

March 28, 2018 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 2000-2017 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>

Don't Believe the Hype: LA Asian Americans in Hip Hop
Opens May 18, 2018

Don't Believe the Hype: LA Asian Americans in Hip Hop looks at hip hop in the greater Los Angeles region as a site of resistance, refuge, and reinvention for today's Asian American communities.

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

April 5 El Camino College Cherry Blossom Festival

1 to 2 p.m. in the breezeway between the Shops and Communications buildings on the ECC campus, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., near Torrance

The Cherry Blossom Festival is sponsored by the El Camino College Foundation and the Office of Staff and Student Diversity. For more information, call (310) 660-3593, ext. 3813.

<https://www.rafu.com/2014/02/el-camino-to-celebrate-spring-with-annual-cherry-blossom-festival/>

April 7, 2018 Opening Day: hapa.me – 15 years of the hapa project

Special Events Saturday

In this new exhibition, artist Kip Fulbeck continues his project, begun in 2001, of photographing persons who identify as “Hapa”—of mixed Asian/Pacific Islander descent—as a means of promoting awareness and positive acceptance of multiracial identity.

hapa.me pairs the photographs and statements from the groundbreaking 2006 exhibition, *kip fulbeck: part asian, 100% hapa*, with contemporary portraits of the same individuals and newly written statements, showing not only their physical changes in the ensuing years, but also changes in their perspectives and outlooks on the world.

hapa.me also includes portraits of hundreds of new participants and an interactive section where viewers can join the community by having their portrait taken and writing their own personal statement.

Opening day activities will include live performances, art activities, a panel discussion, and a catalog signing. Check back for details and updates.

In conjunction with the exhibition [hapa.me – 15 years of the hapa project](#)

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

<http://www.janm.org>

Free Second Sunday

Sunday, April 8th, 2018 from 11:00 am

USC Pacific Asia Museum

Join us as we explore the art of printmaking with special guests from Self Help Graphics & Art (SHG). Artist from their Barrio Mobile Art Studio will guide you through the process of making your own silkscreen printed poster!

While you're here, don't miss your chance to go on a guided tour of Winds from Fusang: Mexico and China in the Twentieth Century and listen to storytime in the Silk Road Gallery.

Free admission all day!

PACIFIC ASIA MUSEUM

46 North Los Robles Avenue

Pasadena, California 91101

<http://pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu/calendar/details/?event-id=1223323>

April 7-8 45th Annual Bunka-sai Japanese Cultural Festival

11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Miller Recreation Center 3341 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance

<https://jas-socal.org/event-2863138>

April 15 Shoseian Cherry Blossom Festival

10AM-3PM

Brand Library and Art Center

1601 W. Mountain St. Glendale 91201

Apr 15 Only the Oaks Remain

see the original Tuna Canyon Story show, a dramatic play performed by the Grateful Crane Ensemble, on Sunday, at the San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center at 2:00PM.

The San Fernando Valley Japanese American Citizens League is sponsoring the event. Tickets are \$20. Bento lunch is available at \$10. Dessert and tea will be served complimentary.

Buy tickets at the website

<http://www.tunacanyon.org>

Monterey Park **21st Annual Cherry Blossom Festival** on April 21-22, 2018
Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

April 21-22 LA Times Festival of Books at USC

This weekend (give or take a little)

TOYO: BEHIND THE GLASS EYE | PART II

FEBRUARY 21–APRIL 1

GEORGE J. DOIZAKI GALLERY

Toyo: Behind the Glass Eye juxtaposes Toyo Miyatake's pre-war studio work with his photographs of life in the Manzanar incarceration camp—some captured secretly before being caught and some after he was eventually allowed by the authorities to serve as camp photographer.

