

February 28, 2023

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...)

ed. by Douglas Ikemi (dkikemi@gmail.com)

Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000-2023 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 and resources:

MAR 04 - OCT 01, 2023

[Don't Fence Me In](#)

Don't Fence Me In: Coming of Age in America's Concentration Camps explores the experiences of Japanese American youth

[Don't Fence Me In | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](http://www.janm.org)

GLOBAL ASIAs: CONTEMPORARY ASIAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN ART FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF JORDAN D. SCHNITZER AND HIS FAMILY FOUNDATION

March 10, 2023 – June 25, 2023

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

SHIKI: The Four Seasons in Japanese Art

FEBRUARY 18 – MAY 21, 2023

SHIKI: The Four Seasons in Japanese Art brings this beauty and harmony to the Sturt Haaga Gallery on February 18. This exhibition from the Scripps College collection in Claremont features common seasonal motifs, from a bowl with wisteria blossoms gracing the interior to maple leaves embellishing a kimono. Natural elements like these are frequently stylized to heighten the ornamental effect when used as decorative motifs. This modest, refined simplicity is regarded as the highest form of beauty.

<https://www.descansogardens.org/shiki/>

Stanford University providing digital collection of Japanese newspaper overseas from late 19th century to 1950s [From Cultural News]

<https://hojishinbun.hoover.org/>

Photo Exhibition

Dancing Extraordinaire: Japanese Entertainers under the Pandemic

Date: November 30, 2022 - February 25, 2023

Hours: Mon-Sat 12:00pm-6:00pm

Closed on Sundays

Dec. 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, Jan. 2, 3, 14, 16, Feb. 18, 20

Location:

The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles Office

(5700 Wilshire Blvd., #100, Los Angeles, CA 90036)

Admission: FREE

[Japan Foundation Los Angeles | \(jflalc.org\)](http://jflalc.org)

Wakaji Matsumoto—An Artist in Two Worlds: Los Angeles and Hiroshima, 1917–1944

This online exhibition also features essays by Karen Matsumoto, Wakaji's granddaughter, and Dennis Reed, the curator of the exhibition

[Wakaji Matsumoto | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](http://janm.org)

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[Don't Fence Me In | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

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[Upcoming Exhibitions – USC Pacific Asia Museum](#)

ONGOING

[An American Vocabulary](#)

An American Vocabulary: Words to Action is a collaborative project by visual artist Audrey Chan and rapper Jason Chu. This set of flash cards portrays figures, events, and practices rooted in...

[An American Vocabulary | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

EXHIBITION

Stories and Voices from L.A. Chinatown

Explore the history of Los Angeles' Chinatown, the first community in North America to be planned and owned by people of Chinese descent.

[Archive Alive: Stories and Voices from L.A. Chinatown \(lapl.org\)](#)

John Doe Chinaman and California's Color Line

Beth Lew-Williams, associate professor of history at Princeton University, explores the history of the color line—the border crossed by Chinese migrants long before the advent of U.S. border control.

Mon., May 1, 2023, 7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Rothenberg Hall

Free with reservation

[John Doe Chinaman and California's Color Line | The Huntington](#)

Previously:

Sutra and Bible

A Community's Spiritual Journey to Survive From the confines of concentration camps and locales under martial law to the battlegrounds of Europe, Japanese Americans drew on their faith to survive...

February 26 - November 27, 2022, Now through February 19, 2023

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Sutra and Bible | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)

CAM's AAPI Heritage Month Programing!

FREE ADMISSION THIS WEEK

JANUARY 25 – 29, 2023

The USC Pacific Asia Museum is pleased to announce that tomorrow, Wednesday January 25th through Sunday, January 29th, admission will be free. USC PAM is a space where our community can find solace and reflection during these difficult times.

[More information >](#)

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

After Modernism: Through the Lens of Wayne Thom

October 14, 2022 – January 22, 2023

PACIFIC ASIA MUSEUM

46 North Los Robles Avenue

Pasadena, California 91101

[Current Exhibitions – USC Pacific Asia Museum](#)

Till Jan. 15, 2023 LIFE CYCLES: A Bamboo Exploration with Tanabe Chikuunsai IV at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles.

Tanabe Chikuunsai IV | Live Bamboo Artist Talk & Demo | Events | JAPAN HOUSE (Los Angeles) (japanhousela.com)

Collective Resilience Exhibit Extended

Collective Resilience: Asian American Artists Honoring Our Community's Strength and Unity will now be on view until October 2nd, 2022! Plan your trip to check out these 7 incredible murals! The exhibition is an opportunity to celebrate community accomplishments and look forward to an optimistic future, together. Learn more about the exhibit [here](#).

