

August 6, 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.

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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:

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<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>

July 11 - August 21, 2013 Japanese handcraft art exhibition to open at 6 venues in Los Angeles, July 11

The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles will open the new exhibition Handcrafted Form: Traditions and Techniques on Thursday, July 11 at the JFLA, Craft and Folk Art Museum, and four locations of the Fork Art Everywhere program.

Handcrafted Form introduces contemporary examples of traditional arts and crafts that have developed within the context of daily life, including ceramics, textiles, metalwork, lacquerware, woodcraft, papermaking, and writing implements. Through this exhibition, master artists and craftspeople display the depth of their creativity and the richness of their traditions, honed in regional workshops rooted deeply in the climate and landscape of regions all across Japan.

Handcrafted Form: Traditions and Techniques

Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Closed on Mondays

Venues:

Japan Foundation, Los Angeles, 5700 Wilshire Blvd, #100, Los Angeles, CA 90036

[www.JFLALC.org](http://www.JFLALC.org) (323) 761-7510

Craft and Folk Art Museum, 5814 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036

[www.CAFAM.org](http://www.CAFAM.org) (323) 937-4230

[Cultural News]

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.

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<http://www.janm.org>

April 5, 2013 to March 30, 2014 Pacific Asia Museum Announces New Exhibition  
Focus on the Subject: The Art of the Harari Collection

Pasadena, CA— Pacific Asia Museum presents the new exhibition Focus on the Subject: The Art of the Harari Collection in the Frank and Toshie Mosher Gallery of Japanese Art. The exhibition includes a full object rotation in October 2013 to accommodate a greater number of objects and protect them from extended exposure to light.

The renowned Harari Collection of Japanese Edo (1603–1868) and Meiji (1868–1912) era paintings and drawings is one of the most significant groups of works on paper at Pacific Asia Museum. Amassed in London during the 1950s and 60s by Ralph Harari,

the collection includes ukiyo- e (“pictures of the floating world”); important prints, paintings and sketches by Hokusai, Hiroshige and their schools; paintings by Kano, Tosa, Nanga, and Shijo schools; and decorative paintings including fans. In the 1980s, Pacific Asia Museum acquired the majority of this collection with the support of several generous donors. Objects from the collection have previously been included in the exhibitions 40 Years of Building the Pacific Asia Museum Collection in 2011 and Reflections of Beauty: Women from Japan’s Floating World in 2006, among others. Focus on the Subject: The Art of the Harari Collection features selected works from this group, and elucidates how Japanese painters and artisans shared their appreciation for certain subjects including landscapes, physical beauty and pursuits like poetry and tea ceremonies. These recurring themes found in the paintings are echoed in other media from the Pacific Asia Museum collection including ceramics, textiles, lacquerware and sculpture. By looking at a few of the finest examples of Harari Collection paintings alongside objects featuring similar subjects, visitors will have an opportunity to appreciate these themes from multiple perspectives, thereby deepening their knowledge of Japanese art and culture. In addition, the exhibition will examine the role of the collector both in private and public realms.

“The Harari Collection is one of Pacific Asia Museum’s great treasures,” said Curator Bridget Bray. “While we’ve had objects from the collection on view over the past few years, this exhibition will allow our visitors to get a fuller sense of the range of paintings in the Harari Collection, the stories they tell, and the collecting choices Harari made.”

Key objects in the exhibition include several examples of ukiyo-e. One such work is Daruma Carrying a Courtesan Across a Stream by Ogawa Ritsuo (1663-1747). Daruma is the Japanese name for Bodhidharma, the Indian monk who is believed to have taken meditational Buddhism from India to China in the 6th century C.E. In Japan, Daruma is regarded as the founder and patriarch of Zen meditational Buddhism and is often depicted as a sullen monk with large, staring eyes and wearing a red robe as seen here. In the Edo period, his image often appeared in ukiyo-e paintings and prints beside beautiful courtesans in a humorous juxtaposition of beauty and ugliness. The two figures are often depicted wearing each other’s clothing, though not in the case of this painting.

Related programs for Focus on the Subject: The Art of the Harari Collection will include an installment each of the popular Art and Coffee series and Silk Road Storytime series.

Top Image: Ogawa Ritsuo, Daruma Carrying a Courtesan Across a Stream, Japan, c. 1740, Ink, color, gofun on paper, Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Frazier, Pacific Asia Museum Collection, 1986.67.2

#### About Pacific Asia Museum

Pacific Asia Museum is among the few institutions in the United States dedicated exclusively to the arts and culture of Asia and the Pacific Islands. The museum’s mission is to further intercultural understanding through the arts of Asia and the Pacific Islands. Since 1971, Pacific Asia Museum has served a broad audience of students, families, adults, and scholars through its education and outreach programs.

