

February 7, 2017

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. You can also try dkikemi@icloud.com.

Long range calendar items:

Los Angeles Public Library:

<http://www.lapl.org>

Saturday, February 18, 2017

2:00 PM—4:00 PM

Partnerships & Collaborations

Day of Remembrance 2017: Unite to Uphold Our Civil Rights

PAY WHAT YOU WISH

On February 19, 1942, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which paved the way for the forced removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans from the West Coast during World War II. This year's Day of Remembrance commemorates the 75th anniversary of this historic miscarriage of justice, recognizing its continued relevance in today's political climate and supporting civil and human rights for all.

2 p.m.: Indoor Program and Reception, including talks and presentations by Norman Y. Mineta, former US Secretary of Transportation and US Secretary of Commerce; Mike Honda, former US Congressman; representatives from local Muslim, Native, Latinx, Jewish, and African American communities; and musicians, poets, and spoken word artists.

3:30 p.m.: Outdoor Rally

No RSVPs necessary; seating is first come, first served.

Presented in partnership with Go For Broke National Education Center; Japanese American Citizens League—Pacific Southwest District; Manzanar Committee; Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress; Progressive Asian Network for Action; Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden; and United Teachers Los Angeles. Supported by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

In conjunction with the exhibition Instructions to All Persons: Reflections on Executive Order 9066

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

<http://www.janm.org>

Saturday, February 25, 2017

2:00 PM

Books & Conversations

Author Discussion—*The Great Unknown: Japanese American Sketches* by Greg Robinson

The Great Unknown: Japanese American Sketches is a collection of biographical portraits of extraordinary but unheralded figures in Japanese American history—men and women who made remarkable contributions in the arts, literature, law, sports, and other fields.

Recovering and celebrating the stories of noteworthy Issei and Nisei and their supporters, the book highlights the diverse experiences and substantial cultural, political, and intellectual contributions of Japanese Americans throughout the country and over multiple decades. Included in these pages are Ayako Ishigaki, Issei feminist and peace activist; Milton Ozaki, mystery writer; Bill Hosokawa, journalist; Wat Misaka, basketball star; Gyo Fujikawa, children's book artist and author; and Ina Sugihara, interracial activist, to name just a few examples.

Join author and historian Greg Robinson for a discussion of how he came to write the book and how the book functions as an alternative history that shows the unexpected diversity of Japanese American lives. The larger themes of civil rights and making connections among varied groups of people will also be covered.

Free with museum admission. RSVPs are recommended using the link below.

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CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

SPECIAL DISPLAY

Only the Oaks Remain: The Story of Tuna Canyon Detention Station

December 10, 2016 – April 9, 2017

The true stories of those targeted as dangerous enemy aliens and imprisoned in the Tuna Canyon Detention Station, located in the Tujunga neighborhood of Los Angeles, during WWII told through rare photographs, letters, and diaries that bring the experiences of imprisoned Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants and Japanese Peruvians to life.

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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>

Jan 19-June 11, 2017 *Roots: Asian American Movements in Los Angeles 1968-80s*
Who is “Asian American”? How did we come into this shifting and expansive idea?
Contrary to popular perception, it is an identity defined out of protest. Starting in the
1960s, a group of young activists shaped “Asian America” through a long decade of
fighting displacement, serving their communities, agitating for revolution, and analyzing
the intersections of gender, race, and class. From Little Tokyo to Chinatown to Historic
Filipinotown to the West Side, in solidarity with Latino, Black, feminist, and international
struggles, Los Angeles saw the rise of vibrant artistic and political movements.

Chinese American Museum

425 N. Los Angeles Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(The cross street is Arcadia)

<http://camla.org/upcoming-exhibits/>

“What If Heroes Were Not Welcome Home?”

through Feb. 12

Nikkei Heritage Museum, located on the Fullerton Arboretum grounds, 1900 Associated
Road, Fullerton.

Information: 657-278-3407 and fullertonarboretum.org

\$5 donation is encouraged

On Feb. 12, the museum will host a closing and keynote address from 1 to 3 p.m. Linda
Tamura, one of the exhibit’s curators, will present “Breaking Our Silence: Lessons From
World War II.”

