March 26, 2024

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:

The Cherry Blossom Committee and the City of Monterey Park are delighted to present the return of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 27 & 28, 2024, at Barnes Park, located at 350 S. McPherrin Ave. Entry to the festival is Free.

https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/673/Cherry-Blossom-Festival

The 2024 Cherry Blossom Festival - Sunday, April 7, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Columbia Park.

Join us and experience great performances, unique crafts, and amazing food! FREE parking and shuttle service at 20420 Madrona Ave., Torrance, CA. https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/citywide-special-events/cherry-blossom-festival

Asian Comics: Evolution of an Art Form MARCH 9, 2024 – SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 Check website for special events related to the exhibiton.

2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706

Asian Comics: Evolution of an Art Form - Bowers Museum

An Afternoon of Shakuhachi with Kaoru Kakizakai

Apr 7, 2024 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

TWCCC & James Irvine Japanese Garden

Buy tickets:

https://jaccc.org/events/an-afternoon-of-shakuhachi-with-kaoru-kakizakai/

Sansei Rocker: Get Ready 'Cuz Here We Come!

May 11, 2024 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Aratani Theatre

Tickets at

https://jaccc.org/events/sansei-rocker-get-ready-cuz-here-we-come/

MAR 02 - SEP 01, 2024

Giant Robot Biennale 5

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

https://www.janm.org/exhibits/grb5

MAR 15 - SEP 01, 2024

J.T. Sata: Immigrant Modernist

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

https://www.janm.org/exhibits/jt-sata

Another Beautiful Country

Moving Images by Chinese American Artists

On view January 26, 2024 - April 21, 2024

USC Pacific Asia Museum

46 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, California 91101

#LunarNewYear

Current Exhibitions - USC Pacific Asia Museum

"Elegance and Emotion: The Unique Dolls of Kimiko Muraoka Koyanagi"

Saturday January 13 to Sunday May 5, 2024

The Shumei Hall Gallery, 2430 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107

info@shumeiarts.org (626) 584-8841

https://www.culturalnews.com/?p=39163

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)

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:

Lunar New Year Celebration at South Coast Botanic Garden

Our winter blooms and green foliage are a picture-perfect backdrop to usher in the Year of the Dragon, complete with red lanterns and festive activities throughout the entire month of February. Every Saturday and Sunday, the Garden will host two 30-minute live performances – at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Both shows will feature the same types of performances including lion dancers, folk dancers and drummers. There will also be all-day activity stations taking place on the Lower Meadow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as well as classes that can be purchased for an additional fee.

Entrance fee.

<u>Lunar New Year Celebration at South Coast Botanic Garden - South Coast Botanic Garden</u>
Foundation

ONLINE LECTURE SERIES 3

NINGYO: THE BEAUTY AND ARTISTRY OF

JAPANESE DOLLS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

7:00PM-7:40PM (PT)

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD ONLINE, ADMISSION IS FREE,

RSVP REQUIRED at

Japan Foundation Los Angeles | (jflalc.org)

High-Definition Kabuki Screening

Acclaimed Kabuki & Taiko Collaboration

Tamasaburo Bando x Kodo Cinema Kabuki: "Yugen"(幽玄)

What is Cinema Kabuki?

Since 2005, Kabuki production company Shochiku Co. Ltd. has released Cinema Kabuki which offers English speakers the unique opportunity to experience full-scale Kabuki performances by some of Japan's biggest stars in high definition on the big screen with English subtitles. This, however, is no regular film screening; Cinema Kabuki allows the audience to vividly experience the excitement of the live stage through the full use and widerange capability of high-definition (HD) images and 6-channel sound. Enjoy the authenticity of Kabuki as if you were sitting in the best seat of the Metropolitan Opera House!

Date & Time:

Saturday, January 13 @1:00pm

(Door Open @12:30pm)

Pre-screening live Taiko performance by TAIKOPROJECT!!

