

June 6, 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:

From Barbed Wire to Boogie Woogie

Celebrate the resilience of a community in struggle through personal storytelling, history, and swing music and dance!

12:30-5PM

Tickets:

[From Barbed Wire to Boogie Woogie | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](https://www.janm.org/programs-and-events/2023-06-06-from-barbed-wire-to-boogie-woogie)

July 15-16, 2023, the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) in Anaheim is sponsoring an Obon Festival as a time to remember our ancestors and hear the Buddha-Dharma together with festivities and outdoor dancing.

The two-day event will feature a variety of foods, games, boutique and craft items, and a taiko drum performance at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The colorful Bon Odori Dancing will begin at 6:30 p.m. and all can participate.

The festival is now open to the public again after Covid.

Admission is free.

There will be free parking at Rancho Alamitos High School at 11351 Dale Street, Garden Grove, CA 92841 with free shuttle service to/from the festival at 1:30-9:00 p.m.

Dates:

Saturday, July 15, 2023 (2:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.)

Sunday, July 16, 2023 (2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.)

Address: 909 S. Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92804

[from Cultural News]

IN THEATERS JUN 11 - JUN 14

GKIDS Presents Studio Ghibli Fest 2023

Kiki's Delivery Service

https://www.fathomevents.com/events/Kikis-Delivery-Service-Studio-Ghibli-Fest-2023?utm_campaign=2022%20Fathom%20Newsletters&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=260541930&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8OTMI4msEPuppykriXMKVWKjgTUTkiYq7vql6cuZ_6q5u03VC47c9HT60Gq6mSNt9-OE_1kSIShI6303ahzuBZhkayw&utm_content=260545370&utm_source=hs_email

Matsuri Fundraiser for Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute to be held Saturday, June 24, 10AM-7PM

Saturday, June 24, 2023

10:00AM-7:00PM

Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute

1964 W 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247

SCHEDULE:

10:00am Yuujou Taiko, Matsuri opens

10:25am GVJCI Scholarship Awards

10:40am Corporate Sponsor Recognition

10:55am GVJCI Senior Hula & Ukulele, Harriet & Chika

11:30am Japanese Traditional Dance, Bando Hidesomi

11:55am GVJCI Line Dance

12:20pm Na Pua O Kapo

12:45pm Move & Groove, Tim

1:10pm LA Men's Glee Club & South Bay Singers

1:55pm Brian Yamamoto & Friends

2:25pm Southern California Kyudo Renmei Demonstration

2:50pm Southern California Naginata Federation Demonstration

3:15pm Gardena Judo Club Demonstration

3:40pm Gardena Kendo Demonstration

4:00pm Bingo

6:30pm Mega Matsuri Raffle - Purchase Tickets at the Matsuri to win fabulous prizes!

7:00pm Matsuri closes

<https://www.jci-gardena.org/matsuri.html>

[Azuma Kotobuki Kai Student Recital to be held Sunday, June 25, 2:30pm, at Thousand Oaks High School](#)

[Cultural News – Event Listing of Beautiful Traditional Japanese Life Style](#)

Exhibitions - 04.15.2023 - 07.05.2023

Symbiosis | Living Island

Dates 04.15.2023 (Sat.) – 07.05.2023 (Wed.)

Hours

Mon. – Fri. | 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM (PDT)

Sat. – Sun. | 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM (PDT)

Location

JAPAN HOUSE Gallery, Level 2

Fee Free

The exhibition *Symbiosis: Living Island*, on view at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles from April 15 to July 5, 2023, explores the groundbreaking Inujima “[Art House Project](#),” designed to revitalize Inujima, a depopulated Japanese island, by integrating contemporary art.

<https://www.japanhousela.com/exhibitions/symbiosis-living-island-inujima-art-house-project/>

LA Kimono Club to present Summer Kimono Festival at Terasaki Budokan, Saturday, June 24, 12:30-2:30PM

<https://www.lakimonoclub.org/>

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 \(janm.org\)](#)

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/>

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 \(janm.org\)](#)

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

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 \(lapl.org\)](#)

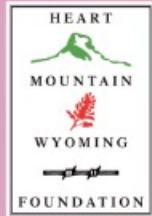
Previously:

May 31 A Roundtable Discussion on Reparations and Allyship with Kex Studios

5PM EST

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
X
KEX STUDIOS PRESENTS

A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON REPARATIONS AND ALLYSHIP



KEX
STUDIOS



DEFINING ALLYSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITIES

AN ONLINE PANEL DISCUSSION BETWEEN
JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND CIVIL
RIGHTS LEADERS AROUND REPARATIONS AND
H.R.40.

