

April 14, 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/> 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>

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.

46 North Los Robles Avenue,

Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 449-2742

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 13, 2015 Big Trouble in Little Tokyo presents *The Curse of Quon Gwon: When the Far East Mingles with the West* (1916-17)

Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Film Screenings

In honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, JANM presents a rare screening of *The Curse of Quon Gwon: When the Far East Mingles with the West* (1916–17), a silent black-and-white film directed by Marion Wong.

The Curse of Quon Gwon is the earliest known film directed by an Asian American, and one of the earliest directed by a woman. Reflecting the filmmaker’s desire to present authentic Chinese culture to a Western audience, the movie features an all-Chinese cast and Chinese-style interior décor. The melodramatic storyline, which is typical of Western films from that era, is filled with romance and intrigue.

The evening will include a talk with Mai-Lon Gittelsohn and Dr. Greg Mark, descendants of star Violet Wong, and filmmaker Arthur Dong, who facilitated the restoration of two reels of the historic film by the Academy Film Archive. The rest of the film is still missing.

Pre-sale: \$8 JANM and Visual Communications members, \$10 general.

At the door (if available): \$12 JANM and VC members, \$15 general.

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

<http://www.janm.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:

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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)

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>

L.A. `UKULELE EXPO 2015: WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT APRIL 18 • 11:30AM • JACCC CAMPUS

Grab your `ukulele, or purchase one at the Expo, and bring a few friends to put Los Angeles on the `ukulele map! JACCC and its resident `ukulele cafe - [U-Space](#) - present the *Ukulele Play-Along World Record Attempt* for largest `ukulele ensemble, led by GRAMMY winners Tia Carrere and Daniel Ho.

*Registration for the World Record Attempt begins at 9:30am.

This year's world record attempt will use the song "*Pua I Ka Ua*" which is from Tia and Daniel's Grammy winning CD "*Huana Ke Aloha*." It has two chords (F and C) so it is easy to learn.

<http://www.jaccc.org/laukuleleexpo/>

April 18 EASC Taiwanese Documentary Series SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015

Location: USC Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena

2:00-2:05pm Welcome and Introduction of Director Ke Chin-Yuan by Professor Stanley Rosen

2:05-4:05pm Dive With You (1&2) 餘生 · 共游 (上 / 下) (2014, 117 minutes)

Dive With You follows the evolution of Taiwan's relationship with the whale shark in the past two decades. While narrating the story of Taiwan's ban on whale shark hunting, this documentary goes further by depicting this easygoing animal's continued struggle for survival against difficult odds. Following the whale shark's migratory path across Pacific Asia, Dive With You also examines the development of whale shark tourism, especially whale shark "swim" activities, and how such programs reflect upon 21st-century efforts to protect our planet's marine heritage.

Examining the transnational habitat of whale sharks, Dive With You illustrates how modern society uses this "gentle giant" of the deep as a centerpiece of both aquarium displays and pricey banquets, and is now seeking new ways of "packaging" whale sharks for economic gain. But whale sharks can also touch the soul and change the lives of those who cross their peaceful path. Whale sharks provide a window into how we all treat the oceans and respect the sanctity of life.

4:10-5:00pm Panel Discussion moderated by Professor Stanley Rosen

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/eascenter//easc-taiwanese-documentary-series-spring-2015/>

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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.

Poll Race relations in California better than elsewhere in U.S., voters say

By **MICHAEL FINNEGAN**

April 13

<http://www.latimes.com/local/politics/la-me-pol-race-poll-20150413-story.html>

Viet Thanh Nguyen tackles Vietnam War's aftermath in 'The Sympathizer'

JESSICA GELT

April 10

<http://www.latimes.com/books/jacketcopy/la-ca-jc-viet-thanh-nguyen-20150412-story.html>

Poll Majority of California's Latino voters highly value school testing

ZAHIRA TORRES

April 12

<http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-pol-schools-poll-20150412-story.html#page=1>

Cop's killing of Walter Scott is stark proof of policing crisis

By DAVID HORSEY

April 13

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/topoftheticket/la-na-tt-cops-killing-of-scott-20150412-story.html>

Japanese American internment: Returning to Los Angeles

Posted By: Scott Harrison

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<http://framework.latimes.com/2015/04/10/japanese-american-internment-returning-to-los-angeles/#/0>