

April 7, 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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Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000-2013 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:

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

Festival of Books

Saturday, April 18, 2015 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 19, 2015 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Book Prizes Ceremony

Saturday, April 18, 2015 | 6:30 p.m.

Bovard Auditorium

What is the Festival of Books?

The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books began in 1996 with a simple goal: to bring together the people who create books with the people who love to read them. The festival was an immediate success and has evolved to include live bands, poetry readings, chef demos, cultural entertainment and artists creating their work on-site. There's also a photography exhibit, film screenings followed by Q&A's and discussion panels on some of today's hottest topics.

USC Campus

University of Southern California

University Park Campus

Los Angeles, CA 90089

<http://events.latimes.com/festivalofbooks/the-festival/info/>

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 **PERFORMANCES@PAM**

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Highlights from The Peony Pavilion, Kun Opera presented by members of the Suzhou Kunqu Opera Theatre and renowned artist WANG Fang. Included with museum admission.

USC Pacific Asia Museum.

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http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/_calendar/index.aspx

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

May 16 Lotus Steps

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

June 14 **Free 2nd Sunday - Muslim Celebration of Ramadan Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

Admission to the galleries is free all day, as well as these special events:

July 12 **Free 2nd Sunday - Cambodian Cultural Festival**

Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Admission to the galleries is free all day, as well as these special events:

Sunday, October 11 **Free 2nd Sunday - Korean Cultural Festival**

Admission to the galleries is free all day, as well as these special events:

10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Silk Road Story Time: 10:30 am & 11:30 am

Crafts: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Spotlight Tours: 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

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This weekend (give or take a little)

Sunday, April 12 **Japanese Cultural Festival**

10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Admission to the galleries is free all day, as well as these special events:

Silk Road Story Time: 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Art Activity: 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Manga Drawing: 1 - 2 p.m.

Spotlight Tours: 11 a.m., 1 p.m., & 3 p.m.

Calligraphy Activity: 3 - 4 p.m.

Japanese Minyo folk dance performance by **Kotobuki No Kai**: 12 noon

Contemporary style of Japanese folk music performance by **Minyo Station**: 2 p.m.

Japanese calligraphy & watercolor performance by **Shoran**: 4 pm
Food Trucks: Shave it! & Jogasaki
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Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before): See 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

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.

Why the middle class is doing even worse than you think
Michael Hiltzik
April 7
<http://www.latimes.com/business/hiltzik/la-fi-mh-why-the-middle-class-is-doing-20150407-column.html>

Japanese centenarian finishes 1,500-meter swim race

By **DAVID WHARTON**

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/sportsnow/la-sp-sn-japanese-centenarian-swimmer-20150406-story.html>

Pearl Harbor to mark 70th anniversary of kamikaze attack on USS Missouri

JAY JONES

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<http://www.latimes.com/travel/hawaii/la-trb-hawaii-pearl-harbor-70th-kamikaze-attack-uss-missouri-20150406-story.html>

A Japanese-inspired spring display takes over the Bellagio's Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

SUSAN STAPLETON

March 30

<http://www.latimes.com/travel/lasvegas/lasvegasnow/la-tr-lvn-las-vegas-attractions-bellagio-conservatory-spring-20150329-story.html>

Hong Kong film festival offers view of a changing China

CLARISSA SEBAG-MONTEFIORE

April 3

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/la-et-mn-ca-hong-kong-films-20150405-story.html#page=1>

Korean-language classes are growing in popularity at U.S. colleges

LARRY GORDON contact the reporter

April 1

<http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-korean-language-20150401-story.html>

Chop Chop Chinaman restaurant's name sparks vandalism, debate in Chicago

KEVIN PANG

April 4

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-chinese-restaurant-20150404-story.html>

'Whiplash' strikes a chord for South Koreans at the box office

STEVEN BOROWIEC

April 2

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/la-et-mn-ca-whiplash-korea-20150405-story.html>