Venue:

JACCC Aratani Theatre

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

Admission:FREE

*Registration Preferred at

Japan Foundation Los Angeles | (iflalc.org)

Beyond the Great Wave: Works by Hokusai from the British Museum

OCTOBER 21, 2023 - JANUARY 7, 2024

Special-Ticketed Exhibition

Please note that *Beyond the Great Wave: Works by Hokusai from the British Museum* is a special-ticketed exhibition and includes General Admission ticket access (including *The Power of Photography* and all 8 permanent galleries).

Bowers Museum

2002 North Main Street Santa Ana, California 9270

BOWERS HOURS

Tuesday - Sunday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed on:

Mondays

Fourth of July

Thanksgiving

Christmas

New Year's Day

https://www.bowers.org/index.php/upcoming-exhibition/beyond-the-great-wave-works-by-hokusai-at-the-british-museum

Exhibitions - 07.25.2023 - 01.07.2024

POKÉMON X KOGEI |

Playful Encounters of Pokémon and Japanese Craft

Dates

07.25.2023 (Tue.) - 01.07.2024 (Sun.)

Hours

Mon. – Fri. | 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Sat. - Sun. | 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Location

JAPAN HOUSE Gallery, Level 2

Fee

Free

https://www.japanhousela.com/exhibitions/pokemon-x-kogei-playful-encounters-of-pokemon-japanese-craft/

This Weekend and more:

Previously:

DŌ (The Way): Year-end Exhibition

Sat, Mar 2, 2024 - Sat, Mar 16, 2024

George J. Doizaki Gallery

244 S. San Pedro St., 1st Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tuesdays - Sundays • 12 - 4 pm

<u>DŌ (The Way): Year-end Exhibition | JACCC</u>

SATURDAY, MAR 09, 2024

3:00 PM

Yeisaa nu Chimu-Don-Don: Exploring Cultural Identity through Okinawan Drumming

DEADLINE TO REGISTER

Friday, March 8 • 10 a.m. (PST)

The Zoom link will be emailed within 3-5 business days to the email address provided when registering. If you do not receive it before the program, please contact editor@DiscoverNikkei.org.

Yeisaa nu Chimu-Don-Don: Exploring Cultural Identity through Okinawan Drumming | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)

[this event was canceled due to weather]

The Chinese American Museum and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument celebrate the Year of the Dragon with our annual Spring Fest on Saturday, March 2nd 2024, from Noon to 5pm, Rain or Shine!

This event is FREE to the public, with no registration required.

<u>Upcoming Events – Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles (camla.org)</u>

TUESDAY, FEB 27, 2024

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Nima Voices: Episode 15—Lee A. Tonouchi

https://www.janm.org/events/2024-02-27/nima-voices-episode-15-lee-tonouchi

Firecracker 10K and associated events February 24-25 Downtown LA Chinatown https://firecracker10k.org/

SATURDAY, FEB 24, 2024

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Our Fragile Democracy: Historic and Present-Day Attacks on Our Civil Rights and Civil

Liberties

FREE; tickets required for both in-person and virtual participation

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

This FREE event will be presented in person and virtually.

Get tickets at:

https://www.janm.org/events/2024-02-24/our-fragile-democracy-historic-and-present-day-attacks-our-civil-rights-and-civil

Best 100 Japanese Posters (1945-1989) Exhibition

Jan 27, 2024 - Feb 18, 2024

Tuesday - Sunday • 12 - 4 pm

George J. Doizaki Gallery

This exhibition features the 'best' 100 Japanese posters of the post-war era. The posters have been compiled to record the works that set an artistic milestone between 1945 and 1989. In one exhibition, it affords the reader a comprehensive overview of the historical highlights of post-war Japanese poster art.