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 TIME: @5PM EST

REGISTER: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/3E887CJC](https://tinyurl.com/3E887CJC)

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](#)

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/>

Apr 11

It Matters: United States v. Wong Kim Ark

5 - 6:30pm PDT online

Join the Chinese American Museum to commemorate the 125th anniversary of United States v. Wong Kim Ark, a Supreme Court decision determining that the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees citizenship to all persons born in the United States, regardless of the national origin of their parents.

Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/it-matters-united-states-v-wong-kim-ark-tickets-595026188347>

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-entertainers-under-the-pandemic>

Photo Exhibition

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

[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 Resillience – 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:

Keisho Okayama: Selected Works

When

[Sat, May 6, 2023](#) - [Sat, Jun 10, 2023](#)

Where

George J. Doizaki Gallery

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

JACCC will host the exhibition “Keisho Okayama: Selected Works,” featuring the paintings, drawings, and masks of Keisho Okayama, active in Los Angeles starting in the 1960s.

[Keisho Okayama: Selected Works | JACCC](#)

Defining Courage

ONE NIGHT ONLY! Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at the Segerstrom Concert Hall.

Defining Courage is a journey into the legacy of the Nisei Soldier, Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in the segregated military units of the 100th IB, 442nd RCT, MIS, and 522nd FAB. Considered the greatest fighting units in American military history, most have never heard their extraordinary stories.

For more info, visit DefiningCourageShow.com

Latest Weekly Cultural News: Japanese American Wartime experience film “We Said No! No!”
to be screened at Laemmle Royal Theatre, May 26-June 1

<https://www.culturalnews.com/>

Previously:

Raise the Pride Flag in the Peace Plaza

Support LGBTQ+ Identities

in San Francisco's Japantown

Join the **Japantown Rainbow Coalition** on the **Japantown Peace Plaza** for a flag raising ceremony!

Sunday, June 4, 2023 at noon

Let's raise the Pride Flag in Japantown in honor of Queer Transgender Asian Pacific Islander Week and Pride month!

For more info: <https://bit.ly/joinjtownsrainbow>

Sponsored by:



J A C L
San Francisco Chapter



<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKKXwzsvMtCzvMtDLNQNPsnfJwzMWjgftvDQxKmpLLJJFjXdfDZzMkBdkJqRfJqSnhFb?projector=1>

Nekketsu Takei's Japanese Maps of Hawai'i

Posted on Tue., May 16, 2023 by [Li Wei Yang](#)

https://huntington.org/verso/nekketsu-takeis-japanese-maps-hawaii?utm_source=The+Huntington&utm_campaign=a9934aa69c-AT_THE_HUNTINGTON_2023_05_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-acbb05ca10-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&goal=0_f3661894cf-a9934aa69c-229794662&mc_cid=a9934aa69c&mc_eid=85fe1fd7c1

Dear Corky Film Screen and Conversation

Join us at the Chinese American Museum on May 23rd at 6:30 pm to remember the life and legacy of photojournalist, and our friend, Corky Lee.

[**Dear Corky Film Screen and Conversation – Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles \(camla.org\)**](#)

Explore Setouchi | Destination for Arts and Nature

Date 05.24.2023 (Wed.)

Time 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM (PDT)

Location Online

Free

Register at

<https://www.japanhousela.com/events/explore-setouchi-destination-for-arts-and-nature-jnto/>

May 19

See the musical inspired by The Huntington

Nathan Wang Presents: "Shanghai's World Emporium"

Sat., May 20, 7–8:30 p.m.

Sun., May 21, 2–3:30 p.m.

Sun., May 21, 7–8:30 p.m.

