

March 9, 2016

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 2000-2015 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:

<http://www.lapl.org>

2016 Cherry Blossom Festival

The City of West Covina and the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center are proud to present the 2016 Cherry Blossom Festival.

Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 12 noon to 6pm

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.

For 2016 Vendor Application [Click Here](#)

For 2016 Cherry Blossom Festival Flyer [Click Here](#)

<http://esgvjcc.org/site/10-latest-announcements/174-2015-cherry-blossom-festival-2>

Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 2016

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 2016 Cherry Blossom Festival Committee and the City of Monterey Park are pleased to present the 19th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 16-17, 2016. Entry to the festival is free to the public.

- Saturday, April 16, 2016, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17, 2016, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

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

October 1 Akimatsuri Fall Festival
Saturday, October 1
ESGVJCC
<http://esgvjcc.org/site/events>

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

USC Pacific Asia Museum is proud to present a variety of exhibitions throughout the year. The following are currently on view:

The View from a Scholar's Studio: Japanese Literati Paintings from Tiezudingzhai Collection

May 15, 2015 through May 15, 2016

Reshaping Tradition: Contemporary Ceramics from East Asia

September 11, 2015 through January 31, 2016

SACRED REALMS: TEMPLE MURALS BY SHASHI DHOJ TULACHAN FROM THE GAYLE AND EDWARD P. ROSKI COLLECTION

Ongoing

ANCIENT ARTS OF CHINA: A 5000 YEAR LEGACY

Ongoing

Bowers Museum

2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706 · 714.567.3600

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

Special Exhibition Opens

Royal Taste: The Art of Princely Courts in Fifteenth-Century China

February 26, 2016 - June 26, 2016

Royal Taste offers a unique glimpse into the luxurious lifestyles and religious practices of princely courts in early- and mid-Ming China (1368-1644). Organized by The Ringling, this exhibition of more than 140 works of pictorial, sculptural, and decorative arts reveals some lesser-known aspects of palatial lives, religious patronage, and afterlife beliefs of Ming princes, whose world has long been a mystery. The quality of craftsmanship and beauty of design testifies to the richness and sophistication of the art and culture of the nobility in the provinces.

46 North Los Robles Avenue,

Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 449-2742

USC Pacific Asia Museum.

<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org>

Tales of the Distant Past: The Story of Hong Kong and the Chinese Diaspora (A Tribute from the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals of Hong Kong)

October 6, 2015 - October 9, 2016

Millions of Chinese have emigrated overseas since the 1850s. Although known more for its pivotal position as a port city, Hong Kong was also a gateway for the Chinese diaspora, facilitating the migration of Chinese to over 135 different countries worldwide.

Tales of the Distant Past: The Story of Hong Kong and the Chinese Diaspora (A Tribute from the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals in Hong Kong) explores the factors leading to this mass migration

and examines the role of both Hong Kong and the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals in supporting the needs of Chinese living in Hong Kong and abroad. Established in 1870, the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals is the longest standing and largest philanthropic organization in Hong Kong. The Chinese American Museum is located in the red-bricked historic Garnier Building, located at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument across from downtown Los Angeles' Union Station. Just follow the hanging lanterns, south of Olvera Street, to find the museum site.

Address

425 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(The cross street is Arcadia)
<http://camla.org>

MAKING WAVES: JAPANESE AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHY, 1920-1940

February 28 – June 26, 2016

Making Waves: Japanese American Photography, 1920–1940 is an in-depth examination of the contributions of Japanese Americans to photography, particularly modernist art photography, much of which was lost as a result of the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. The exhibition presents 103 surviving works from that period.

TWO VIEWS: PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANSEL ADAMS AND LEONARD FRANK

February 28 – April 24, 2016

Two Views: Photographs by Ansel Adams and Leonard Frank examines the forced incarceration of citizens of Japanese descent who were living in the western coastal regions. Adams's photographs were taken at the Manzanar War Relocation Center, while Frank's images capture the movement of Japanese Canadians through British Columbia's bureaucratic systems.

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

<http://www.janm.org>

This weekend (give or take a little)

Seijun Suzuki Retrospective

Hammer Museum Billy Wilder Theater

Saturday, March 12

Yumeji (1991); 128 min.