GEORGE J. DOIZAKI GALLERY

WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY: 12 - 4 PM

244 SOUTH SAN PEDRO STREET

(BETWEEN 2ND AND 3RD STREETS)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(213) 628-2725

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

Saturday, March 31, 2018

2:00 PM

Partnerships & Collaborations

Film Screening and Discussion—*Proof of Loyalty: Kazuo Yamane and the Nisei Soldiers of Hawai'i*

With a population that included a significant percentage of persons of Japanese ancestry, the state of Hawaii did not experience the mass incarcerations that Japanese Americans on the West Coast did following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Only a small percentage of the islands' Japanese Americans were sent to prison camps, and large numbers of the state's Nisei volunteered for and served with distinction in the US Army. The 2017 documentary film *Proof of Loyalty* tells the compelling story of one of those soldiers, Kazuo Yamane. Educated as a child in Hawaii and eventually graduating from

Japan's prestigious Waseda University, Yamane was drafted into the US Army just before the Pearl Harbor attack. With his strong Japanese language skills, he was plucked from the infantry ranks to serve first at the Pentagon, then at a secret facility in northern Maryland, and finally under Eisenhower in Europe. Most importantly, he would identify a secret document that would significantly help America's war in the Pacific. A Q&A with Lucy Ostrander, one of the two filmmakers behind the film, will follow the screening. Presented with Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC). Free for JANM and GFBNEC members and included with admission to JANM or GFBNEC.

RSVPs are recommended

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Where I went the past week:

March 24 Brand Associates Music Series - Chika Inoue

2PM

The award winning classical saxophonist Chika Inoue performs with pianist Mary Au. Music of Franz Schubert, John Williams, Darius Milhaud, Ryo Noda, François Borne/ Georges Bizet and Toshihiro Fujishiro. Admission is free, sponsored by the Brand Associates. A reception will follow the concert. For more information on Chika Inoue please visit <http://www.chikainoue.com>

Brand Library & Art Center, 1601 W Mountain St, Glendale, United States

**<https://allevents.in/glendale/brand-associates-music-series-chika-inoue/>
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March 25, Lady Tsen Mei/Josephine Moy: the first chinese (american) film star
Presented by Dr. Ramona Curry, Associate Professor of English and Media and Cinema Studies at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m.

Free; advance registration recommended.

Learn about the career and star image of Lady Tsen Mei, a now largely forgotten pioneering stage and screen entertainer who rose to prominence in the early years of film.

The story of Lady Tsen Mei, born Josephine

Moy, yields a particularly revealing history of the challenges for aspiring Chinese and other "racialized" American entertainers in the early 20th century. Dr. Curry will present archival materials in conjunction with her talk, including surviving clips from Mei's *Im, Lotus Blossom* (1921), which was filmed in Boyle Heights and premiered on Hill Street in Downtown Los Angeles.

Homestead Museum

15415 East Don Julian Road,

City of Industry, CA 91745

(626) 968-8492

homesteadmuseum.org

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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/>

<http://camla.org/events/calendar.htm>

Historic Trails, Modern Tales

New sites were added to our historic trails. Visit trails.camla.org for a self-guided tour of Chinatown. Use your mobile device along the path and explore the histories of the community.

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

Articles from the LA Times:

ASIA

Inside Yiwu, China, the Easter trinket capital of the world

March 28

NEWSLETTERS

Essential California: Police shooting in Sacramento heightens racial tensions

MAR 24, 2018

LA CAÑADA VALLEY SUN NEWS

Students get a global view of culture at La Cañada Elementary's annual World Fair

MAR 22, 2018

DAILY PILOT NEWS

Huntington Beach Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates Japanese culture

[I tried to attend this one, but there was something going on and there was no parking within a reasonable distance of the venue.]

MAR 19, 2018

ARTS & CULTURE

The week ahead in L.A. dance, March 25-April 1: Shen Yun 2018, Just Dance Live and more

MAR 25, 2018

BUSINESS

A coding school and Boys & Girls Clubs tackle tech's diversity problem: How do you make the industry less white?

MAR 23, 2018

DAILY PILOT NEWS

Nonprofit's gala will celebrate Arab American Heritage Month

MAR 22, 2018

L.A. NOW

Hate crimes in L.A. jump significantly, with transgender people targeted

MAR 20, 2018