Tickets:

https://huntington.org/event/nathan-wang-presents-shanghais-world-emporium?utm_source=The+Huntington&utm_campaign=a9934aa69c-AT_THE_HUNTINGTON_2023_05_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-acbb05ca10-

[%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&goal=0_f3661894cf-a9934aa69c-229794662&mc_cid=a9934aa69c&mc_eid=85fe1fd7c1](#)

AAPI Heritage Month Short Film Screening at GVJCI

May 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

<https://rafu.com/2023/05/aapi-heritage-month-short-film-screening-at-gvjci/>

Addressing the Roots of Antisemitism Within Marginalized Communities

FREE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM PDT

Tateuchi Democracy Forum

NCPD@JANM

111 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tickets at

[Addressing the Roots of Antisemitism Within Marginalized Communities | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

Asian Pacific Heritage Month Kickoff

FREE

Thursday, May 04, 2023

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM PDT

Aratani Central Hall

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

RSVP at

[Asian Pacific Heritage Month Kickoff | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

2023 Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival

The festival returns May 4–15 in Los Angeles

On May 4, the Festival will kick off with a community celebration party at the Japanese American National Museum, followed by Opening Night programming on May 5th with the World Premiere of ARMED WITH A CAMERA VOL. 2023 (AWC).

Buy tickets at

[2023 Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

Learn more and find tickets on [the LAAPFF website](#).

Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day) Celebration 2023

at, [Apr 29, 2023 10:00 am - 5:30 pm](#)

JACCC Campus

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

Description

May 5th is Children's Day or Kodomo no Hi (子供の日). Originally known as Tango no sekku (端午の節句), it became a national holiday in 1948 and has been a day of celebration in Japan since ancient times.

This year, JACCC will hold it's Kodomo no Hi celebration on April 29th with activities listed in [link](#), in addition to beverage/food vendors on the Plaza:

RSVP for the free [My Neighbor Totoro screenings](#)

[Kodomo no Hi \(Children's Day\) Celebration 2023 | JACCC](#)

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](#)

The LA Festival of Books

[Festival of Books 2023 • L.A. Times \(latimes.com\)](#) on Saturday and Sunday at USC

ESGVJCC Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday, April 22 · 12:00 – 6:00pm

The 2023 Cherry Blossom Festival will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 12pm to 6pm at Plaza West Covina. This annual festival marks the beginning of spring; the newly emerging blossoms represent hope, beauty, and new life. Join us and learn more about Japanese culture, indulge in exquisite Japanese and Japanese-American flavors, enjoy traditional music and dance performances, shop at an array of different vendors, and watch Japanese taiko drums and martial arts performances.

Bring your friends and family and enjoy the outdoor festival with the ESGVJCC family to celebrate the Cherry Blossom season!

Cherry Blossom Festival is almost here! Check out our event program to see who will be performing and participating this year.

[2023 Cherry Blossom Festival - esgvjcc.org - East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center](#)

World of Yellow Magic Orchestra: A Listening Party

When

Fri, Apr 7, 2023 7:00 pm - Sun, Apr 9, 2023 10:00 pm

Where

TWCCC & James Irvine Japanese Garden

244 South San Pedro St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Description

Listen to Yellow Magic Orchestra and drink Japanese whiskey in a private Japanese garden.

<https://jacc.org/events/world-of-yellow-magic-orchestra/>

TUESDAY, APR 11, 2023

[Nima Voices: Episode 12—Kristen Nemoto Jay](#) 7:30 PM

Read Kristen's articles on [Discover Nikkei](#) before tuning in for this live interview and Q&A on Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. (PDT) / 4 p.m. (HST) on the Discover Nikkei [YouTube channel](#) or on [Facebook](#). Log into your YouTube or Facebook account to post questions for the Q&A!

<https://www.janm.org/events/2023-04-11/nima-voices-episode-12-kristen-nemoto-jay>

Torrance Cherry Blossom and Cultural Festival

March 26 11AM-4PM Columbia Park

[Cherry Blossom Festival | City of Torrance \(torranceca.gov\)](#)

March 15 [El Camino College to Celebrate Spring with Annual Cherry Blossom Festival](#)

noon-1 p.m. March 15 at the Student Services Plaza., 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance. Parking is available in Lot C off of Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

[El Camino College to Celebrate Spring with Annual Cherry Blossom Festival | El Camino College | Torrance, CA](#)

2023 ZNA USA Koi Show This Weekend

Zen Nippon Arinkai USA announces its 1st ZNA USA Western District Koi Show slated for Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, at the Gardena Civic Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena. The event is free and open to the public.