Sunday, March 13

3:00 pm - Capone Cries A Lot (1985); 128 min.

7:00 pm - Princess Raccoon (2005); 111 min.

Sponsor(s): Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, Japan Foundation

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/event/11662>

ASIANS ON FILM FESTIVAL

Thursday, March 10–Sunday, March 13

The Asians on Film Festival grew out of the website asiansonfilm.com, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting under-recognized Asians and Asian Americans working in the film industry. The annual festival showcases nearly 100 of the best short films submitted to the website over the past year.

Visit asiansonfilm.com for more information and to buy tickets. Japanese American National Museum

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Saturday, March 12, 2016

Smithsonian Institution Museum Day Live!

Free admission to JANM all day!

In the spirit of the Smithsonian Museums, which offer free admission every day, JANM is once again participating in the annual Museum Day Live! event.

Inspiring Women and Girls of Color

This year, JANM joins the Smithsonian Institution in encouraging all people, particularly women and girls of color in underserved communities, to explore their nation's museums, cultural institutions, zoos, aquariums, parks and libraries. Admission will be free for all visitors.

JANM will present a Women's History Month event on March 26 (included with regular JANM admission).

March 11, "Kyo/Today"

Friday, 2016 at 7:30PM

Join Us For A Night Of Remembrance, Education, Culture, & Prayer On L.A.'s March 11th, the JACCC in the heart of Little Tokyo will be the axis of Japanese culture, film, music, thoughts, and prayers as 5 Year Anniversary of Japan's 3.11 Earthquake & Tsunami is upon us. Friday @ 5:00pm activities begin outside on the JACCC Noguchi Plaza. Record a personal video message from L.A. to those in Japan to be seen at the documentary film screening there. Also, join us for other interactive activities including food, music, crafts, and community. *Kyō/Today/今日* is a short documentary that will hold its world premier here at the JACCC. This documentary gives insight into the lives of six individuals who survived the 3-11-2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami. These brave souls share their stories and philosophies on when so much is lost in life, how someone can possibly keep thriving, what gives them motivation and purpose in life and what continues to bring them happiness daily. Their stories will truly inspire you, as their messages can be examples for people in troubling situations worldwide. Following the film, join us for a short heartfelt musical expression and tribute to all those affected by the 3-11 tragedy. After the music stick around for a very special prayer for Japan at 9:46pm, followed by on-stage conversation and Q&A with "Love to Nippon Project" founder Mrs. Masako Unoura-Tanaka who is a survivor of the 3-11 tragedy herself.

Aratani Theatre

244 S. San Pedro Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

<https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pe.c/10071353>

Bamboo & Petals 2016

FREE

Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 10:00AM

and

Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 10:00AM

The Ikebana flower arrangement display features three distinct flower schools from the Los Angeles Ikebana chapter, Ikenobo, Sogetsu, and Ohara-Ryu. Organized in memory of the victims of the Tohoku Earthquake in 2011.

George J. Doizaki Gallery

244 S. San Pedro Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

<https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pe.c/10079248>

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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://jacc.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

Articles from the LA Times:

CALIFORNIA POLITICS March 5

How Asian Americans climbed the ranks and changed the political landscape

Victoria Kim

L.A. NOW March 7

Asian USC student attacked with racial slurs and eggs; suspect later apologizes, police say

City News Service

ARTS & CULTURE March 3

What does 'the Asian woman' look like? Artist explores identity with 300 self-portraits
Sharon Mizota

Tomoko Sawada has photographed herself relentlessly, dressing up Cindy-Sherman-style as schoolgirls, twins, brides or other characters since the mid-1990s. Her new work at Rosegallery, "Facial Signature," consists of 300 self-portraits that are remarkable for how Sawada achieves variation within...

ARTS & CULTURE March 8

See how Japanese American photography from 1920-1940 is still 'Making Waves'
Christopher Knight

One of the most fascinating chapters in American art from the first half of the 20th century is also among the least known. The details of its efflorescence may never be fully grasped, regardless of how relatively recent the events. But an absorbing, must-see exhibition at the Japanese American...

ASIA March 7

How does China mark Women's Day? Hold the feminism, bring on the fashion show
Julie Makinen