

March 12, 2015

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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ed. by Douglas Ikemi (dkikemi@pacbell.net)  
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Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000-2013 are available at <http://www.ikemi.info/APPA/> 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. The mac.com address will be shut down soon. Thanks to those who have.  
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Long range calendar items:

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

#### CHINA'S LOST CIVILIZATION: THE MYSTERY OF SANXINGDUI

October 19, 2014 - March 15, 2015

Bowers Museum is proud to present the latest in its series of exhibits highlighting important treasures from around the world. China's Lost Civilization: The Mystery of Sanxingdui will include objects from the discovery termed "the ninth wonder of the world" and acknowledged by many scholars as one of the greatest archaeological finds ever to be unearthed.

READ MORE: CHINA'S LOST CIVILIZATION: THE MYSTERY OF SANXINGDUI

<http://www.bowers.org/index.php/exhibitions/current-exhibitions>

Bowers Museum.

2002 North Main Street

Santa Ana, CA 92706 ·

714.567.3600

January 22 through March 29 Ink Painting and Construction of Contemporary Chinese Art

From Qiu Deshu's inked paper collage to Cai Guangbin's black and white photography inspired images, and Wang Dongling's action calligraphy to Zou Cao's fingerprint landscape painting, this group exhibition of twelve artists showcases the diversity and innovation in contemporary Chinese ink art. Audacious, refreshing, and dexterous, the artists demonstrate their effort in breaking through the boundaries of tradition. With their experiments in subject matter, material application and execution, and in introducing

contemporary vocabulary such as mixed media, conceptual art, action painting and abstraction to ink art, these artists seek new possibilities to create a dialogue with contemporary art in other parts of the world. Ink Painting And Construction Of Contemporary Chinese Art will be on view from January 22 through March 29, 2015. Special thanks to the Cai Family.

Featured Artists: Qiu Deshu, Wang Dongling, Li Huayi, Pan Gongkai, Lu Fusheng, Zhang Hong, Gan Yifei, Wang Tiande, Zheng Chongbin, Cai Guangbin, Lu Chuntao, Li Huai, and Zou Cao

Curated by: Kuiyi Shen, University of California, San Diego

Organized by: Danielle Shang, University of California, Los Angeles

Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles

<http://camla.org/current-exhibits/#ink-painting-and-construction-of-contemporary-chinese-art>

425 N. Los Angeles Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(The cross street is Arcadia)

Museum Front Desk: (213) 485-8567

Hours

CAM is opened on Tuesday – Sunday, 10am – 3pm.

Closed on Mondays and the following holidays:

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

Suggested Admission

Adults – \$3.00

Seniors (60 and over) – \$2.00

Students (with ID) – \$2.00

Museum Members – Free

March 21 West Covina Cherry Blossom Festival

12-6PM

The City of West Covina and the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center are proud to present the 2015 Cherry Blossom Festival. We are partnering with Marukai Market, the large Japanese supermarket in South Hills Plaza, to have Cherry Blossom Festival take place on the same day as their Grand Opening. As a result, this event is scheduled to take place on our new date.

This event will be held at the South Hills Plaza (1420 S. Azusa Ave., West Covina) on the corner of Azusa Ave. and Aroma Dr.

Additional Parking

Additional Parking can be found at the following locations:

Coronado School: (1500 East Francisquito Avenue, West Covina, CA 91791)

South Hills Academy: (1600 East Francisquito Avenue, West Covina, CA 91791) South Hills Academy Logo

\*\*The City of West Covina will be providing free shuttle services throughout the day.

Entertainment Schedule

12:30 PM Shorinji Kempo

1:00 PM West Covina Shinkendo and Aikido

1:30 PM West Covina City Council Presentation

2:00 PM Shin Gyo Tou

2:30 PM ESGVJCC Napua Lehua

3:00 PM

3:30 PM Emily Kinaga Wong, Kotoist

4:00 PM Eibukan Goju Ryu Karate Do

4:30 PM Covina Kendo Dojo

5:00 PM West Covina Judo Dojo

5:30 PM Kishin Daiko

<http://esgvjcc.org/site/index.php/10-latest-announcements/126-2015-cherry-blossom-festival>

## March 21 Descanso Garden Cherry Blossom Festival

March 21, 2015 Aratani World Series

MANA - Music and Dance of the Philippines & Hawai'i

Saturday, at 7:00PM at Aratani Theatre

244 S. San Pedro Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

MANA – Music & Dance of the Philippines & Hawai'i Featuring Kayamanan Ng Lahi with Patrick Landeza, Abe Lagrimas, Jr.