[2023 ZNA USA Koi Show This Weekend - Rafu Shimpo](#)

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](#)

[USC Pacific Asia Museum](#)

Free Event

46 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, California 91101

<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/artnight/>

[ArtNight@PAM - USC Event Calendar](#)

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

<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. \(firecracker10k.org\)](http://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 \(sangabrielcity.com\)](http://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)

<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 \(janm.org\)](#)

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 presentation at the Pasadena Museum of History

Two Pasadenas: Debate Over Internment Camps

During World War II, Pasadenans struggled with many questions. Was it right to lock Americans of Japanese descent in camps? What could be done to counter FDR's War Relocation Authority?

Join Susie Ling, Pasadena City College Professor of Asian American Studies and History, for this presentation about the people who did their best to help their Japanese American neighbors. Pasadena's Friends of the American Way – along with William Carr, Hugh

Anderson and PCC's John Harbeson – sponsored the return of the first “test case” to the area, 19-year-old Esther Takei

Visited the Griffith Park Travel Town to see the plaque dedicated to internees.

[Plaque tells story of Griffith Park's past as a WWII prison camp - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](https://www.latimes.com)

Previously:

Watched the webinar:

Remembering the Legacy of Yuri Kochiyama

Celebrate the life of activist Yuri Kochiyama

By UCLA Asian American Studies Center

Friday, May 19 · 12 - 1pm PDT Online

Celebrate the life of activist Yuri Kochiyama on what would've been her 102nd birthday!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/remembering-the-legacy-of-yuri-kochiyama-tickets-618000565327>

Japanese Latin Americans & U.S. WWII Incarceration: Accountability and Redress, May 10

<https://uwm.edu/clacs/japanese-latin-americans-u-s-wwii-incarceration-accountability-and-redress/>

Watched the AARP webinar

The WWII Incarceration of Japanese Americans in U.S. Concentration Camps

<https://local.aarp.org/aarp-event/the-wwii-incarceration-of-japanese-americans-in-us-concentration-camps-pcnlwrwy54g.html>

Among other places, went to see the LA County Fair. I was lucky enough to catch a Folklorico dance performance where the host reminded us of the effect of the African Diaspora on Mexico and its culture.

Caught part of the weekly Chinese music recital at the Huntington Gardens. Teh-Shu Yang performing on the dizi. Spied on the new construction at the Chinese and Japanese gardens.

Attended both days of the LA Festival of Books. My photos at:

[LA Times Festival of Books \(ikemi.info\)](http://ikemi.info)

I made it to both of the following events, Saturday for Bunka Sai and Sunday for the Monterey Park Cherry Blossom festival.

April 15 and 16 Bunka Sai Japanese Cultural festival

11AM-5PM

Ken Miller Recreation Center

3441 Torrance Blvd.

[Torrance Sister City Association - Bunka-Sai, Our Annual Fundraiser](#)

Schedule at:

[PROGRAM Poster: Performances \(torrancesistercity.org\)](#)

My photos at:

[Bunka Sai Cultural Festival \(ikemi.info\)](http://ikemi.info)

The Cherry Blossom Committee and the City of Monterey Park are delighted to present the return of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 15 & 16, 2023, at Barnes Park, located at 350 S. McPherrin Ave. Entry to the festival is Free.

[Cherry Blossom Festival | Monterey Park, CA - Official Website](#)

Schedule

[2023-Cherry-Blossom-Program \(ca.gov\)](#)

My photos at:

[Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival \(ikemi.info\)](http://ikemi.info)

Apr 11 Started this webinar a little late but caught most of it:

It Matters: United States v. Wong Kim Ark

5 - 6:30pm PDT online

Join the Chinese American Museum to commemorate the 125th anniversary of United States v. Wong Kim Ark, a Supreme Court decision determining that the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees citizenship to all persons born in the United States, regardless of the national origin of their parents.

