



New England Chapter News *Japanese American Citizens League*

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Hiroshima remembrance in Massachusetts

From Boston to Pittsfield, Massachusetts organizations will be gathering in vigils and marches to remember the bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, and the first time nuclear weapons were used against humans.

In Pittsfield, the 33rd consecutive Hiroshima Day Vigil will be held at Park Square from 8 to 9 am. At 8:15, the time the A-bomb was dropped over Hiroshima, there will be 5 minutes of silence. Sponsors are the Berkshire Citizens for Peace and Justice, the Global Issues Resource Organization, and the western Massachusetts American Friends Service Committee.

In Boston, Massachusetts Peace Action is working with community groups to plan a week of activities from July 30 to August 6. Activities include vigils, films, speakers, memorial processions, and the launching of Candle boats on the Charles River. For a full schedule of activities here and in other communities go to:

<http://masspeaceaction.org/event/nuke-free-future-2014>.

August programs of interest on WGBH

Friday, Aug 15, at 6 pm, on Ch 44

Well Read: Amy Tan – The Valley of Amazement

Friday, Aug 15, at 10 pm, on Ch 2

One Voice: Thousands of Hawaiian students compete in the Annual Kamehameha Schools Song Contest.

Monday, Aug 18, at 6 pm, on Ch. 44

Well Read: Ruth Ozeki – A Tale for the Time Being

Friday, Aug 29, at 9:30 pm, on Ch 2

American Masters: Dorothea Lange – Grab a Hunk of Lightning – Lange was one of the famous documentary photographers who chronicled the Japanese American imprisonment during World War II. This documentary examines a half-century of history through her work.

A Day in the Life of Asian Pacific America

The Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center has unveiled its online photo exhibit titled *A Day in the Life of Asian Pacific America*. The photographs were created in the course of a single day (May 10, 2014) by more than 300 photographers and filmmakers from throughout the world. To see the exhibit go to: <http://smithsonianapa.org/#go>.

EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND

Astro Boy & The God of Comics

through August 16, evening and matinee performances

Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Theatre, 539 Tremont Street Boston

Company One Theatre presents the New England premiere of this production by Natsu Onoda Power that combines live animation, interactive video and a 1960s dream of the future. For more information and reservations, go to:

http://www.companyone.org/Season15/Astro_Boy/synopsis.shtml.

Sumie Kaneko: *J-Trad And More*

Friday, August 8, at 7:30 pm

Regattabar, 1 Bennett Street, Cambridge

Kaneko is a Japanese koto and shamisen player and songwriter who has been recognized as a pioneer in her uniquely chromatic use of the instruments. Her project, *J-Trad And More*, fuses her Japanese roots with the colors of jazz and freedoms of avant-garde. Tickets are \$21. For more information and tickets go to:

<https://www.peltrix.com/getshowtix/rbar2012/purchase.cgi?id=3238>.

AARW Annual Summer Grill-Off, rain or shine!

Saturday, August 9, from 3 to 6 pm

Arsenal Park, 485 Arsenal Street, Watertown

Join the Asian American Resource Workshop community in celebrating the close of with summer with a BBQ overlooking the Charles River. Featured is a grilling competition between community groups. Tickets are \$10 for AARW members and \$15 for non-members if purchase in advance. Tickets purchased at the event are \$5 more. For reservations go to: <http://grilloff2014.bpt.me>.

45th Annual Boston Chinatown August Moon Festival

Sunday, August 10, from 10 am to 5 pm

Harrison and Beach Streets, Chinatown, Boston

Celebrate with music, food, activities, storytellers and dragon dancers. For more information go to: http://bostoncentral.com/events/august_moon_festival/p1041.php.

18th Annual Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival

Saturday, August 16, 9 am to 5 pm

Lowell Heritage State Park, Esplanade & Sampas Pavilion

500 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell

Celebrate the varied cultures and traditions of Khmer, Thai, Laotian and other Southeast Asian communities at this annual event. Highlights will include dragon boat races, music and dance performances, and food booths. For information go to:

<http://www.lowellwaterfestival.com>.

27th Annual Quincy August Moon Festival

Sunday, August 17, from 11 am to 5 pm

Hancock Street, Quincy Center

Highlights include a Lion Dance to open the event, food trucks, and games and activities for children. For information go to:

<http://quincyasianresources.org/august-moon-festival/>.

Natsu Matsuri/Summer Festival

Sunday, August 19, from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm

Hana Japan Restaurant, 45 Storey Avenue, Newburyport

This annual event features Japanese food, games, music, Japanese folk dance, and origami and sushi demonstrations. Food from \$3.50 and games \$1 per play. The Genki Spark will be performing. For more information go to:

<http://hanajapan.wordpress.com/2012/08/14/its-almost-time-for-natsu-matsuri-again/>.

First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshop (HB0101)

Saturday-Sunday, August 23-24, Sat: 9:30am-3pm, Sun: 9:30am-1:30pm

Metropolitan Community Room, 38 Oak Street, Boston

Conducted by the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC), the workshop is a 9-hour course held over a 2-day weekend. Graduates receive a certificate of completion that qualifies them for first-time homebuyer programs in Massachusetts.

Topics covered include shopping for a home that meets your needs, building credits, budgeting and managing debt, home inspection process, home insurance, and other subjects new homebuyers need. For more information and to register, go to:

<http://www.asiancdc.org/content/first-time-homebuyer-workshop-hb101>.