[Kayamanan Ng Lahi](#) celebrates its 25th anniversary year in the Aratani World Series.

Under the leadership of Joel Jacinto, Barbara Ele and Ave Jacinto, Kayamanan is one of the most distinguished Philippine Dance company in the US. Their new program MANA will premiere in the Aratani and then go on, by invitation, to the 2015 Merrie Monarch Festival in Hilo, Hawaii.

In collaboration with Filipino-Americans **Patrick Landeza** (Slack Key Guitarist) and **Abe Lagrimas Jr.** (Ukelele), MANA speaks to the ancestral ties between Filipino and Hawaiian culture. The concept of “mana” comes from the shared lexicon of the Pacific and Southeast Asian region. In the Philippines, “mana” refers to the precious things learned and inherited from ancestors, in Hawai'i “mana” is the spiritual energy that can exist in places, objects and persons. In this new production, Kayamanan Ng Lahi speaks to the shared spirit of mana that is within us all, defining and strengthening us as keepers of our heritage and cultural heirlooms.

March 21 Chol Soo Lee Day of Remembrance

3PM

<http://www.amerasiajournal.org/blog/?p=2588>

March 22 Huntington Beach to host Cherry Blossom Festival,

The Sister City Association of Huntington Beach presents Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, March 22, from 11 am – 4 pm, at Huntington Beach Central Park Bandstand, 7111 Talbert Ave, located directly behind the Huntington Beach Central Library.

Admission is free.

This year we will be featuring Taiko by Kokomo Taiko-kai and Daion Taiko, Karate demonstration by Sensei Fumio Demura, Music and entertainment by Minyo Station,

Dance by Bando Hidesomi, Kabuki by Bando Hiroshichiro, Koto by Ryan Kaneko, Hula by Lokelani Studios. and much more.

In addition, the festival will have many cultural exhibits as well as craft vendors, food booths and food trucks.

All proceeds to benefit the Huntington Beach – Anjo sister city student exchange program.

[www.hbjapanesefestival.com](http://www.hbjapanesefestival.com)

<http://www.culturalnews.com/?p=16350>

Mar. 22 Cal State Fullerton's Japanese Culture Club to present 4th annual event, The Japanese Culture Club at California State University Fullerton presents the 4th Annual Cultural Expo "Art of Japan" on Sunday, March 22, from 1:30 pm at Titan Student Union Portola Pavilions in the CSUF campus.

Admission and parking is completely free.

Japanese culture demonstrations include taiko, karate, ikebana, calligraphy, tea ceremony, samisen, fashion show, dancing, singing, etc.

Performers include Fuji Japanese Music Ensemble.

In last year, over 400 guests attended the event.

<http://csufjcc.org>

<http://www.culturalnews.com/?p=16357>

#### HISAMI WAKAYAGI MEMORIAL RECITAL

Aratani Theatre

244 SOUTH SAN PEDRO STREET

(BETWEEN 2ND AND 3RD STREETS)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(213) 628-2725

SUN, March 22, 2015

Commemorating the 40 years that the late Mme. Hisami Wakayagi dedicated to promoting the Japanese cultural arts in the U.S. and overseas.

1:30PM / \$35

Tickets contact Hanano Kai at [hisamiwakayagi@gmail.com](mailto:hisamiwakayagi@gmail.com)

(626) 340-0546

<http://www.jaccc.org>

March 24 Nibei's lecture series to feature American girl's experience in 1954 Hiroshima  
The Nibei Foundation will feature Ms. Farida Futouhi, author of "Charcoal Girl – Meeting the Ghost of the A-Bomb in 1954 Hiroshima" as the speaker of the Powerful Networking Meeting Lecture Series on Tuesday, March 24, at Tersaki Foundation Laboratory Building, 11570 West Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Admission free.

