

April 1, 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.

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>

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

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/>

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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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

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

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).

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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:

Stay home and maintain social distance (6' min)

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Where I went the past week:

Big news is that those crazy Asians may have been right! Face masks can save your life, and might have saved the lives of thousands in this country and elsewhere. There is no scientific basis to the WHO and CDC recommendations that civilians shouldn't wear face masks. It's mainly been based on the shortage of commercially available masks and the idea that they could give one a false sense of security. Looking at the mortality rates for South Korea and Hong Kong, it's obvious something is different. An excuse is the high level of testing (a whole 'nother issue by itself) but testing percentages don't necessarily affect mortality rates by themselves.

Anyway, Riverside County is recommending face masks, and the Federal government may be changing its position. I made one for myself using the instructions from the NY Times. They recommend using a tea towel, which I finally figured out is a flat weave dish rag. I used one of my favorite dish rags, and now I feel like I cooked and ate my dog. I'll try something else for the next one. They say almost anything works as long as it's cotton, or maybe a cotton blend. Simple bandannas may also be used.

With a face mask still maintain social distance. Guess I'm going to have to learn how to cut my own hair.

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 [p://www.lapl.org/events/](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:

Garcetti urges L.A. to wear face coverings when doing essential tasks in public

BY LUKE MONEY, KAILYN BROWN

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-04-01/garcetti-urges-l-a-to-wear-face-coverings-when-shopping-doing-essential-tasks>

Op-Ed: Trump's racist comments are fueling hate crimes against Asian Americans.

Time for state leaders to step in

By RUSSELL JEUNG, MANJUSHA P. KULKARNI AND CYNTHIA CHOI

APRIL 1, 2020 3 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-04-01/coronavirus-anti-asian-discrimination-threats>

Ex-USC admissions official to plead guilty to running scam to admit unqualified Chinese students

BY MATTHEW ORMSETHSTAFF WRITER

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-04-01/usc-admissions-official-guilty-plea-chinese-students>

Introducing: Asian Enough

BY FRANK SHYONG, JEN YAMATO

MARCH 10, 2020 3 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-03-10/asian-enough-podcast>

A choir decided to go ahead with rehearsal. Now dozens of members have COVID-19 and two are dead

BY RICHARD READSEATTLE BUREAU CHIEF

MARCH 29, 2020 7:34 PM

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-03-29/coronavirus-choir-outbreak>

Darius Swann, whose fight to enroll his son led to school integration in N.C., dies at 95
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARCH 27, 2020 12:07 PM

<https://www.latimes.com/obituaries/story/2020-03-27/darius-swann-school-integration-busing-dead>

Trump brags about his China travel ban. Health experts say it's had little effect

BY ELI STOKOLS,

CHRIS MEGERIAN, NOAH BIERMAN

MARCH 26, 2020 4:14 PM

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2020-03-26/trump-coronavirus-china-claims>

We asked authors what they read, hear and watch in quarantine. Here's Steph Cha's diary

By STEPH CHA

MARCH 25, 2020 7:30 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/books/story/2020-03-25/coronavirus-quarantine-diary-steph-cha>

'The Farewell' director Lulu Wang on fighting Hollywood and coronavirus

BY JEN YAMATOSTAFF WRITER

MARCH 25, 2020 5 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/movies/story/2020-03-25/the-farewell-director-lulu-wang-n95-masks-for-covid-19-doctors>

Column: Biden is right to pick a woman for vice president. Now he has to make the right choice

BY GEORGE SKELTONCAPITOL JOURNAL COLUMNIST

MARCH 23, 2020 12 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-03-23/skelton-joe-biden-vice-president-woman>

Column: The suspect science behind Trump's chloroquine claims

BY MICHAEL HILTZIKBUSINESS COLUMNIST

APRIL 1, 2020 5 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2020-04-01/trump-chloroquine-coronavirus-bad-science-hiltzik-column>

Column: China rises as Trump cedes leadership in coronavirus crisis

BY DOYLE MCMANUSWASHINGTON COLUMNIST

MARCH 29, 2020 4 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2020-03-29/trumps-coronavirus-blunders-help-china>

Fearing new round of coronavirus, mask-wearing Hong Kong targets barefaced foreigners

By CHRISTY CHOI

MARCH 24, 2020 8:40 PM

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-03-24/you-might-get-shamed-for-wearing-a-mask-in-california-but-in-asia-its-the-opposite>