The Genki Spark taiko workshop for beginners

Saturday, August 23, from 6 to 8 pm

Brookline Ballet School, 1431 Beacon Street, Brookline

The Genki Spark offers a two-hour introductory workshop open to all ages (over 7), no experience necessary. Cost: \$30. Information: <http://www.thegenkispark.org>.

Odaiko New England introductory taiko workshop

Tuesday, August 26, at 7 pm

ACAS, 29 Montvale Avenue, Woburn

An introductory workshop to learn taiko fundamentals including form, vocalization and ensemble drumming. No experience necessary. Cost \$35. For more information and to register go to:

http://onetaiko.org/web/ai1ec_event/introductory-taiko-workshop/?instance_id=813.

2014 Boston Asian American Film Festival

Thursday, October 23 to Sunday, October 26

Times and locations vary

For more information, go to www.baaff.org.

AARW Annual Benefit: *Just Eats*

Saturday, September 20, from 6 to 9 pm

MIT Media Lab, 75 Amherst Street, Cambridge

The Asian American Resource Workshop honors community leaders at its annual dinner/benefit. This year's event at the MIT Media Lab will feature pan-Asian cuisine, an auction and raffle, topped off with a dessert buffet. Admission: Members \$50, non-members \$65. After September 5, prices increase by \$10. For more information and reservations, go to: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/780131>.

EXHIBITIONS IN NEW ENGLAND

Exhibits at the Worcester Art Museum

55 Salisbury Street, Worcester

through Aug. 10 ***Stencil-dyed Japanese Folk Art Calendars***

In the Prints, Drawings and Photographs Gallery.

through Nov. ***Majicolor***

Prints by Majima Ryuoichi, a Japanese artist who studied in California. His *neo-pop* prints are imaginative and irreverent examples of *East meets West*, rendered in a vivid palette.

Summer

Abstractions in Blue

Artworks by Japanese Artists from the collection of Joanne and Douglas Wise who viewed Japanese culture from a western perspective with modernist ideals. In the Japanese Gallery.

For more information go to: <http://www.worcesterart.org/Exhibitions/>.

Exhibits at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

465 Huntington Avenue, Boston

through Sep. 8 ***Fired Earth, Woven Bamboo – Contemporary Japanese***

Ceramics and Bamboo Art. A celebration of Japanese decorative arts. More than 60 dramatic ceramics and baskets are complemented by contemporary Japanese quilts and fabric screens and an example of sophisticated paper sculpture.

through Aug. 17 ***The Creative Process in Modern Japanese Printmaking.*** In the 20th Century, printmaking in Japan became not just a way of producing popular images, but a fine art form. No longer constrained by the requirements of commercial publishing, artists were able to exploit the color woodblock process as far as their imaginations could take them.

For more information go to: <http://www.mfa.org/exhibitions>.

Toshio Shibata: *Constructed Landscapes*
through August 31

Peabody Essex Museum, 161 Essex Street, East India Square, Salem

Shibata is one of Japan's preeminent landscape photographers, known for exploring the delicate balance between human-made structures and nature. For more information, go to: <http://www.pem.org/exhibitions/>.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

WASHINGTON

The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Internment Camps
through October 12

Bellevue Arts Museum, 510 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, Washington

The exhibit, shown at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. in 2010, travels to the state of Washington. More than 120 pieces of arts and crafts from the World War II camps will be on display. Also on exhibit through September 21 is *Folding Paper: The Infinite Possibilities of Origami*. For more information, go to: http://www.bellevuearts.org/visit_us/index.html.

CALIFORNIA.

Exhibits/Events at Japanese American Museum San Jose

535 N. Fifth St., San Jose, CA

phone: 408-294-3138

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Executive Order 9066: Memories and Artifacts

This new exhibit explores what Japanese American life was like before Executive Order 9066, how life disrupted by incarceration and how people tried to recover their lives when they returned to their communities. Artifacts from the museum's permanent collection.

Thurs, Sept. 4

Film: *Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice*

This documentary chronicles the history of this remarkable women who touched the lives of thousands of political activist in many diverse communities. Time of the showing will be announced on the museum's website.

Events are free with admission, but RSVPs are required. For reservations, email PublicPrograms@jamsj.org or call 408-294-3138. Information: www.jamsj.org.

2014 OCA National Convention: *On Location for Advocacy*

August 7 to 10

Millennium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles

For more information and to register, go to: www.ocanational.org.

Exhibits at the Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA

phone: 213-625-0414

through Sep.14 ***Perseverance: Japanese Tattoo Tradition in a Modern World.***

An exploration of the artistry of traditional Japanese tattoos and their rich history and influence on modern tattoo practices. A photographic exhibition by Kip Fulbeck and Takahiro Kitamura.

through Sep.14 ***Dodgers: Brotherhood of the Game.*** The LA Dodgers' rich history in civil rights, community building, and globalization is explored through the stories of Hideo Nomo, Chan Ho Park, Jackie Robinson and others.

through Aug. 31 ***Colors of Confinement: Rare Kodachrome Photographs of Japanese American Incarceration in World War II.*** An exhibit of 18 photographs taken by Bill Manbo during his incarceration at the Heart Mountain concentration camp in Wyoming in 1943 and 1944.

Oct.11 to Apr.26 ***Hello! Exploring the Supercute World of Hello Kitty.*** An exhibition celebrating the 40th anniversary of Hello Kitty, her colorful history and influence on art and culture.

For more information go to: www.janm.org

2014 NAAAP Leadership Convention & Diversity Career Fair:

Rise of Asian America

September 4 to 6

Hilton Hotel, Anaheim, CA

For more information and to register go to: www.naaapconvention.org.