The dinner with the author will start at 6:00 p.m. and the lecture will start at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner costs \$10 per person. Dinner reservation and choice of menu are required in advance. For dinner reservation, contact Naoko Okada by email [nibei@nibei.org](mailto:nibei@nibei.org) or call (310) 479-6101 ext. 134.

Farida Fotouhi, author of “Charcoal Girl – Meeting the Ghost of the A-Bomb in 1954 Hiroshima,” will tell the story behind her book.

Ms. Fotouhi’s father was the first American diplomat stationed in Hiroshima after the atomic bomb, and Farida was the only American in her Japanese elementary school. Her talk will be illustrated with photos and excerpts from her book, including the “kamishibai” (graphic novel) she wrote at age 7 in Japanese, not realizing at the time that it was a metaphor for the atomic bomb and the human costs of war.

It’s an inspiring story of how former enemies became friends, demonstrating ways the human heart can bridge the chasms of past enmities.

It’s also a fascinating look into what Japan was like after WWII before the “economic miracle.”

Ms. Fotouhi is now President of Reality2, a branding and creative agency in Los Angeles.

[www.CharcoalGirl.com](http://www.CharcoalGirl.com)

March 28 Japan Family Day at Santa Anita Park  
285 W Huntington Dr  
Arcadia, CA 91007  
(626) 574-7223  
10:30AM

April 6 Art Talk at Scripps College, April 6, 7:30 pm, “Tea House as Living Museum”  
Japanese Design / Art Talk

Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery

Scripps College

11th Street and Columbia Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711

[rcwg.scrippscollege.edu](http://rcwg.scrippscollege.edu)

Also,

Lecture, April 6, 2015, Steele Hall 101, 7:30 pm

Robert Hori, Urasenke Tea Ceremony Organization and Huntington Library and Gardens

“Arbor of Pure Breeze: The Tea House as a Living Museum”

Supported by the Jacqueline Avant Lectures in Japanese Art

April 18-19 Cherry Blossom Festival

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.

The 2015 Cherry Blossom Festival Committee and the City of Monterey Park are pleased to present the 18th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 18-19, 2015. Entry to the festival is free to the public.

- Saturday, April 18, 2015, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

- Sunday, April 19, 2015, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

- Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

## Event Festivities

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 and crafts for children, and numerous cultural displays.

<http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/673/Cherry-Blossom-Festival>

LOS ANGELES ASIAN PACIFIC FILM FESTIVAL April 23 through 30, 2015

<http://www.site.asianfilmfestla.org>

April 25, 26 Torrance Sister City Association's "Bunka Sai"

Torrance Sister City Association (TSCA) presents its 43rd annual "Bunka Sai" Japanese Cultural Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center in Torrance. Admission and parking are free.

This annual event features demonstrations of Japanese dance, koto and shakuhachi music, traditional vocal music, taiko drums, shodo calligraphy, and origami.

Okinawa taiko & dance exhibition and martial arts performances such as kendo, judo, aikido and naginata and a kimono show. Beautiful ikebana (flower arranging) and bonsai and dolls are also on display.

Kamishibai Japanese story telling in English and Japanese both days. Games and crafts for kids. A fun and educational event for families and the community.

Japanese sweets (mochi & Okinawa dango) and food; yakisoba, curry rice and "plate lunches" available for purchase.

Proceeds from event benefit Torrance Sister City Association's student cultural exchange program, which sends students from Torrance to Kashiwa, Japan for three weeks.

TSCA will also host Kashiwa students and an adult leader during the summer. TSCA is a non-profit, community-based, volunteer organization dedicated to promoting goodwill between the people of Torrance and Kashiwa, Japan.

The Ken Miller Recreation Center is located in central Torrance at 3341 Torrance Blvd. at Madrona Ave.

