

December 17, 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>

November 9, 2019 – June 7, 2020 [UNDER A MUSHROOM CLOUD: HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI, AND THE ATOMIC BOMB](#)

A uranium bomb devastated Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, and a plutonium bomb exploded over Nagasaki on August 9. Beyond the many dead, the survivors have endured physical and spiritual pain to this day. Japanese Americans then living in Hiroshima and Nagasaki who survived are a part of this vital story.

Japanese American National Museum
100 North Central Avenue
Los Angeles California 90012
phone: 213.625.0414
<http://www.janm.org/exhibits/under-a-mushroom-cloud/>

Following the Box September 13, 2019 – January 26, 2020
Following the Box is an art exhibit inspired by a collection of found by guest curators, Alan Teller and Jerri Zbiral, photographs taken in India by an unknown U.S. serviceman towards the end of WWII.

PACIFIC ASIA MUSEUM
46 North Los Robles Avenue Pasadena, California 91101
<https://pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu/exhibitions/current/>

EXHIBITION

JAPAN 47 ARTISANS

Contemporary crafts from the hands of 47 Japanese artisans that embody the character of their hometowns

JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles is proud to present *JAPAN 47 ARTISANS*, an exhibition that explores the diversity of Japanese craft traditions through the eyes of contemporary designers. 10.30.2019—01.05.2020 Mon. - Sat: 10:00AM – 8:00PM Sun. 10:00AM – 7:00PM Closed Thanksgiving Day 11.28, Christmas Day 12.25 JAPAN HOUSE Gallery, Level 2 Fee Complimentary
6801 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90028
<https://www.japanhouse.jp/losangeles/exhibition/japan-47-artisans.html>

Nov 9 - Jan 12 Moonlight Forest - Lantern Art Festival at the Los Angeles Arboretum | 2019
5:30 – 10:00 PM
Wed-Sun
Los Angeles County Arboretum
301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA
<https://www.arboretum.org/moonlight-forest-magical-lantern-art-festival>

CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL 2019
THU NOV 21 - SUN JAN 5 7:00PM \$13 - \$27
Chinese Lantern Festival returns for the holiday season at the Pomona Fairplex with its BRAND NEW illuminated theme- 'Blooming Seasons'. Bigger and brighter stunning lanterns are inspired by nature and the art of Chinese lantern making, dating back to 2,000 years ago. Each lantern is hand-crafted of modern materials and eco-friendly colored LED lightbulbs, as well as visual moving parts to create larger-than-life imaginative displays.
Experience exhibits up to 30 feet high, an 85- [more...](#)
<https://dola.com/events/2019/11/21/chinese-lantern-festival-2019-tickets>

Jan 1, 2020 Oshogotsu
Weller Court and Japanese Village Plaza
10-3PM

January 5, 2020 Oshogotsu Family Festival - Year of the Rat
Sunday, 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

[Family Festivals](#)

FREE ALL DAY!

Welcome the Year of the Rat with crafts, food, cultural activities, and performances!

- Performance by TAIKOPROJECT
- Fun Oshogotsu and Year of the Rat-inspired crafts, origami, and scavenger hunt
- Traditional mochitsuki (Japanese rice pounding ritual) performance by Kodama Taiko
- Candy sculptures by Shan the Candyman
- Lucky zaru soba (cold buckwheat noodles) and osechi ryori (traditional Japanese New Year foods) tasting
- Souvenir photos by Nerdbot Photo Booth
- Face painting with Party Face Magic
- Fukubukuro (lucky grab bags) at the JANM Store

- JANM Members Only reserved seating and express lines!

...and so much more!

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Visit janm.org/oshogatsufest2020 for complete schedule and to RSVP.

Jan 13, 2020 Empire's Tracks

by Department of Asian American Studies, UCLA

Mon, January 13, 2020

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM PST

In this talk, Dr. Manu Karuka will give an overview of his new book, *Empire's Tracks: Indigenous Nations, Chinese Workers, and the Transcontinental Railroad* (University of California Press, 2019).

