



New England Chapter News *Japanese American Citizens League*

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Taiko Workshop for Asian American women of all ages

ASPIRE (Asian Sisters in Reaching Excellence) is presenting a one-day Taiko Workshop for Asian American Women on Saturday August 21 or Sunday August 22 beginning at 1:30 pm at the Brookline Ballet, 1431 Beacon St., Brookline. It will be led by Karen Young, a founding member of Odaiko New England. Here's how Karen describes it "Designed to provoke thought and reflection, the workshop will provide an opportunity for Asian American women eager to connect and explore their history and commonalities while experiencing the joy of Japanese Taiko drumming. Open to Asian American women of all backgrounds and varieties, ages 15-110! Use your voice, your mind, and your body and learn some very cool rhythms on 'gomikan taiko' (trash can drums) in a welcoming no pressure environment. No experience necessary. Bring a water bottle, an eager attitude, and wear comfortable clothing. Please note, Taiko drumming is done barefoot." Early bird registration is \$20. For more information go to: <http://aspire-chit-chat-boom.eventbrite.com/>

Taiko for the rest of us

And speaking of Taiko, Odaiko New England is now taking registration for it's Fall Recreational Taiko Class, September 21 through December 14, at their facility in Woburn. Cost is \$250 for 12 classes. For more information go to:

<http://onetaiko.org/Classes/recreational-taiko-class.shtml>

In addition, Odaiko will again be offering Classes through the Concord-Carlisle Adult and Community Education Program in Concord, MA, starting in September. For details and information go to:

<http://onetaiko.org/Classes/concord-carlisle-taiko-class.shtml>

Call for submissions

The UMass Institute for Asian American Studies is helping to organize a conference this with with the Asian Americans in New England Research Initiative network. They are seeking proposals for papers and roundtables. Attached to this newsletter is a Call for Submissions. Deadline is September 15, 2010.

AARW Moves to new quarters

The Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW) moved to new quarters last month. Their new address is 888 Washington St., Suite 102, Boston, MA 02111-1446.

According to their last newsletter they were looking for some furniture for the office. Here's their wish list:

- coat rack
- loveseat/small couch
- bulletin board/cork board
- storage cabinet (for stationary supplies)
- small table for small fridge and microwave
- larger frig?
- Microwave
- 2 new desks
- floor lamp
- long fold-up tables to replace conference table

If you have any of these items, contact AARW at 617-426-5313 or email them at info@aarw.org.

Museums and Exhibits

Ellis Island Exhibit

Go for Broke: Japanese American Soldiers Fighting on Two Fronts. The exhibit is made up of 150 rare photographs from government agency archives and private collections, many being exhibited for the first time. For information or to schedule a visit, call the National Park Service at 212 363-3200 or visit their website at http://www.ellisland.org/genealogy/ellis_island_visiting.asp.

At the Boston Museum of Fine Arts

Under the Skin: Tattoos in Japanese Prints. Through January 2, 2011.

Luxuries from Japan Cultural Exchange in the 17th and 18th Centuries. Through January 17, 2011.

Heaven and Hell in Japanese Art. From August 14, 2010 to May 1, 2011.

Visit the MFA website at www.mfa.org

Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, CA

Mixed: Portraits of Multiracial Kids by Kip Fulbeck. In a follow-up to his 2006 exhibition *kip fulbeck: part asian, 100% hapa*, the artist returns with images from his newest book. A family-friendly exhibit that offers a powerful perspective on the complex nature of contemporary American identity. Japanese American National Museum, 369 East First St., Los Angeles, CA. For details visit their web site at www.janm.org/.