Best 100 Japanese Posters (1945-1989) Exhibition | JACCC

THE 125th GOLDEN DRAGON PARADE

第125届羅省金龍大游行

February 17, 2024

The parade usually begins promptly at 1pm and last until 4pm. It is free to view and open to the public, although prime seating at the Grandstand can be purchased in eventbrite.com Parade route: Hill Street at Temple toward Bernard. Right on Bernard, right on Broadway back to Broadway & Temple, Los Angeles, CA. Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. lachinesechamber.org 125th Golden Dragon Parade — Chinese Chamber of Commerce (CCCLA) (lachinesechamber.org)

SATURDAY, FEB 17, 2024
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
2024 Los Angeles Day of Remembrance
Japanese American National Museum
100 North Central Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90012
FREE, but tickets strongly recommended

Watch the livestream on JANM's YouTube channel (<u>youtube.com/JANMdotorg</u>) at 2 p.m. PST. <u>2024 Los Angeles Day of Remembrance | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)</u>

The Alhambra Lunar New Year Festival
Celebrate the 30th Annual Event on February 18, 2024
9AM-5PM
Main St., Alhambra
Home | Alhambra Lunar New Year Festival 四海迎春過大年
Lunar New Year@PAM

Saturday, February 10th | 11am to 5pm

Join us in celebrating the Year of the Dragon with an afternoon of live performances and art activities for the whole family! Enjoy a traditional lion dance, storytelling, calligraphy, crafts, food trucks, and a chance to view the new special exhibition, *Another Beautiful Country*. This event is free and includes admission to the museum.

USC Pacific Asia Museum

46 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, California 91101

#LunarNewYear

<u>Lunar New Year@PAM - USC Event Calendar</u>

Feb 10 Lunar New Year at the LA Arboretum

Lion Dance at 1pm

We celebrate the year of the dragon with special Chinese New Year activities from 9am – 2pm. Included in paid admission; members free. Purchase tickets in advance here.

Highlights of the day are:

9am – 1pm – Red Envelope seed give-away (While supplies last).

1pm – Lion Dance and Kung Fu Demonstration by Fong's Kung Fu

1pm – 3pm – Dragon puppet craft.9am-3pm – Special Library exhibit

2pm - Library tour of Chinese New Year-related plant and book exhibit in the library.

1pm – 2:30pm – Dragon Egg Workshop for children (Registration and fee required)

Come cheer for our lion as it rolls, eats cabbage, and sleeps. The lion dance is joyful and loud. In Chinese culture, it is said to bring good luck and drive away evil spirits.

All events, except the Dragon Egg workshop, are included with paid admission and is free for members.

Please visit our ticket page here, and purchase general admission for February 10.

<u>Chinese New Year / Lion Dance 1pm - The Arboretum</u>

SUNDAY, FEB 04, 2024

Transit Equity Day

Celebrate **Transit Equity Day** on February 4, 2024 with Metro and SoCal Museums to embark on a cultural journey through LA County's vibrant museums and receive perks with your TAP card!

Transit Equity Day highlights the right of all people to affordable public transportation and honors the birthday of Rosa Parks, who took a stand to create a more equitable transportation system for everyone, by offering **free rides systemwide**.

Ride the A or E lines to the Little Tokyo/Arts District Station and show your TAP card at JANM to receive free general admission (one per person). For more information and to plan your trip to these cultural destinations, please visit <u>metro.net/ted</u>.

Glenn Kaino: Aki's Market is inspired by Akira and Sachiye Shiraishi's small neighborhood market (1957–1970) in East Los Angeles.

June 30, 2023 - January 28, 2024

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Glenn Kaino: Aki's Market | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)

NOV 18, 2023 - JAN 28, 2024

The Bias Inside Us

The Bias Inside Us is an exhibition and community engagement project from the Smithsonian that explores the social science, psychology, and consequences of implicit bias

The Bias Inside Us | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, Japan Hollywood Network (www.jhollywoodnet.com) which provides over-the-air television across the Los Angeles and Orange County area on channel 44.1 (KXLA) will air "Music Station Super Live 2023l" at 1pm for free.