Charles E. Young Research Library, Main Conference Room

280 Charles E Young Drive North

Los Angeles, CA 90095

Please [RSVP](#) to the talk for an accurate headcount.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/empires-tracks-tickets-79067959395>

January 11, 2020 Tales of Little Tokyo

Saturday,

[*Art, Culture & Identity*](#)

Two performances:

- 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
- 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Tales of Little Tokyo is a live theatrical reading of memories drawn from over 50 interviews with Los Angeles residents about their relationship to the oldest and largest Japanese American community in the United States. Today this 135+ year old landmark of Japanese American history faces serious threats to its existence as the relentless forces of gentrification bear down on its ever-shrinking geography. This is a phenomenon that major cities across the country are grappling with.

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<http://www.janm.org/events/2020/01/>

Jan. 18th Our Lost Years Film Screening and Q&A

Saturday, 2-4:30PM

GVJCI Main Hall

Join us for a fundraiser film screening featuring filmmaker Lane Nishikawa's documentary feature film on the internment of the 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans during World War II. OUR LOST YEARS takes the audience on a personal, comprehensive, behind-the-scenes journey, exploring the emotional and psychological impact of the evacuation and incarceration, the insurmountable ten-year battle for redress and reparations with its bitter sweet triumph, and the newfound legacy of a battered community becoming a voice of justice for all people. The film will also be followed by a Q&A session.

ADMISSION: \$10.00 per person

All proceeds go toward supporting the Gardena Valley JCI and South Bay JACL.

1964 W. 162nd St., Gardena, CA, 90247

<https://www.jci-gardena.org/upcoming-events.html>

This Weekend:

Dec. 18th Holiday Music Party

Wed, 7-9PM

GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

Get in the festive spirit with us as we welcome the holidays! Featuring live song performances by Keiko Kawashima and Scott Nagatani, kick back and relax with delicious refreshments as you get into the Christmas spirit.

FREE Admission. NO RSVP necessary.

Donations welcome!

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East West Players

presents

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY by Sandra Tsing Loh

Directed by Bart DeLorenzo

December 5 – December 22, 2019

NPR star Sandra Tsing Loh's comical holiday treat follows a 12 year-old girl and her dream of dancing the lead in The Nutcracker. Audiences of all ages are invited to enjoy this sweetly whimsical coming of age story. Don we now our Christmas costumes, Hanukkah hats, and the merriest of ugly sweaters to share in the Yuletide cheer.

Venue: The David Henry Hwang Theatre
120 Judge John Aiso St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

<https://eastwestplayers.org/on-the-stage/sugar-plum-fairy/>

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Where I went the past week:

“Urban Life in Japanese Prints” exhibition at Scripps College

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/>

UCLA Asia Pacific Institute <https://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/>

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:

[ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS](#)

The life and legacy of SF Mayor Ed Lee is chronicled in a new documentary

By HEIDI CHANG

DEC. 12, 2019

10:12 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/story/2019-12-12/the-life-and-legacy-of-sf-mayor-ed-lee-is-chronicled-in-a-new-documentary>

Brazilian immigrants have it hard in Japan. Can music be a solution?

By JOSEPH COLEMAN

DEC. 5, 2019

3 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2019-12-05/brazilian-immigrants-japan-music>

Navy and Army investigating whether hand gesture at game intended to be racist message

BY J. BRADY MCCOLLOUGHSTAFF WRITER

DEC. 16, 2019

2:20 PM

<https://www.latimes.com/sports/story/2019-12-15/army-navy-game-white-power-gestures-investigation>

Beverly Hills police investigate vandalism at Nessah Synagogue as a hate crime

BY THOMAS CURWENSTAFF WRITER

DEC. 14, 2019

5:56 PM

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-14/beverly-hills-police-vandalism-nessah-synagogue-hate-crime>