Pacific Asia Museum is located at 46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$10 general, \$7 students/seniors, and free for museum members and children under 12. Admission is free every 4th Friday of the month.

For more information visit [www.pacificasiamuseum.org](http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org) or call (626) 449-2742.

November 23, 2012 through November 17, 2013—Pacific Asia Museum: two upcoming exhibitions: *The Garden in Asia* (on view) and *The Art of Continuity: Revering our Elders* (on view December 14, 2012 through January 5, 2014). These exhibitions will be held in the Changing Exhibition Galleries, and will feature significant rotations in 2013.

“Because these exhibitions draw deeply from our permanent collection, we’re excited to share many important objects that are not often on view,” said Curator Bridget Bray. “In addition, the thematic nature of these shows allows us to incorporate a cross-cultural perspective, enriching the visitor experience.”

*The Garden in Asia* features objects from across Asia that demonstrate the role of the garden as a source of inspiration throughout the centuries. The exhibition includes paintings, prints, lacquerware, sculpture and textiles from throughout East and South Asia. The exhibition focuses on the idea of the garden as a creative space, both intellectually and artistically, but also the respite that nature, encapsulated in gardens, offers in daily life. The included artworks allow visitors to experience the impact gardens have made on artists’ literal study of nature as well as its more abstract and emotional qualities. After their visit to this exhibition, visitors are encouraged to spend time in Pacific Asia Museum’s renowned courtyard garden for a complete experience.

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A variety of programs accompany both exhibitions, including a focus in Pacific Asia Museum’s popular Art and Coffee, Fusion Fridays and Silk Road Storytime series, as well as additional programs. A full calendar of events is available at [pacificasiamuseum.org](http://pacificasiamuseum.org).

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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](http://www.laceevent.com)

For food truck vending or sponsorship information please email: [info@chinatownla.com](mailto: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.

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

Samurai sword smith to lecture and perform in Torrance, August 31

Kunimasa Matsuba, samurai sword smith from Japan, will lecture and perform "Enbu" (sword demonstration) on Saturday, August 31, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Sushi Chef Institute, 1123 Van Ness Ave, Torrance, CA 90501.

Tickets are \$45 per person including sushi lunch. Tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets are sold on the day of the event. Space is limited.

For tickets and more information, contact Hitachiya USA at (310) 534-3136 or email

[info@hitachiya-usa.com](mailto:info@hitachiya-usa.com)

[Cultural News]

75th Annual Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

Saturday, September 21, 2013

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This weekend (give or take a little)

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

## Grand Parade

Aug 11, 2013 @ 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Free

Join us for the annual festivities at the 2013 Nisei Week Grand Parade! Through a colorful array of dance and song, performers glitter the streets with Japanese and Japanese American culture and tradition. Local dignitaries will also be present along with visiting Cherry Blossom courts from Hawaii, Seattle, and San Francisco. Also, you don't want to miss out on seeing the newly crowned Nisei Week 2013 Queen and Court. Follow the parade as it travels throughout Downtown Los Angeles in the Little Tokyo district.

1. Starts at 2nd street to Central Avenue
2. Then west on 2nd Street to
3. North on San Pedro to First Street
4. East on First Street to Central Avenue
5. The parade then turns the corner and travels south on Central Avenue
6. Ends between 1st Street & 2nd Street

<http://www.niseiweek.org>

## Tanabata Festival (Opening Ceremony)

Aug 9, 2013 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Free

## Tanabata Festival

Aug 10, 2013 @ 11:00 am - 8:00 pm | Free

## Saturday, August 10, 2013 Natsumatsuri Family Festival

11:00 AM—5:00 PM

FREE ALL DAY!

Celebrate the summer with our Natsumatsuri Family Festival. Our Natsumatsuri will have crafts, cultural performances and activities, and so much more!

### ALL DAY ACTIVITIES:

- Celebrate Portraiture Now with a self portrait.
- Beat the heat by decorating and constructing a cool fan.
- It's a JANM summer festival tradition! Make a wacky paper hat to show your style.
- Ruthie's Origami Corner: Fold a hopping frog!
- Bounce around in our fun bounce house.
- Toddler Room: A fun place for our youngest guests to hang out in.
- Making wishes during the summer is a Japanese tradition. Make your own Tanzaku with our fun activity!

### SCHEDULE:

11AM: Doors open.

11AM-3PM: Grow Your Own Media will screen print a special JANM Natsumatsuri tote bag just for you! For children only, while supplies last.