From Cultural News

DEMOCRACY CENTER

Inaugural Norman Y. Mineta Distinguished Lecture

FREE; reservations required

Friday, Jan 26, 2024

4:00 PM - 7:30 PM PST

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

<u>Inaugural Norman Y. Mineta Distinguished Lecture | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)</u>

SATURDAY, JAN 13, 2024

11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Imagine Little Tokyo Writing Workshop with Susan Ito and Naomi Hirahara

Join award-winning authors Susan Kiyo Ito and Naomi Hirahara for an interactive writing workshop! Participants will learn tips and get advice for writing short stories that they can submit to the eleventh annual <u>Imagine Little Tokyo short story contest</u>.

Participants are also welcome to sign up for a Little Tokyo walking tour with Little Tokyo Historical Society members, preceding the workshop from 10 a.m.–11 a.m. Separate sign ups are required:

Imagine Little Tokyo Writing Workshop with Susan Ito and Naomi Hirahara | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)

Presented by Little Tokyo Historic Society in partnership with <u>Discover Nikkei</u>, the purpose of the Imagine Little Tokyo short story contest is to raise awareness of Little Tokyo through a creative story that takes place in the historic neighborhood. The story must be fictional and set in a current, past, or future Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. The short story committee will be looking for stories that capture the spirit and sense of Little Tokyo.

Imagine Little Tokyo Writing Workshop with Susan Ito and Naomi Hirahara | Japanese

American National Museum (janm.org) Imagine Little Tokyo Writing Workshop with Susan Ito
and Naomi Hirahara | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)

SUNDAY, JAN 07, 2024

2024 Oshogatsu Family Festival—Year of the Dragon

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM PST

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

2024 Oshogatsu Family Festival—Year of the Dragon | Japanese American National Museum (janm.org)

Los Angeles Daiku, Pasadena Chorale & Orchestra Present New Year's 2024 Daiku Concert – Beethoven 9

Sun, Jan 7, 2024 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Aratani Theatre 244 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Reserve tickets at

Los Angeles Daiku, Pasadena Chorale & Orchestra Present New Year's 2024 Daiku Concert

– Beethoven 9 | JACCC

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

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

Decided to visit Coachella Valley History Museum where they have a small Japanese garden. Learned a little about the history of the Japanese American farmers in the Coachella Valley. My photos at http://ikemi.info/Graphics2024/Indio2024/index.htm

Previously:

Made a trip to Santa Ana to see the exhibit on Asian Comics at the Bowers Museum. By chance caught the lecte by the curator Paul Gravett. Bought a heavy bag of books.

Went to see the Smithsonian exhibit:
The Negro Motorist Green Book Exhibit
at the Petersen Automotive Museum.
Highly worth it. Ends March 10.
Green Book Exhibit — Petersen Automotive Museum

Nearby was the compact exhibit on dragons at the Japan Foundation:

TATSU: Depictions of Dragons in Japanese Japan Foundation Los Angeles | (jflalc.org)

Tried again and this time successfully attended the Lunar New Year Festival at the South Coast Botanic Garden. My photos at:

Lunar New year Festival at South Coast Botanic Garden (ikemi.info)

Lot of things happened this past weekend, including more Lunar New Year events as well as Day of Remembrance.

I decided to go to the Golden Dragon Parad in Downtown Chinatown on Saturday:

http://ikemi.info/Graphics2024/GoldenDragon2024/index.htm

and then the Lunar New Year Festival in Alhambra.

http://ikemi.info/Graphics2024/AlhambraLunar2024/index.htm

Before the Golden Dragon Parade I managed to get into the Japanese Poster Exhibit at the JACCC:

http://ikemi.info/Graphics2024/Posters2024/index.htm

A gift shop at the JACCC is now open depending on when they can get volunteers to staff it. Worth seeing for the Noguchi lanterns.

I went to the LA Arboretum on Saturday for their Lunar New Year Festival. Parking was terrible and by the time I got in the main events were over. Still it was a great day. Photos at:

Lunar New Year at LA Arboretum (ikemi.info)

On Sunday I tried again at the Huntington Garden. Again, parking was a problem. I missed the Peking Opera but there were still a lot of performances going on.

