



## *New England Chapter News* *Japanese American Citizens League*

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### **CHAPTER NEWS**

It's not too early to ask you to save Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010 for our Day of Remembrance Program. We'll be working with the Asian American Resource Workshop to bring you a memorable program. Details to come later.

Our chapter's star speaker on the 442nd, Sus Ito was featured in a special Veteran's day interview on *The World*, the international news program heard on PBS radio nationally. We are working with WGBH, the producers of the program, to have the interview on the New England JACL web site ([www.nejacl.org](http://www.nejacl.org)). Watch for it.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IN OUR AREA**

**Nov. 20 to 22. Hayao Miyazaki's** newest animated feature *Ponyo* will be at the Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge for three days and nights. Nov. 20 at 5, 7:15 and 9:30 pm. Nov. 21 at 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Nov. 22 at 2:30 and 4:30 pm. For info call (617)876-6837 or visit [www.brattlefilm.org](http://www.brattlefilm.org).

**Nov. 21. Meet Congresswoman Mazie K. Hirono from Hawaii.** Sidney Kanazawa, Boston City Counselor Sam Yoon and friends are holding a Meet and Greet reception for Congresswoman Hirono at the Westin Copley Place, Essex Northwest Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 10 Huntington Ave., Boston. Congresswoman Hirono is in her second term representing a district that includes rural Oahu and neighboring islands. To attend, RSVP to Madalene, (202) 547-6656 or [madalene@arumgroup.com](mailto:madalene@arumgroup.com).

**Nov. 22. Boston Community Premiere of *A Village Called Versailles*.** A documentary on the rebuilding of the New Orleans Vietnamese community after Hurricane Katrina. At the Vietnamese American Community Center, 42 Charles St., Dorchester, near the MBTA Red Line, Fields Corner stop. Directions: [www.vietaid.org](http://www.vietaid.org). For film info: <http://AVillageCalledVersailles.com>. Admission is free. The film will be seen nationally on PBS in May 2010 as part of the Independent Lens series.

**Nov. 22. Showa's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Japanese Culture Festival.** It's free and open to the public. The Festival is from 1 to 4 pm at the Showa Boston Institute campus, 420 Pond St., Boston. Featured will be a performance at 3:30 by Odaiko New England. Other features include tea ceremony, ninja, Japanese animation, and much more. A bus shuttle will be available from Reservoir Station. For info: Erin Naumann, (617) 552-0080, ext 5514 or [enaumann@showaboston.org](mailto:enaumann@showaboston.org).

**thru Nov. 22. *Bamboo & Blossoms*, Smith College's annual Chrysanthemum Show.** This year's show features bamboo sculptures, both indoors and outdoors. At the Botanic Garden of Smith College, 15 College Lane, Northampton, from 10 am to 4 pm daily. Admission: \$2. Info: [www.smith.edu/garden/](http://www.smith.edu/garden/).

**thru Nov. 22. *Sacred Monsters* at Tufts.** An exhibition of representations of mythical spirits, gods, monsters and other mutant, sentient beings in contemporary Japanese art and film through the work of eight Japanese artists. At the Tufts University Art Gallery, Aldekman Arts Center, 40 Talbot Ave., Medford. For more info: <http://ase.tufts.edu/gallery/shows/sacredmonsters.html>.

**Dec. 1. ACDC's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner and Meeting.** The Asian Community Development Corp., will feature speakers Keith Motley, Chancellor of UMass Boston, and Robert J. Orchard, Executive Director of Arts, Emerson College at it's annual dinner and meeting. The reception begins at 5:30 pm with the dinner and program from 6:15 to 8 pm. Seating will be limited, so RSVP by Monday, Nov. 23 at [events@asiancdc.org](mailto:events@asiancdc.org). Suggested donation is \$10 which includes dinner and ACDC annual membership. For info on participation and sponsorship visit [www.asiancdc.org](http://www.asiancdc.org) or contact Iris Tan at [iris.tan@asiancdc.org](mailto:iris.tan@asiancdc.org).

**Dec. 4. Harry H. Dow Memorial Legal Assistance Fund's 24<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration.** China Pearl Restaurant, 9 Tyler St., Boston. Keynote speaker will be Debbie Wei, Social Justice Activist and Founder, Principal & CEO of Folk Arts Cultural Treasures Charter School of Philadelphia. For info contact Zenobia Lai, (857) 919-0565 or email [zeno\\_lai@yahoo.com](mailto:zeno_lai@yahoo.com).

**Dec. 5 AARW Annual Meeting.** Join the Asian American Resource Workshop as it gathers to vote for new board members. Meeting will be held from noon to 2 pm at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, 38 Ash St., Boston (off oak St., between Washington St and Harrison Ave). Light refreshments. For info contact AARW at (617) 426-5313 or email [info@aarw.org](mailto:info@aarw.org).

**Dec. 13. Odaiko New England Winter Extravaganza.** Join Odaiko New England students, community and ensemble members for an afternoon of fun, food, festivities and taiko! Festivities begin at 2 pm at the American Chinese Art Society, 29 Montvale Ave., Woburn, MA. Suggested donation: \$10. For info: [onetaiko.org](http://onetaiko.org).

**thru Dec. 21. *Ghost Stories* at Tufts Art Gallery.** The full title of the exhibit is *Ghost Stories: Selections from Yoshitoshi's New Forms of 36 Ghosts and other Japanese Woodblock Prints*. At the Tufts University Art Gallery, Remis Sculpture Court, 40 Talbot Ave., Medford. For more info: <http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gallery/shows/ghoststories.html>

**thru Jan. 31. *Taro Shinoda: Lunar reflections* at the Gardner Museum.** The exhibition includes film of Tokyo, Boston, Istanbul and Limerick, a sound installation and an *engawa* – a Japanese viewing platform that traditionally separates the domestic space from the garden.

**thru Feb. 28. Contemporary Japanese Ceramics at Smith.** *Touch Fire* is an exhibit of 90 ceramic sculptures by leading contemporary Japanese women artists working within a medium traditionally associated with men. At Smith College Museum of Art, 22 Elm St., Northampton. For more info: <http://www.smith.edu/artmuseum/exhibitions/touchfire/index.htm>.

**thru March 2010. Floating World Exhibit at MFA.** The exhibit, *Echoes of Heian-Kyo Court Culture in the Floating World*, looks back to the ancient Japanese imperial capital as it was envisioned by artists of the ukiyo-e school many centuries later in the city of Edo. At the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

**AARW Writers' Group.** All writers are invited to join this group to share your writing, give and get feedback, and participate in group writing exercises. For info contact Pong Louie at [p.louie6@rcn.com](mailto:p.louie6@rcn.com) or call the AARW office at (617) 426-5313 and leave a message with your name, phone number and email address.