Collective Resilience – Chinese American Museum Los Angeles (camla.org)

[40th Annual Kotohajime: Hatsu-U \(初卯\)](#)

Jan 1, 2023 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Celebrate the new year with our 40th Annual Kotohajime: Hatsu-U (初卯)...

[40th Annual Kotohajime: Hatsu-U \(初卯\) | JACCC](#)

MAY 07, 2022 - JAN 08, 2023

[BeHere / 1942](#)

Visionary Japanese media artist Masaki Fujihata invites visitors to experience the photographic archive of the 1942 forced removal of Japanese Americans in new ways

[BeHere / 1942 | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

Designing with Disaster | Stories from Seven Regenerative Cities

Friday, January 27 – Sunday, April 2, 2023

Mon – Sun | 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM (PST)

JAPAN HOUSE Gallery | Level 2

Free

<https://www.japanhousela.com/exhibitions/designing-with-disaster-stories-from-seven-regenerative-cities/>

This Weekend and more:

The Chinese American Museum and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument is excited to present our annual New Year Festival! This year, CAM welcomes spring with **Spring Fest 2023** (formerly known as *Lantern Festival*) on **Saturday, March 4th** from **Noon to 5pm!**

Bring your family and friends to the Chinese American Museum for an exciting day full of multicultural performances, family-friendly activities, and year of the rabbit inspired crafts. *Spring Fest 2023* is a **FREE** event, make sure to follow our social media for updates!

We need volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering for Spring Fest 2023, **please fill out this form** or contact Jeremy Mo at volunteers@camla.org.

[Spring Fest 2023 – Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles \(camla.org\)](#)

Previously:

The Soul of a Building: In the Archives with Billie Tsien

Posted on Thu., Jan. 19, 2023

<https://huntington.org/videos-and-recorded-programs/soul-building-archives-billie-tsien>

Underrepresented Voices in the Archive

Posted on Thu., Nov. 10, 2022

<https://huntington.org/videos-and-recorded-programs/underrepresented-voices-archive>

2023 GVJCI Day of Remembrance Online Event

Feb 25, 2-4PM

Recording at:

<https://www.jci-gardena.org/dor-2023.html#:~:text=Each%20year%2C%20the%20Gardena%20Valley%20Japanese%20Cultural%20Institute,commemorates%20the%20incarceration%20of%20Japanese%20Americans%20during%20WWII.>

Inscribing Chinese Gardens: The Origins of Shutiaoshi 书条石 (Calligraphy Stone Slabs)

Dr. Lei Xue, Oregon State University, will discuss shutiaoshi, stone slabs with engraved calligraphy that are commonly found in Chinese gardens.

Thu., Feb. 23, 2023, 7:30 p.m.–9 p.m.

Virtual Event | Free with reservation

[Inscribing Chinese Gardens: The Origins of Shutiaoshi 书条石 \(Calligraphy Stone Slabs\) | The Huntington](#)

[Bonsai-a-Thon](#)

Bonsai-a-Thon returns in 2023 with demonstrations, drawings, an auction and bazaar.

Sat., Feb. 25-26, 2023, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Free with general admission

[Bonsai-a-Thon | The Huntington](#)

2023 - Sawtelle Japantown 8th Anniversary Birthday Celebration Event - SJC 2023

(Celebration: Feb. 17-26, 2023)

[Sawtelle Japantown Celebration \(sawtellejatown.org\)](http://sawtellejatown.org)

LUNAR NEW [YEAR@PAM](#) [This event has been rescheduled according to an email I received]

Sunday, February 18 at 11:00am to 4:00pm

USC Pacific Asia Museum
46 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, California 91101

Feb 18-19 Firecracker 5K/10K run

[L.A. Chinatown Firecracker | Run for health and fitness. \(firecracker10k.org\)](https://firecracker10k.org)

SATURDAY, FEB 11, 2023

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

[Voices of the Japanese American Incarceration](#)

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Register at

[Voices of the Japanese American Incarceration | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

in person and online

Free-for-All is BACK!

On Sunday, February 5, 2023, over thirty museums—presenting art, cultural heritage, film, natural history, and science—will open their doors and offer free general admission.

[SOCAL MUSEUMS | Annual Free-For-All 2023](#)

Feb 4 **2023 SAN GABRIEL LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL**

[2023 Lunar New Year Festival | San Gabriel, CA - Official Website \(sangabrielcity.com\)](https://sangabrielcity.com)

Jan 28 Golden Dragon Lunar New Parade

1PM LOCATION

[Chinatown, Starting at Broadway and ending at Hill St](#)

In celebrating over one hundred years of tradition, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles presents the 124th Annual Golden Dragon Parade. With over thousands and thousands of individuals lining the parade route and thousands viewing the telecast each year, this colorful celebration along North Broadway in Chinatown has become the premiere cultural event in the Southern California Asian-American Community.