11:30AM • 12:30PM: Taiko is a Japanese American tradition! Learn how to play taiko drums with JANM docent Hal Keimi.

12PM • 1PM • 2PM: Take a family tour of our historical exhibition Common Ground: The Heart of Community with our experienced docents and learn how to fold a new origami shape!

12PM-5PM: We've brought back the popular activity from the kip fulbeck: part asian, 100% hapaexhibition. Take a picture and respond to the question "What Are You?"

1PM: What is Obon all about? Rev. Bill Briones of Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will discuss the history and traditions of Obon in Japan and the United States.

1PM-5PM: Let Party Faces give you a cool airbrush tattoo! For children only, line ends at 4:30PM.

2PM-5PM: Suehiro Kimono Agency will show you how to wear a yukata! Yukata are traditional Japanese garments worn during the summer to keep cool. For children only, line ends at 4:30PM.

2:30PM: Get ready to dance! Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will show you how to dance traditional Japanese folk dances.

4PM: Join us for our first mariachi concert at JANM! Roger Del Norte, the Japanese mariachi singer, will perform with the Mariachi band MEXICAPAN. Mariachi singer Lupita Infante will join as a special guest for the concert.

4:30PM: Enjoy a fun taiko performance by L.A. Matsuri Taiko!

5PM: Doors close.

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Sunday, August 11 Authors on Asia: "The Silent and Spoken Word"

2 p.m.

Linda Galloway and Ron Moss present "The Silent and Spoken Word: Art & Short Form Poetry." The two internationally acclaimed poets present an innovative program of art images and Japanese short form poetry (tanka and haiku) with live Japanese music.

Their book Cloud Catching Mountains will be available for purchase and signing. RSVP to the Museum Store at 626-449-2742 x 20.

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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.

Ruth Asawa, artist known for intricate wire sculptures, dies at 87

By Lee Romney

August 6, 2013 5:50 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/et-la-cm-ruth-asawa-artist-known-for-crocheted-wire-sculptures-dies-at-87-20130806.0,3401233.story>

BOOK REVIEW

Latasha Harlins shooting exposed L.A. race in issues long before Zimmerman  
In 'The Contested Murder of Latasha Harlins,' Brenda Stevenson examines the principal women involved -- the victim, the perpetrator and the judge

By Hector Tobar

August 1, 2013 2:00 p.m.



<http://www.latimes.com/features/books/jacketcopy/la-ca-jc-brenda-stevenson-20130804,0,2278824.story>

Monterey Park sign ordinance debate recalls '80s ethnic controversy  
A revised law in Monterey Park to require some 'modern Latin' letters on store signs stirs up an old controversy in the Asian community.

By Frank Shyong

August 3, 2013 8:54 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-english-signs-20130804,0,2799652.story>

Immigration activists arrested during protest outside Capitol

By Marina Villeneuve

August 1, 2013 12:59 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-pn-immigration-activists-arrested-outside-capitol-20130801,0,4990658.story>

Japan marks anniversary of Hiroshima bombing

Associated Press

August 5, 2013 6:44 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-hiroshima-anniversary-20130805,0,3816113.story>

#### THE READING LIFE

Adrian Tomine's Optic Nerve returns

By David L. Ulin, Los Angeles Times Book Critic

August 1, 2013 12:48 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/features/books/jacketcopy/la-et-jc-adrian-tomine-optic-nerve-returns-20130731,0,3485521.story>

Former WWII 'comfort woman' on a mission for recognition

By Brittany Levine

July 31, 2013 11:15 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-comfort-women-recognition-20130731,0,3253952.story>

Languages other than English used in more U.S. homes, data show

Census Bureau report also shows that although use of other languages at home has grown, English proficiency hasn't suffered.

By Emily Alpert

August 6, 2013 9:18 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-language-usage-20130807,0,5194599.story>

Chinese chick-flick sequel 'Tiny Times 2' gets North American release

By Rebecca Keegan

August 1, 2013 5:17 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/moviesnow/la-et-mn-tiny-times-2-20130801,0,3428494.story>

Review: Cop and kingpin duel for upper hand in 'Drug War'

Movie review: Hong Kong director Johnnie To's mastery of suspense keeps audiences guessing during a thrilling ride through China's 'Drug War.'

By Betsy Sharkey, Los Angeles Times Film Critic

August 1, 2013 3:15 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/moviesnow/la-et-mn-drug-war-movie-review-20130802,0,4014681.story>

In South L.A., a bitter case of mistaken identity

A flier wrongly suggests that a grocery store owner is the woman who fatally shot Latasha Harlins at a liquor store in 1991.

By Scott Gold

August 4, 2013 5:40 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-gold-south-la-20130805,0,271296.story>