

April 8, 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>

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)

Some reports I've read say that in some situations 6' is too little and it should be more like 24', which would explain why the disease is still spreading in spite of compliance with CDC guidelines. And now the official word is that we should all be wearing some kind of

face mask. I'm seeing more people wearing them, and those who don't annoy me:)

Do not wash your food with soap, detergent or especially bleach!

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Where I went the past week:

I have never before seen the Hollywood sign on so many consecutive days before. In India they can see the Himalayas. For the terrible price of the human lives lost to the virus, experts say that there are people who will not die from toxic air pollution. Locally, domestic violence did not go up as predicted. Street crime continues to go down. I am getting more phishing attacks and graffiti has gone up. Some people are reacting to the virus in heroic and generous ways while others still deny that it exists, which will lead to unnecessary deaths.

Some people seem to be planning around the idea that a vaccine will be available in 18 months or even less. This goes against all previous experience with vaccine development. The number is really more like 10+ years from all the sources I've read. 18 months would take some miracles and everything going right. I get my flu shot every year, but vaccines if not developed or deployed properly can be very dangerous. Two examples are the swine flue epidemic of 1976 and infamous Cutter incident. We narrowly missed a disaster when George W. Bush had his one profile in courage moment and stood up to Dick Cheney, who wanted to administer smallpox vaccinations to all Americans. Cheney feared terrorists would use smallpox as a bio-weapon. On a statistical basis, this would have resulted in the deaths of hundreds of Americans. Even vetted vaccines can be dangerous.

Even without a vaccine, we will be painfully returning to something like normal life, but there will be a new normal. Some businesses will no longer be viable, or will have to adapt. Work from home will remain and must be promoted. Televised learning we will have to master. How we dine out will be different. Manufacturing will have to adapt to producing locally the medical supplies we need in large quantities. Domestic manufacturing may even expand. Just in time medicine can no longer be accepted-we must have surge capacity. Face masks may become a way of life, as they are in Asia. Healthcare must be available to everyone to control the current plague and future ones. There are challenges, but also opportunities to create new industries and to keep our communities together.

Former malaria drugs are being promoted as a panacea and for prophylaxis. There is now a shortage of these drugs, which are no longer used to treat malaria, for those who suffer from lupus and rheumatoid arthritis, legitimate uses. Some have died from the misuse of these drugs. These drugs do have side effects. The benefit may be that in some cases Covid 19 victims seem to recover then perish from a cytokine storm, which is when the body's immune system starts doing more harm than good. This was common during the Spanish flu when the young and strong suffered in inordinate percentages. Drugs that can suppress the immune system at this time may be of use. There are drugs specifically for this purpose that are being tested, but they have to be

administered under supervision and are not appropriate in all cases or at all times during the progression of the disease. Practitioners in the field may be desperate to try anything and may be claiming success with some drugs, but correlation does not mean causation. Controlled trials are required to prove that a drug is really having the intended result, and not some other variable. We must continue with social distancing and isolation.

Good luck and stay safe.

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:

Coronavirus death rate among Latinos appears low, but experts say the data are thin

BY MELANIE MASON,

[ANDREW J. CAMPA](#)

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-04-08/latinos-coronavirus-death-rate-los->

[angeles-county](#)

California releases limited racial breakdown of coronavirus patients and deaths

BY BEN POSTON,

[TONY BARBOZA](#)

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-04-08/california-releases-limited-racial-breakdown-of-coronavirus-patients-deaths>

Black people are disproportionately hit hard by coronavirus. L.A. County is taking action

BY JACLYN COSGROVE,

[BEN POSTON](#)

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-04-08/blacks-coronavirus-los-angeles-county-help>

Cambodian immigrants with criminal pasts push back against ICE deportations

BY ANH DOSTAFF WRITER

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-04-08/due-notice-for-cambodians-threatened-with-deportations>

Coronavirus could leave U.S. with a lasting imprint: Masks as normal part of life

BY RUBEN VIVES,

MARIA L. LA GANGA, DEBORAH NETBURN

APRIL 3, 2020 5 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-04-03/coronavirus-could-leave-u-s-with-a-lasting-imprint-masks-as-normal-part-of-life>

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>

Editorial: Trump's insistence on 'America First' is stunting the global fight against COVID-19

BY THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD

APRIL 6, 2020 4:58 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-04-06/trump-coronavirus-america-first>

[policy](#)

An FDA-approved coronavirus home test kit? That's false, L.A. authorities say

BY MATTHEW ORMSETHSTAFF WRITER

APRIL 5, 2020 5 PM

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-04-05/coronavirus-home-test-fda-los-angeles-city-attorney-settlement>

Coronavirus killed China's whistleblower doctor. Now the virus has changed how the country can mourn him

BY ALICE SUCHINA CORRESPONDENT

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<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-04-03/coronavirus-china-doctor-tomb-sweeping>

Malaria drugs aren't the only ones on the shelf that might help coronavirus patients

BY MELISSA HEALYSTAFF WRITER

APRIL 3, 2020 11:42 AM

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-04-03/existing-drugs-to-treat-coronavirus-covid>