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/exhibit-741993-feb-veterans.html>

June 27- May 2017 USC Pacific Asia Museum will undergo a seismic retrofitting to
strengthen its foundation, as well as add approximately 700 square-feet of gallery
space.

This weekend (give or take a little)

Friday, February 10, 2017

9:00 PM

Partnerships & Collaborations

Comedy InvAsian Live Tapings—Paul "PK" Kim

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Paul "PK" (stands for Paul Kim/Preachers Kid) Kim, winner of the Clyde's Cup at Uncle Clyde's Comedy Contest, is a regular at Hollywood's Laugh Factory.

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Feb 11-12 Los Angeles Chinatown Firecracker Run

The L.A. Chinatown Firecracker 5/10K Run/Walk is one of the largest and longest-running Chinese New Year charity run in the country. 100% volunteer organized. 100% of net proceeds are reinvested in the local community.

<http://www.firecracker10k.org>

Feb. 11, 2017 Welcoming the Year of the Rooster

Alhambra Lunar New Year Festival

Saturday - Alhambra CA

A large-scale Lunar New Year celebration in Southern California. It begins with a three-week art exhibit at the Alhambra City Hall . The main celebration is a one-day street festival on Valley Blvd. , the heart of the Chinese commercial district in the San Gabriel Valley . The festival's attendance has increased steadily over the years, now averaging 25,000. Corporate America utilizes this venue to reach out to the Asian communities.

Street Festival

Feb. 11, 2017 - Saturday (Free Admission)

10 am - 5 pm on Valley Blvd. in Alhambra from Almansor to Vega

The street festival will be held on 5 city blocks on Valley Blvd. from Almansor St to Vega St. This is the most concentrated Chinese-American commercial district in Southern California . 250 booths, some with featured activities, such as a dragon boat rowing station, an auto square, children's workshops, a health fair and cultural demonstrations, that provide festival-goers with a taste of the Asian culture. Giveaways, fun games, and ethnic foods attract long lines of attendees. Young and old alike enjoy the exposure to Asian culture and strengthening of community ties this event affords.

<http://alhambranewyearfestival.com>

Feb 11-12 Los Angeles Tet Festival

Whittier Narrows Park

Come join the fun February Saturday 11 (10am-10pm) - Sunday 12 (10am-9pm), 2017.

Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00

<http://latetfestival.com>

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Atsuko Okatsuka is a co-founder of Disoriented Comedy, the first-ever all Asian, mostly female standup comedy tour. She has performed on *Comedy Central Presents: Stand Up, Asia!* and opened for Margaret Cho at the Wiltern Theatre in Los Angeles.

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Kevin Yee's original satirical songs have made people laugh across America and beyond. A former member of Quincy Jones's boy band Youth Asylum, Yee has toured in many Broadway productions and been featured at comedy festivals throughout the country.

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Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before):

Golden Dragon Parade and Chinese New Year at the Huntington Library

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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:

WEEKEND Feb 5

Little Saigon tries shuttles to ease congestion and boost tourism

Allyson Escobar

CALIFORNIA Feb 4

L.A.'s melting pot is defying Trump's specialty: to provoke and divide

Steve Lopez

I'd never been to the Islamic Center of Southern California, on Vermont Avenue in Koreatown, so call me naive. But I didn't expect to hear a conversation in Spanish, or see so many Latinos, African Americans and Caucasians at the mosque and cultural center. "When you come on our main day, Friday..."

WEEKEND Feb 3

Unwelcome heroes: Exhibit spotlights bias against Japanese Americans returning from war

Caitlin Yoshiko Kandil

HERO COMPLEX Feb 4

Steven Yeun goes from 'Walking Dead' zombies to intergalactic robots in 'Voltron'
Jevon Phillips

L.A. NOW Feb 4

Backers and opponents of Trump travel ban hold dueling rallies at LAX
Deborah Netburn

ARTS & CULTURE Feb 4

Grief and sacrifice in a dream-like installation in Koreatown
Sharon Mizota

NATION Feb 4

'We'll see you in court.' ACLU takes its place on front lines of the anti-Trump resistance
Matt Pearce and Barbara Demick

COMPANY TOWN Feb 7

Jackie Chan caper 'Kung Fu Yoga' tops China's box office during New Year holiday
Yingzhi Yang