a screening of the documentary *Searchlight Serenade*. *Searchlight Serenade* explores the big bands that were formed by Japanese Americans while incarcerated during World War II.

2:30PM: We Tell Stories will perform multicultural tales in *Proud To Be Me!*

3PM: Allen Say will read his new book [The Favorite Daughter](#). This tale, dedicated with love to Say's daughter, is one for all parents who want their children to feel pride in their heritage, and to know their own greatest sources of strength and inspiration.

4PM: Doors close.

Generously sponsored by Target, these special Saturdays are filled with fun activities giving families unique ways to learn, play, and grow together.

In conjunction with the exhibition [Visible & Invisible: A Hapa Japanese American History](#) Japanese American National Museum

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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

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

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 'Oldboy' trailer, Spike Lee gets deliciously genre-y

By Steven Zeitchik

July 11, 2013 7:52 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/moviesnow/la-et-mn-oldboy-trailer-spike-lee-josh-brolin-20130711.0,6667543.story>

Silicon Valley Rep. Michael Honda challenged by fellow Democrat

Honda has consistently voted for President Obama's agenda. But rival Ro Khanna has raised nearly \$1.8 million with support from some tech industry titans.

By Seema Mehta

July 11, 2013

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-honda-obama-20130711.0,541428.story>

Minorities more likely to live in 'urban heat islands,' study finds

By Tony Barboza

July 9, 2013 12:19 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-minorities-urban-heat-islands-20130709.0,1868051.story>

'Big Brother' host Julie Chen 'hurt' by show's racial slurs

By Greg Braxton

July 9, 2013 12:46 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/tv/showtracker/la-et-st-big-brother-host-julie-chen-racial-slurs-20130709,0,4720914.story>

Where to shoot: statehouse or White House? Texas Democrats mull

By Mark Z. Barabak

July 10, 2013 1:08 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-pn-texas-democrats-mull-options-20130710,0,4321998.story>

Japanese nationalist protest of 'comfort women' sculpture fails

By Carol J. Williams

July 9, 2013 6:46 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-japan-korea-comfort-women-20130709,0,920922.story>

'Big Brother' airs racist, anti-gay comments by contestants

By Patrick Kevin Day

July 8, 2013 12:10 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/tv/showtracker/la-et-st-big-brother-airs-racist-contestant-comments-20130708,0,6823638.story>

Exclusive: Hello Kitty gets her first comic, launches fan-fiction contest

July 10, 2013 | 5:00 a.m.

Noelene Clark | [@NoeleneClark](#)

<http://herocomplex.latimes.com/comics/exclusive-hello-kitty-gets-her-first-comic-launches-fan-fiction-contest/#/0>

Review: In 'Pacific Rim,' Del Toro makes magic with monsters

Invaders of Earth have never been in better hands than in director Guillermo del Toro's skillful 'Pacific Rim.'

By Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times Film Critic

July 10, 2013 8:03 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/moviesnow/la-et-mn-pacific-rim-20130711,0,4458733.story>

A grim military past on Japan's cuddly 'Rabbit Island'

Okunoshima, an island in Japan, is a place of striking contrast. Now full of fluffy rabbits, it was once home to a clandestine chemical weapons plant.

By Emily Alpert

July 7, 2013 4:44 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-bunny-island-20130708,0,6770877.story>

Raymond Rodriguez dies at 87; documented 1930s mass deportations to Mexico

Raymond Rodriguez co-authored 'Decade of Betrayal,' focusing on the unjust roundup and deportation of Mexicans and Mexican Americans by federal officials seeking remedies for the Great Depression.

By Elaine Woo, Los Angeles Times

July 6, 2013 2:13 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/la-me-raymond-rodriguez-20130707.0,2536503.story>

Asiana Airlines victim who may have been run over is identified

By Lee Romney

July 10, 2013 1:42 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-asiana-airlines-victim-20130710.0,6016755.story>