Attended the Torrance Cherry Blossom cultural festival. My photos at:

[Torrance Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival \(ikemi.info\)](http://ikemi.info)

Dropped in at the Little Tokyo Street Fair and then the new JANM exhibit

Photos at

[Around Little Tokyo \(ikemi.info\)](http://ikemi.info)

In Scientific American read an article about Chien-Shiung Wu, a pioneering physicist who got passed over for a Nobel probably because of gender and race. If you can't access the Sciam article, you can find her in Wikipedia.

Finished reading

[The Yellow Peril: Dr. Fu Manchu and the Rise of Chinaphobia](#)

by Christopher Frayling

This book meanders a lot and goes off on tangents, but the final chapter finally gets around to Fu Manchu.

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.

Photos at [CAMLA Springfest \(ikemi.info\)](#)

Attended the virtual version of 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.>

Attended the virtual version of 2023 Los Angeles Day of Remembrance

Available on Youtube at

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

Attended the virtual version of:

[Voices of the Japanese American Incarceration](#)

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

[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 [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:

SEJSCC'S 60th Annual Cultural Festival and Ondo

06/06/2023

[SEJSCC'S 60th Annual Cultural Festival and Ondo - Rafu Shimpo](#)

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Zoot Suits in Little Tokyo: Reminder of L.A.'s Dark Past

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By ELLEN ENDO, Rafu Shimpo

[Zoot Suits in Little Tokyo: Reminder of L.A.'s Dark Past - Rafu Shimpo](#)

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Margaret Cho Named Grand Marshal of 2023 LA Pride Parade

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Lectures Detail Civilian Suffering During Battle of Okinawa

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Arrested as LGBTQ+ protesters clash outside Glendale school board meeting

BY JEREMY CHILDS,

[CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ](#)

JUNE 6, 2023 UPDATED 9:48 PM PT

[Arrested as LGBTQ+ protesters clash outside Glendale school board meeting - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

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Billionaire 'Bling Empire' heiress Anna Shay dies. She was 62

BY EMILY ST. MARTINSTAFF WRITER

JUNE 5, 2023 UPDATED 7:48 PM PT

['Bling Empire' heiress Anna Shay dies. She was 62 - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

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L.A. on the Record: Asian Americans and the L.A. vote

BY JEONG PARK,
[DAKOTA SMITH](#)

JUNE 3, 2023 8 AM PT

[L.A. on the Record: Asian Americans and the L.A. vote - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

How a first-time director's own 'Past Lives' inspired one of the year's best films

BY CARLOS AGUILAR

JUNE 2, 2023 6 AM PT

['Past Lives': Celine Song on how her life inspired A24 movie - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

Where and how the Zoot Suit Riots swept across L.A.

BY CHRISTIAN OROZCONES DESK MULTIPLATFORM EDITOR

JUNE 2, 2023 5 AM PT

[Where and how the Zoot Suit Riots swept across L.A. - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

Opinion: They survived the 1945 Battle of Manila or had family who did. Read their letters

BY PAUL THORNTON LETTERS EDITOR

JUNE 3, 2023 3 AM PT

[They survived the Battle of Manila or had family who did - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

By exploring L.A.'s racial injustice, Luis Valdez's 'Zoot Suit' gave birth to Chicano theater

BY REED JOHNSON

JUNE 2, 2023 5 AM PT

[Exploring racist injustice, 'Zoot Suit' birthed Chicano theater - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

[BOOKS](#)

How COVID and an antique marriage bed inspired Lisa See's new historical novel

BY BETHANNE PATRICK

JUNE 5, 2023 6 AM PT

[Lisa See discusses her new novel 'Lady Tan's Circle of Women' - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

Struggling to calm your mind? Buddhist monks in Hacienda Heights offer meditation tips

BY ADA TSENG ASSISTANT EDITOR, UTILITY JOURNALISM

Videography by

[JESSICA Q. CHEN](#)

[Buddhist monks explain how meditation can be a way of life - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

5 must-see films from this year's Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival

BY CARLOS AGUILAR

MAY 31, 2023 6:17 PM PT

[LALIFF 2023: Celebrate films from through the Americas - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)