[Golden Dragon Lunar New Parade - Department of Cultural Affairs \(culturela.org\)](https://culturela.org)

Jan 28-29 Lunar New Year Celebration at South Coast Botanic Garden

South Coast Botanic Garden's first-ever Lunar New Year Celebration will position the winter blooms and green foliage as a picture-perfect backdrop to usher in the year of the rabbit, complete with red lanterns and festive activities. Experiences throughout the weekend will include paper lantern decorating, game booths, a Chinese calligraphy artist demonstration and storytelling. Activities will begin at 10 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday

[Lunar New Year Celebration at South Coast Botanic Garden - South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation](#)

[Seven Samurai](#)

[Jan 28, 2023 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm](#)

Join us for a screening of Seven Samurai directed by Akira Kurosawa...

When

[Sat, Jan 28, 2023 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm](#)

Where

Aratani Theatre

244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Description

Tickets:

- Standard \$10
- Senior \$5 (must show ID upon check-in)

<https://jaccc.org/events/seven-samurai/>

Jan 30 Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution

[What is Fred Korematsu Day? - Korematsu Institute](#)

January 21-22, 2023 Lunar New Year Festival [second day of this event was cancelled.]

Downtown Monterey Park

The City of Monterey Park, event producer World Journal and all our food vendors, entertainers and merchants invite you to celebrate the arrival of the Year of the Rabbit in Monterey Park

Saturday, January 21, 2023, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

•Sunday, January 22, 2023, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

•Free admission

•Entertainment, food, family activities, and vendors

•Downtown Monterey Park on Garvey Avenue between Garfield and Alhambra Avenues.

[Lunar New Year Festival | Monterey Park, CA - Official Website](#)

LUNAR NEW [YEAR@PAM](#) [This event was cancelled]

Sunday, January 22 at 11:00am to 4:00pm

USC Pacific Asia Museum

46 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, California 91101

[LUNAR NEW YEAR@PAM - USC Event Calendar](#)

THURSDAY, JAN 12, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

[Art Break with Miye Sugino](#)

[Art Break with Miye Sugino | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

Jan 13

LA For All Healing Circles: Community Discussion with Dr. Wenli Jen

Join us with Dr. Jen to have open dialogues about racism in our society.

By [Friends of the Chinese American Museum](#)

Date and time

Fri, January 13, 2023, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM PST

To reserve a spot:

[LA For All Healing Circles: Community Discussion with Dr. Wenli Jen Tickets, Fri, Jan 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Gardena Valley JCI Oshogatsu

Celebrate the new year with us as we come together for Oshogatsu! \$5 per participant.

Details to be announced soon.

DATE: Sat, Jan. 7th 2023

TIME: 2-3PM

LOCATION: GVJCI 1964 W 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247

FEE: \$5 per participant

For any questions, please contact Stephanie Mayeda (smayeda@jci-gardena.org) or call (310) 324-6611.

register at

<https://gvjci.wufoo.com/forms/zzf7lg91nhkgce/>

SUNDAY, JAN 08, 2023

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

[2023 Oshogatsu Family Festival—Year of the Rabbit](#)

Register (required) at

[2023 Oshogatsu Family Festival—Year of the Rabbit | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](https://www.janm.org/2023-oshogatsu-family-festival-year-of-the-rabbit)

The California Aiseki Kai presents its 33rd annual show featuring outstanding examples of suiseki and other viewing stones.

Practiced in Asia for centuries and gaining popularity around the world, the art of viewing stones invites contemplation of the subtle, often fanciful forms that have been shaped by nature, the elements, and time.

The show is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Dec. 26 through 30, in the Ahmanson Classroom in the Brody Botanical Center. Free with general admission to the Huntington.

https://huntington.org/event/viewing-stones-show?utm_source=The+Huntington&utm_campaign=03b6d4ef41-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_6_23_2022_9_28_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f3661894cf-03b6d4ef41-229794662&goal=0_f3661894cf-03b6d4ef41-229794662&mc_cid=03b6d4ef41&mc_eid=85fe1fd7c1

See Korean Cultural Center at:

Performing Arts : Musical PECHKA (kccla.org)

They seem to have a lot of online programs now, so check out more of the website.

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Where I went the past weeks and may have heard of at the last minute

(and before, since webinars are often still available online):

Attended the virtual version of 2023 GVJCI Day of Remembrance Online Event

Feb 25, 2-4PM

Recording at:

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Previously:

Attended the virtual version of 2023 Los Angeles Day of Remembrance

Available on Youtube at

<https://www.youtube.com/JANMdotorg>

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[Voices of the Japanese American Incarceration | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

Finished my virtual version of the Firecracker 40 mile bike ride. Last week finished a virtual Firecracker 10K, checking out portions of Elysian park I had missed before, especially the NW area.

