

March 12, 2019 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 2000-2018 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>

Gambatte! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit

November 17, 2018 - April 28, 2019

Gambatte! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit features modern and historical photographs documenting the stories of Japanese Americans who were forcibly incarcerated during World War II. Large-format contemporary photos taken by Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Paul Kitagaki Jr. are displayed next to images shot 75 years ago by such noted photographers as Dorothea Lange, Ansel Adams, and others; each pairing features the same individuals or their direct descendants as the subject matter. Inspired by the Japanese concept of *gambatte*—to triumph over adversity—the exhibition chronicles the strength and legacy of a generation of Japanese Americans who persevered over unimaginable hardship.

<http://www.janm.org/exhibits/gambatte/>

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

February 7 – November 10, 2019 Lightscares: Re-envisioning the Shanshuihua

光之景: 山水畫的當代想像

Opening Reception: February 7, 2019 7-9pm

Lightscares: Re-envisioning the Shanshuihua 光之景: 山水畫的當代想像 presents works from Nick Dong and Wu Chi-Tsung, two Taiwan-born contemporary artists. Re-imagining the philosophies of Chinese landscape paintings, the exhibition brings forward new media works and immersive light-based installations that are not often explored within this genre.

This exhibition is organized by the Chinese American Museum in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Taiwan Academy in Los Angeles. Major support for this exhibition is provided by the Friends of the Chinese American Museum and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument.

Share your photos and experience with us at **#lightscares**.

Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles

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. Walk past the main plaza area, south of Olvera Street, to find the museum site.

<http://camla.org/lightscares-re-envisioning-the-shanshuihua/>

Tsuruya Kōkei: Modern Kabuki Prints Revised & Revisited

February 8, 2019 to July 14, 2019

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of this contemporary artist's first solo show—held at PAM in spring 1989—it displays 77 prints by this artist widely celebrated as one of Japan's leading contemporary print artists. The British Museum lauded Kōkei for producing Japan's "most notable Kabuki prints" in the post-war era.

PACIFIC ASIA MUSEUM

46 North Los Robles Avenue

Pasadena, California 91101

<https://pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu/exhibitions/upcoming/>

MARCH 23RD, ANIFEST 2019

SATURDAY

Show hours: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Location: 3330 Civic Center Dr, Torrance, CA 90503

<https://anifest.org>

March 23-24 62nd Annual Bonsai Show

Sat., Mar. 23, 2019

10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Brody Botanical Center

General Admission

Discover the timeless appeal of an ancient horticultural art form as the California Bonsai Society presents its 62nd annual show, featuring dozens of beautiful specimens created by bonsai masters. Additional examples can be seen in the permanent display in the Japanese Garden's

Huntington Library

1151 Oxford Road

San Marino, CA 91108

626.405.2100

<https://www.huntington.org>

March 28th, 2019 Performance@PAM: Kabuki

Thursday, from 7:00 pm

USC Pacific Asia Museum

Nakamura Gankyō (AKA Bandō Hirohichirō) and his students will perform selections from Kabuki plays as well as demonstrate what goes into creating a Kabuki character membership number for your discount.

\$10 discount for USC students, faculty, and staff. You will be asked to show your ID at the door or pay the difference in cost. Please email bethany.wearden@pam.usc.edu for your discount code.

Cost: \$15

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<https://pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu/calendar/details/?event-id=1515603>

March 31 Torrance Cherry Blossom Festival

The 2019 Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled for March 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Columbia Park. The free festival includes a variety of multicultural performances and demonstrations, plus lively activities like learning to make origami and face painting.

<https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/citywide-special-events/cherry-blossom-festival>

April 20, 2019 - Anime Pasadena

Pasadena Convention Center

10 am - 5 pm

<https://www.animepasadena.com>

FOR UPDATED INFORMATION PLEASE

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/events/739260396438051/>

Saturday, April 20, 2019

3:00 PM—5:00 PM

Special Events

Behind Barbed Wire Book Signing and Reception with Paul Kitagaki Jr.

To commemorate the release of his new book, *Behind Barbed Wire*, and in celebration of his highly regarded exhibition, *Gambatte! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit*, join photographer Paul Kitagaki Jr. for a special reception with several of the exhibition's subjects. Kitagaki will also be signing copies of his book, which will be available for purchase at the JANM Store.

This event is included with museum admission, but space is limited. RSVP by April 13 using the link below. You can also contact publicprogram@janm.org or 213.625.0414.

In the Dr. & Mrs. Toshio Inahara Gallery Foyer

Read our interview with Paul Kitagaki Jr. about *Gambatte!* on Discover Nikkei.

In conjunction with the exhibition *Gambatte! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit*

<http://www.janm.org/exhibits/gambatte/>

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April 27-28, 2019 Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday and Sunday,

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 2019 Cherry Blossom Festival Committee and the City of Monterey Park are pleased to present the **22nd Annual Cherry Blossom Festival** on April 27-28, 2019.