Lunar New Year at Huntington Gardens

Went to the South Coast Botanic Garden for their Lunar New Year Festival, but it was moved indoors due to the weather. Looked like a long line so I took in what was outdoors. Anyway, my photos at

Lunar New Year at South Coast Botanic Garden (ikemi.info)

and the even will repeat Saturdays and Sundays for the rest of February.

<u>Lunar New Year Celebration at South Coast Botanic Garden - South Coast Botanic Garden</u> Foundation

At the last minute made a quick visit to the Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival on Sunday. My photos at:

Lunar New Year (ikemi.info)

Watched the Japan Foundation webinar on Japanese dolls 2024/1/18: Japan Foundation to present Online Lecture "Ningyo: The Beauty and Artistry of Japanese Dolls" by Meher McArthur, Thursday, Jan. 18, 7:00-7:40PM | Cultural News

Missed the Asian Expo due to health issues. Remember to stay home if you are not feeling well!

Made an appearance at the Oshogatsu event at the JANM.

I then took the Metro to Union Station to see the display on the original Chinatown that was located where Union Station now stands.

I then crossed the street to see CAMLA and the last day of the Boba exibit.

My photos at:

http://ikemi.info/Graphics2024/JANM2024/index.htm

Attended the Shogatsu celebration at Weller Court in Little Tokyo. My photos at:

<u>Japanese New Year at Weller Court (ikemi.info)</u>

Managed to get the virtural JACCC Kotohajime on my Smartphone.

Streamed the Drive My Car movie.

Finished streaming the Kurara movie about Hokusai's daughter.

Saw the Viewing Stones exhibit at the Huntington Gardens. Most crowded I've ever seen it. They must be catching on.

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:

LIFESTYLE

Start your day in Little Tokyo celebrating Giant Robot, end at these artist-approved gems BY LEIGH-ANN JACKSON

MARCH 26, 2024 3 AM PT

<u>Giant Robot puts Asian pop culture on display with exhibit, events - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)</u>

ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS

Upheaval wrestles with tradition in Korean art of the 1960s and '70s at the Hammer Museum BY CHRISTOPHER KNIGHTART CRITIC

MARCH 15, 2024 3 AM PT

Korean art of the '60s and '70s at the Hammer Museum: review - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)

Letters to the Editor: 'Beat China' is a bad justification for Mars exploration MARCH 13, 2024 3 AM PT

'Beat China' is a bad justification for Mars exploration - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)

Fake images made to show Trump with Black supporters highlight concerns around Al and elections

BY MATT BROWN AND DAVID KLEPPER

MARCH 8, 2024 11:55 AM PT

<u>Fake images of Trump with Black supporters highlight AI concerns - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)</u>

Meet Los Shinigamis del Norte, a band that fuses a love of anime with norteño BY ALEX ZARAGOZA

MARCH 22, 2024 5:08 PM PT

<u>Los Shinigamis del Norte fuses a love of anime with norteño - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)</u>

They made 'Game of Thrones' into blockbuster TV. Why they went full sci-fi for Netflix

BY WENDY LEESTAFF WRITER

MARCH 21, 2024 3 AM PT

Will '3 Body Problem' be Netflix's sci-fi 'Game of Thrones?' - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)

Review: '3 Body Problem' is an alien invasion story that doesn't feel like a retread BY ROBERT LLOYDTELEVISION CRITIC

MARCH 20, 2024 11:53 AM PT

'3 Body Problem' review: A new take on alien invasions - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)

Column: Two Rutgers professors are accused of poisoning the debate over COVID's origins. Here's why

BY MICHAEL HILTZIKBUSINESS COLUMNIST MARCH 20, 2024 UPDATED 2:15 PM PT

Hiltzik: Who made the COVID debate so toxic? - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)