Checked out the San Gabriel Lunar New Year Festival. Liked the dog booth.

Photos at:

[San Gabriel Lunar New Year \(ikemi.info\)](#)

I decided to check out the first South Coast Botanic Garden Festival on Saturday

[Lunar New Year Festival \(ikemi.info\)](#)

and the

last part of the Alhambra Lunar New Year Festival on Sunday.

[Lunar New Year Festival \(ikemi.info\)](#)

Couldn't fit in the Golden Dragon Parade.

Watched Caltech webinar on tea:

Lunar New Year Webinar: "The Science of Tea Making"

<https://www.caltech.edu/campus-life-events/calendar/lunar-new-year-webinar-the-science-of-tea-making-1>

The recorded webinar is now on Youtube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPm6zFYiEc4>

Visited the Western Museum of Flight where there is a compact but well done exhibit on women in aviation, including women of Asian descent.

On Youtube watched:

Come Out Fighting: The 761st - The Black WWII Battalion That Liberated Hitler's Camps (Fern Levitt)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDI7zOONVn4>

Moving story of America's black tankers, their liberation of concentration camps, and their fight for justice at home.

24th Annual Japanese New Year's Oshogatsu Festival Event - Little Tokyo (2 Locations - Jan 1st)

10AM-4PM Weller Court

123 Astronaut E S Onizuka St.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

and Japanese Village Plaza

335 E 2nd St.

<https://www.japanese-city.com/calendar/events/index.php?eID=34933>

I missed the opening ceremonies but caught part of the calligraphy demonstration, the minyo performance, and the aikido demonstration, before the rains came.

Also went over to the JACCC to see the ikebana exhibit. I also got to see the Kotohajime video performances in displayed in the exhibit hall.

At the Huntington Gardens I checked out:

The California Aiseki Kai presents its 33rd annual show featuring outstanding examples of suiseki and other viewing stones.

Watched the multicultural LA County Holiday Celebration.

You can stream the recorded version at:

<https://www.musiccenter.org/tickets-free-events/tmc-arts/l-a-county-holiday-celebration/>

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:

Julie Su, who oversaw California unemployment agency amid fraud wave, tapped as Labor head

BY COURTNEY SUBRAMANIANSTAFF WRITER

FEB. 28, 2023 UPDATED 4:06 PM PT

[Biden taps California's Julie Su as Labor secretary - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](https://www.latimes.com)

How this costume designer created looks for a multiverse of wild characters

BY VALLI HERMAN

FEB. 28, 2023 7 AM PT

[This costume designer dresses moms and villains alike - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](https://www.latimes.com)

How MIT scientists fought for gender equality — and won

BY STUART MILLER

FEB. 28, 2023 6 AM PT

[Kate Zernike on her book 'The Exceptions,' gender rights in STEM - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

[After a man burst in with a gun, a San Francisco synagogue confronts hate](#)

BY ANITA CHABRIACOLUMNIST

FEB. 28, 2023 5 AM PT

[San Francisco synagogue confronts shooting, hate crime - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

'Everything Everywhere' receiving an award from Mark Wahlberg? That's 'out of touch'

BY ALEXANDRA DEL ROSARIOSTAFF WRITER

FEB. 27, 2023 2:44 PM PT

[Mark Wahlberg criticized for 'Everything Everywhere' SAG Award - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

How renovation of an iconic Chinese mall represents a shift in L.A.'s Chinese community

BY FRANK SHYONGCOLUMNIST

FEB. 27, 2023 5 AM PT

[San Gabriel's Focus Plaza and California's Chinese community - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

'Dilbert' distributor severs ties with cartoonist Scott Adams over his racist remarks

BY DAVID A. LIEB

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FEB. 27, 2023 2:59 AM PT

['Dilbert' distributor cuts ties to creator over race remarks - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

After 100 years, San Gabriel Nursery & Florist continues to bloom

BY NATHAN SOLISSTAFF WRITER

FEB. 26, 2023 UPDATED 2 PM PT

[San Gabriel Nursery & Florist celebrates 100 years - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

GOP congressman questions her 'loyalty.' Rep. Judy Chu, House Democrats blast 'racist' rhetoric

BY MELISSA GOMEZSTAFF WRITER

FEB. 25, 2023 5 AM PT

[Congressman questions Rep. Chu's 'loyalty,' drawing criticism - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

Nury Martinez is gone, but distrust remains high as Valley voters weigh a replacement

BY DAKOTA SMITHSTAFF WRITER

FEB. 22, 2023 5 AM PT

[Distrust is high in Nury Martinez's former council district - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)