

March 17, 2020 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 2000-2019 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.

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Please send in information on cultural events and news items to [dkikemi@pacbell.net](mailto:dkikemi@pacbell.net). You can also try [dkikemi@icloud.com](mailto:dkikemi@icloud.com).

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Long range calendar items:  
Los Angeles Public Library: <http://www.lapl.org>

**For this month and in many cases next month, all museums and cultural resources are closed. Check websites for duration of closures.**

February 1 – March 29, 2020 [TRANSCENDIENTS: HEROES AT BORDERS](#)

A contemporary art exhibition by Taiji Terasaki, in collaboration with JANM, Transcendents: Heroes at Borders honors individuals who advocate and fight for those who face discrimination, prejudice, and inequality at borders both real and imagined. Through video projections on mist, photographic weavings, and audience participation, visitors to this multimedia exhibition are invited to learn about, reflect on, and celebrate heroes in Los Angeles, across the nation, and within their own lives.

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

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.

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<http://www.janm.org/exhibits/under-a-mushroom-cloud/>

Oscar Oiwa: Dreams of a Sleeping World  
January 10, 2020 – April 26, 2020

About the Exhibition / The immersive art of *Oscar Oiwa: Dreams of a Sleeping World* asks visitors a poignant question indicative of this historical moment: What do we do when we are paralyzed by the chaos of our times? Oiwa is concerned that when the noise of our everyday world impedes our radiant minds, we shut down. In this gravitational pull of “sleep” we look to our dreams to reset, searching our subconscious for nourishment and hoping for wisdom to better face the dysfunction of our world.

PACIFIC ASIA MUSEUM

46 North Los Robles Avenue  
Pasadena, California 91101

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

HIDA | A Woodwork Tradition in the Making

Date 01.16.2020—04.12.2020

Mon. - Sat:

10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Sun.

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Closed:

Academy Awards weekend

02.08 - 02.09

Location

JAPAN HOUSE Gallery

Level 2

Fee Complimentary

The exhibition is organized around four core principles as embodied in the work of Hida Sangyo Co., Ltd., one of the oldest furniture manufacturers in Japan, founded in 1920. The central ideas include coexistence with the forest (Forest), consideration of inherent human needs (Human), legacy cultivated through time (Time), and continuous refinement of craft (Craft). Together, they have contributed to the rich history of woodcraft in the Hida region.

The exhibition highlights the Hida region’s enduring craft connections to wood and the forest. The featured objects and processes engage the five senses and touch upon all aspects of contemporary lifestyle. From the raw materials of the forest, the origins of Hida’s craft traditions, to the furniture designs developed by Hida Sangyo in

collaboration with some of the world's top contemporary designers, such as Enzo Mari and Sori Yanagi, the exhibition spans the evolution of Hida's relationships with the Forest, Human needs, Time, and Craft.

#### Related Programs

Exhibition-related programs and workshops which complement *HIDA | A Woodwork Tradition in the Making* will be introduced on the [Events](#) page.

#### Exhibition Credits:

Presented by JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles

Exhibition contents provided by Hida Sangyo Co., Ltd.

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Content Contribution | City of Takayama Historical Archive Department

Planning Support – City of Takayama

JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles is located on the second and fifth floors of the popular Hollywood & Highland, a shopping and entertainment complex home to the Dolby Theatre, the world-famous venue for the annual Academy Awards.

Hollywood & Highland

6801 Hollywood Boulevard, 2F and 5F

(Administrative office at Suite 167)

Los Angeles, CA 90028

1 (800) 516-0565

<https://www.japanhouse.jp/losangeles/exhibition/hida-a-woodwork-tradition-in-the-making.html>

#### MELODIES OF SHINING SILK: JAPANESE EMBROIDERY BY SHIZUKA KUSANO EXHIBITION

FEBRUARY 15 - MARCH 14, 2020

MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM-7PM, SATURDAY 12-5PM

CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

FREE ADMISSION

Shizuka Kusano, one of the most admired and recognized textile artists in Japan today, showcases contemporary art pieces based on 1500 year-old traditional embroideries inspired by Japanese poetry, literature and art.

The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles

5700 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 100

Los Angeles, CA 90036

P. 323.761.7510

<https://www.jflalc.org>

*April 5* The 2020 Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled for Sunday, April 5 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. The Torrance Craftsman's Guild invites artists and crafters to display

and sell their work; and there is a wide range of food truck and food booth cuisine.

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

The 2020 Cherry Blossom Festival Committee and the City of Monterey Park are pleased to present the 23rd Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 25-26, 2020. Entry to the festival is free to the public.

- Saturday, April 25, 2020, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25 opening ceremonies: 12 p.m.
- Sunday, April 26, 2020, 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 3 Sawtelle Japantown Festival

11:00 AM 3:00 PM

Sawtelle Japantown 2057 Sawtelle Blvd Los Angeles, CA, 90025

Celebrate the 5 year anniversary of Sawtelle Japantown's designation by LA City!

Join in the celebration and street festival featuring dance, music, art, history, education.

There will be walking tours and crafts and family fun for all ages!

<https://www.venicewlajacl.org/events-page-1/2020/1/13/inaugural-sawtelle-japantown-festival>

This Weekend:

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Where I went the past week:

During the early stages of the pre-shutdown saw water being rationed at the Inglewood Costco: aisles blocked off to form lines and an allocation of 2 cases. Toilet paper was gone, and is still out of stock there and at the Hawthorne store. Home Depot was completely sold out of all cleaning products and soaps. CVS later at least had hand soap but no hand sanitizer. A couple of days ago Trader Joe's was just ridiculous, completely mobbed with everything being purchased. Today and yesterday Ralphs in El Segundo and Inglewood did have food, but all fresh meat and dairy was cleaned out. Some fish left. Most fresh vegetables were cleaned out except for more exotic types, such as Kabocha. Today some leafy greens were back along with fruit. No trouble getting gasoline.

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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](http://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://jacc.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](http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum_nikkei.php)

[www.golittletokyo.com](http://www.golittletokyo.com)

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Articles from the LA Times and other sources:

**Hollywood changed ‘Little Fires Everywhere.’ That’s exactly what its author wanted**

**BY YVONNE VILLARREALSTAFF WRITER**

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<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/tv/story/2020-03-17/little-fires-everywhere-celeste-ng-hulu>

**As the coronavirus pandemic grows, gun sales are surging in many states**

**BY KURTIS LEE,**

[ANITA CHABRIA](#)

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<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-03-15/coronavirus-pandemic-gun-sales-surge-us-california>

**The last shoe drops: All 21 California museums we were tracking have closed**  
**BY DEBORAH VANKINSTAFF WRITER**

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<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/story/2020-03-13/california-museum-closures-coronavirus>

Go now: L.A.'s cherry blossoms are popping, but not for long

By SHARON BOORSTIN

MARCH 12, 2020 7:30 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/travel/story/2020-03-12/cherry-blossoms>

**Coronavirus means fear and isolation for many Asian American seniors**

**BY ANH DOSTAFF WRITER**

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-03-12/asian-seniors-coronavirus-threats-los-angeles>