March 7, 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...)

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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 <u>Don't Fence Me In</u> Don't Fence Me In: Coming of Age in America's Concentration Camps explores the experiences of Japanese American youth <u>Don't Fence Me In | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)</u>

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/

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)

Dancing Extraordinaire: Japanese Entertainers under the Pandemic 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 https://www.jflalc.org/event-details.php/83/dancing-extraordinaire-japanese-entertainersunder-the-pandemic

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 who asserted their place as young Americans confronting the injustice of being...

Don't Fence Me In | Japanese American National Museum (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 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. <u>Archive Alive: Stories and Voices from L.A. Chinatown (lapl.org)</u>

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:

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) 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.

<u>More information ></u> 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 Resillience – Chinese American Museum Los Angeles (camla.org)

<u>40th Annual Kotohajime: Hatsu-U (初卯)</u>

<u>Jan 1, 2023 2:00 pm</u> - <u>2:30 pm</u>

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

<u>40th Annual Kotohajime: Hatsu-U (初卯) | JACCC</u>

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:

ArtNight@PAM March 10, 2023, 6pm – 10pm Join us for a rejuvenating evening of art and sound brought to you by DJ ALYXR. Enjoy music and dancing in our courtyard and be the first to see our new special exhibition *Global Asias: Contemporary Asian and Asian American Art*. More information <u>USC Pacific Asia Museum</u> Free Event 46 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, California 91101 <u>https://www.cityofpasadena.net/artnight/</u> ArtNight@PAM - USC Event Calendar

Previously:

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)

The Soul of a Building: In the Archives with Billie Tsien Posted on Thu., Jan. 19, 2023 <u>https://huntington.org/videos-and-recorded-programs/soul-building-archives-billie-tsien</u>

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

<u>Inscribing Chinese Gardens: The Origins of Shutiaoshi 书条石 (Calligraphy Stone Slabs) | The Huntington</u>

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 (sawtellejtown.org)

LUNAR NEW <u>YEAR@PAM</u> [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)

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)

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)

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

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 <u>YEAR@PAM</u> [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 <u>Art Break with Miye Sugino</u> <u>Art Break with Miye Sugino | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)</u>

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 <u>2023 Oshogatsu Family Festival—Year of the Rabbit</u> Register (required) at <u>2023 Oshogatsu Family Festival—Year of the Rabbit | Japanese American National Museum</u> (janm.org)

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_f36618 94cf-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):

I attended part of the Springfest of The Chinese American Museum and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument. See description in previous section.

It was a pretty big affair occupying the whole plaza and more near Olvera Street with plenty of non-stop performances.

Previously:

Attended the virtual version of 2023 GVJCI Day of Remembrance Online Event Feb 25, 2-4PM Recording at: <u>https://www.jci-gardena.org/dor-2023.html#:~:text=Each%20year%2C%20the%20Gardena</u> %20Valley%20Japanese%20Cultural%20Institute,commemorates%20the%20incarceration %20of%20Japanese%20Americans%20during%20WWII.

Attended the virtual version of 2023 Los Angeles Day of Remembrance Available on Youtube at <u>https://www.youtube.com/JANMdotorg</u>

Attended the virtual version of: <u>Voices of the Japanese American Incarceration</u> Japanese American National Museum 100 North Central Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90012 <u>Voices of the Japanese American Incarceration | Japanese American National Museum</u> (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-oftea-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-holidaycelebration/

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/

Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum http://fullertonarboretum.org/

museum_nikkei.php

www.golittletokyo.com

Articles from the LA Times and other sources:

He's the first Black council member of a former Orange County 'sundown town BY GABRIEL SAN ROMÁNSTAFF WRITER MARCH 6, 2023 5 AM PT <u>He's the first Black council member of a former Orange County 'sundown town' - Los Angeles</u> <u>Times (latimes.com)</u>

Curious about the motorcycle club wearing turbans? They want to talk with you BY RUBEN VIVESSTAFF WRITER Photography by IRFAN KHAN MARCH 2, 2023 5 AM PT Sikh motorcycle club's mission: Ride against hate - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)

Drag, tech and LGBTQ desire: An exhibit documents decades of queer art experimentation BY STEVEN VARGAS, LOS ANGELES TIMES STAFF MARCH 1, 2023 11 AM PT What to do this weekend: Honor Fraser's LGBTQ art show - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)

Oscars diversity improved after #OscarsSoWhite, study shows. But glaring gaps remain BY JEN YAMATOSTAFF WRITER MARCH 1, 2023 9 AM PT Oscars diversity: USC study shows change after #OscarsSoWhite - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)

Julie Su, who oversaw California unemployment agency amid fraud wave, nominated U.S. Labor secretary 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)

K-pop act Twice draws swarms of fans during pop-up appearance on Melrose BY AUGUST BROWNSTAFF WRITER Photography by ROGER KISBY MARCH 6, 2023 3:19 PM PT K-pop act Twice draws swarms of fans during L.A. pop-up appearance - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)

K-Pop isn't the only hot ticket in Koreatown — how 'trot' is captivating immigrants

BY JEONG PARK STAFF WRITERFOLLOW MARCH 4, 2023 5 AM PT <u>K-Pop isn't the only hot ticket in Koreatown — how 'trot' is captivating immigrants - Los</u> <u>Angeles Times (latimes.com)</u>

DeSantis and other Black studies critics have it all wrong, says this California archaeologist BY TYRONE BEASONSTAFF WRITER MARCH 6, 2023 5 AM PT <u>Stanford archaeologist defends Black history, LGBTQ education - Los Angeles Times</u> (latimes.com)

Cartoonists criticize 'Dilbert' creator over racist remarks BY MARK KENNEDY ASSOCIATED PRESS MARCH 6, 2023 5:07 PM PT <u>Cartoonists criticize 'Dilbert' creator over racist remarks - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)</u>

'Dilbert' and Scott Adams' rapid downfall doesn't surprise anyone who followed both BY DAVID BAUDER ASSOCIATED PRESS FEB. 28, 2023 3:58 AM PT Rapid demise of 'Dilbert' no surprise to those watching - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)

Column: A spineless Walgreens bows down to antiabortion crusaders BY MICHAEL HILTZIKBUSINESS COLUMNIST MARCH 6, 2023 2:59 PM PT Hiltzik: Walgreens shows cowardice on abortion pills - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)