Entry to the festival is free to the public.

- Saturday, April 27, 2019, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 27 opening ceremonies: 12 p.m.,
- Sunday, April 28, 2019, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

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

May 1, 2019 Survey in the Dunes: New Discoveries from an Old Archaeological Project in Sistan, Afghanistan

"Pizza Talk" Archaeology Lecture by William B. Trousdale and Mitchell Allen,

Smithsonian Institution

Wednesday, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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UCLA

This presentation will offer a brief overview of the Helmand Sistan Project (HSP), the only multidisciplinary, long-term, comprehensive survey and excavation project ever conducted in the southwest corner of Afghanistan. In the field in the 1970s and sponsored jointly by the Smithsonian and the government of Afghanistan, HSP identified almost 200 sites in the Sistan region-- and excavated 12 of them-- to establish the first cultural history of the region from the Bronze Age to the present, one that has not been superseded because of four decades of subsequent political and military conflict. With publication of this legacy project now underway, we report on a few highlights of the 5000 year history of the region, including a previously unknown early Iron Age culture and a pristine archaeological landscape from the 15th century CE.

Sponsor(s): Program on Central Asia, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/apc/event/13642>

This Weekend

March 16, 2019 West Covina Cherry Blossom Festival

The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center and Plaza West Covina are proud to present the 2019 Cherry Blossom Festival.

Saturday, from 10am to 4pm

This event will be held at **Plaza West Covina (112 Plaza Dr, West Covina, CA 91790)** between Sunset Ave. and S. Vincent Ave.

<https://esgvjcc.org/site/10-latest-announcements/240-2019-cherry-blossom-festival-3>

MARCH 16, JFLA LECTURE SERIES: TAKARABUNE
DANCING MAVERICKS CHANGE THE WORLD
LECTURER: TAKARABUNE
SATURDAY, 2PM

JAPAN HOUSE LOS ANGELES, HOLLYWOOD & HIGHLAND, LEVEL 5
(6801 HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES)
FREE ADMISSION, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

In this lecture, the members of Takarabune will share their life stories, their original inspiration behind becoming the first professional Awa-Odori dancers, how they maintain the delicate balance of keeping the tradition while breaking out of it, and most importantly, how they envision changing the world as 'Dancing Mavericks.' Toward the end of the lecture, the audience will be taught by the troupe how to move like mavericks and have crazy fun!

<https://www.jflalc.org/upcoming-events>

March 17 Cherry Blossom Festival – Sunday, Shoseian "Whispering Pine" Japanese Tea House

10am – 4pm . FREE

Please join us to enjoy a full day of many exciting activities, including: Taiko drums, martial arts, tea ceremony, calligraphy, music, dance and fun learning the Japanese language!

Brand Park

1601 West Mountain Street

Glendale, CA 91201

<https://shoseianteahouse.com/>

March 15-17 Orange County Cherry Blossom Festival

The Orange County Cherry Blossom Festival is an annual spring celebration of Japanese and Japanese-American culture in Southern California. It will be held in Central Park behind the Central Library.

Hours:

Friday 3/15: 5-9pm

Saturday 3/16: 10am-9pm

Sunday 3/17: 10am-4pm

<https://occbfest.com>

For schedule, see:

<https://www.japanese-city.com/calendar/events/index.php?eID=35216>

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Additional Parking:

Additional Parking can be found at the following locations:

West Covina City Hall: 1444 W Garvey Ave. South

Free shuttle services provided ALL DAY from the City of West Covina from the Additional Parking Lot.

Entertainment Schedule:

10:30am- 11:00am	Kishin Daiko
11:00am - 11:30am	Presentations
11:30am - 12:00pm	Shorinji Kempo
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Emily Kinaga Wong, Kotoist
12:30pm - 1:00pm	Bando Ryu: Kyo no Kai
1:00pm - 1:30pm	Eibukan Goju Ryu Karate Do
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Hoshun Minyo Dance
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Covina Kendo Dojo
2:30pm - 3:00pm	ESGVJCC Shinkendo
3:00pm - 3:30pm	West Covina Judo Dojo
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Halau Hula a Kawika Iaua'o Leinani

<https://esgvjcc.org/site/10-latest-announcements/240-2019-cherry-blossom-festival-3>

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Where I went the past week:

JACL panel on Redress at Faith United Methodist Church

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/>

USC Pacifica Asia Museum <https://pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu/>

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

www.golittletokyo.com

Articles from the LA Times and other sources:

'The system is rigged' feels real when the rich cheat to get their kids into top colleges

By [STEVE LOPEZ](#)

MAR 12, 2019 | 8:00 PM

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-college-test-scandal-20190312-story.html>