[www.torrancesistercity.org](http://www.torrancesistercity.org)

May 16 Lotus Steps

<https://ccdcbruins.wordpress.com/multimedia/photos/lotus-steps-2011/>

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This weekend (give or take a little)

March 14, 2015 Target Free Family Saturdays: March into Spring

Saturday, 11:00 AM—4:00 PM

Family Festivalsn

FREE\* ALL DAY!

Spring is here! Welcome the new season by recycling old things into new ones.

\*Admission to all activities and to Common Ground: The Heart of Community is FREE ALL DAY. Admission to the special exhibition, Hello! Exploring the Supercute World of Hello Kitty, requires a separate purchase. All Hello! Admissions are based on timed entry; obtaining tickets in advance is strongly recommended.

#### ALL DAY ACTIVITIES:

Create your own biodegradable planter, and then plant a seed and take it home to watch it grow. Special Hello Kitty seed labels will be provided to remind you what you planted.

Ruthie's Origami Corner: Inspired by Sanrio's "small gift, big smile" philosophy, JANM volunteer Ruthie Kitagawa will teach you how to make a small gift box out of recycled gift wrap.

Design and make your own eco-friendly fashion and accessories using recycled materials. At 3:30 p.m., you'll have a chance to show off your creations at JANM's own red carpet runway fashion show!

Macaroni Kids Downtown LA will have a bracelet- and necklace-making table where guests can create macaroni-based accessories to go with their other eco-friendly fashions.

#### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

**11:30 a.m. • 12:30 p.m.:** Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization reDiscover Center will lead a workshop about the environmental dangers of plastic waste and the importance of recycling plastic wherever possible. There will also be a craft activity to create a fish art piece from a used CD.

**12 p.m. • 2 p.m.:** Join in on a rockin' drum circle with Drumtime! All instruments provided, along with brief drumming lessons. Fun for ages 1 to 101!

**1 p.m.–2 p.m.:** Versatile magician Johnny Wu uses everyday objects to perform innovative and interactive magic tricks. Watch his act and prepare to be surprised and delighted.

**3:30 p.m.:** Check out the eco-friendly fashions that Target Free Family Saturday attendees have created at our own red carpet fashion show.

Sponsored by Target

In conjunction with the exhibition Hello! Exploring the Supercute World of Hello Kitty

March 15 Torrance Columbia Park Cherry Blossom Festival

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Annual Cherry Bloddom Festival returns to Torrance. Bring a picnic and beach chairs and sit amongst the blossoming cherry trees. Entertainment and interactive activities will be provided. Sponsors include: the City of Torrance, the Torrance Sister City Association, Torrance Artist's Guild, Torrance Craftsman's Guild, and Soka Gakkai International

18861 Prairie Ave, Torrance

Location of Cherry Blossom Trees: Corner of Prairie & 190th

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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.pacificasianmuseum.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.

Feds allege major immigration fraud in L.A. trade schools

By JOSEPH SERNA

March 11

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-feds-allege-sweeping-immigration-fraud-in-la-trade-schools-20150311-story.html>

L.A. Council District 4 runoff likely to be insider vs. outsider

By EMILY ALPERT REYES

March 9

<http://www.latimes.com/local/cityhall/la-me-district-four-20150309-story.html>

New Ezell Ford wrongful-death suit alleges race as a motivation

By KATE MATHER



March 9

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-ezell-ford-20150310-story.html>

'Superman': Gene Luen Yang, John Romita, Jr. chart hero's vulnerability

March 10, 2015 | 5:00 a.m.

<http://herocomplex.latimes.com/comics/superman-gene-luen-yang-john-romita-jr-chart-heros-vulnerability-dual-identity/#/0>

Obama's Selma speech: 'Our march is not yet finished'

March 7

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-obama-prepared-remarks-20150307-story.html#page=1>

Monterey Park City Council's demographics likely won't change

By FRANK SHYONG

March 4

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-monterey-park-councils-demographic-20150304-story.html>

Lillian Nakano dies at 86; sought redress for interned Japanese Americans

By ELAINE WOO

March 7

<http://www.latimes.com/local/obituaries/la-me-lillian-nakano-20150308-story.html>