



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

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### **Programs of Interest on WGBH in December**

#### ***The Buddha***

Sat, Dec 6, at 10 pm on WGBH World (check the cable station)

#### **Well Read – *Amy Tan, The Valley of Amazement***

Fri, Dec 12, at 6 pm on Ch 44

#### **Well Read – *Ruth Ozeki, A Tale for the Time Being***

Mon, Dec 15, at 6 pm on Ch 44

#### **Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feller – *Shikoku, Japan* (tentative)**

Tue, Dec 16, at 9 pm on Ch 2

Wed, Dec 17, at 2:30 pm, Ch 44

Thu, Dec 18, at 10pm, Ch 44

Sat, Dec 20, at 4 pm, Ch 44

Sun, Dec 21, at 5 pm, Ch 2

Check any program schedule changes at: <http://www.wgbh.org/schedule/>.

### **For High School Students:**

#### **The Princeton Prize in Race Relations**

Princeton University sponsors an annual awards program for high school students to identify and commend young people who have committed to advancing the cause of positive race relations. Cash awards of up to \$1,000 will be given for particularly noteworthy work. High school students involved in an activity that is helping to improve race relations in their school or community are encouraged to apply. Application **deadline is January 31, 2015**. For more information call 800-742-1036 or go to [www.princeton.edu/pprize](http://www.princeton.edu/pprize).

#### **Racism Study at UMass Boston**

Participants are being sought for a study that examines experience and impact of racism on people of color. Dr. Karen Suyemoto, associate professor, and Dr. Tahirah Abdullah, assistant professor, in the Department of Psychology at UMass Boston, hope to contribute to developing ways to decrease the detrimental effects of racism and foster empowerment for people of color. Participation in this online study will take 30-45 minutes. Participants must be 18 or older, understand written English, and identify as a person of color or racial minority. Those completing the survey will be entered in a raffle to win one of several \$200 gift cards or to have a \$10 donation made to the Southern Poverty Law Center. For more information, go to: [www.tinyurl.com/race-study](http://www.tinyurl.com/race-study).

## Scholarship for Asian American law school students

The Infinity Law Group LLC of Quincy is offering a \$1000 scholarship to law students of Asian heritage. The scholarship is intended to encourage more Asian Americans to consider law as a career. It is open to any student who will be attending law school in the Spring of 2015. Application **deadline is January 12, 2015**. For more information and application forms, go to: <http://www.infinlaw.com/scholarship/>.

## EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND

### **Book Reading: *A Map of Betrayal*, by Ha Jin**

**Wednesday, December 3 at 7 pm (seating begins at 6:30)**

**Brookline Booksmith, 279 Harvard Street, Brookline**

Novelist and poet Ha Jin presents a story of a multi-national family and an unflinching inquiry into the meaning of citizenship, patriotism and home in *A Map of Betrayal*. This is a spy novel that only Ha Jin could write. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 617-566-6660 or go to:

<http://www.brooklinebooksmith.com/events/mainevent.html>.

### **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Harry H Dow Memorial Legal Assistance Fund Dinner**

**Friday, December 5, at 6 pm**

**China Pearl Restaurant, 9 Tyler Street, Boston**

The Dow Legal Assistance Fund provides resources to ensure Asian Americans have access to the legal system. Keynote speaker will be Vijay Prashad, PhD, Professor of International Studies at Trinity College, Hartford, CT. Tickets are \$125. Public Interest tickets are \$75. For information or reservations, email [dowfund25@gmail.com](mailto:dowfund25@gmail.com) or call Fred Dow at 617-640-4008.

### **AARW Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, December 6, from 11:30 am to 2 pm**

**Metropolitan Room at ACDC, 38 Ash Street, Boston**

This year's annual meeting will feature food, mingling and learning about the organization's work in the Boston Asian community. The program includes guest speakers, election of a new Board of Directors and a review of the past year's accomplishments. The program is free and open to members and non-members who might be interested in finding out more about the organization. For more information and to rsvp email: [info@aarw.org](mailto:info@aarw.org).

### **Odaiko New England: *Winter Extravaganza & 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party***

**Saturday, December 13, at 7 pm**

**ACAS, 29 Montvale Avenue, Woburn**

Drop by and see Odaiko New England's taiko projects. They'll be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday and getting into the spirit of the holidays with plenty of Taiko. Suggested

donation is \$10. For more information, go to:

[http://onetaiko.org/web/ai1ec\\_event/winter-extravaganza/?instance\\_id=1029](http://onetaiko.org/web/ai1ec_event/winter-extravaganza/?instance_id=1029).

### ***TransformASIANS: Controlling & Preventing Diabetes***

**Saturday, January 10, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**1199SEIU, 150 Mt. Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA**

This first of its kind conference is presented by Asian Women for Health (AWFH) and the American Diabetes Association. The program is designed to raise awareness about this disease that affects 10% of Asian Americans, mostly seniors. Featured will be speakers, panel discussions as well as cooking demonstrations and interactive workshops with useful information on how to prevent and control Diabetes. Cost is \$30 general admission, \$15 for community and non-profit organizations, and free for students, seniors and volunteers. For information and to register go to:

<http://www.asianwomenforhealth.org/event/transformasians-controlling-and-preventing-diabetes/>.

The AWFH is seeking volunteers for this event. To volunteer contact Chien-Chi Huang at 617-767-1071 or email: [cch@asianwomenforhealth.org](mailto:cch@asianwomenforhealth.org).

### **The Genki Spark Taiko Workshop for beginners**

**Saturday, January 24, 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>.

## **EXHIBITIONS IN NEW ENGLAND**

### ***Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China***

**through April 26, 2015**

**Boston Children's Museum, 308 Congress Street, Boston**

An exhibit to engage visitors in learning about China through its young people. It is designed to expand knowledge, understanding and appreciation of contemporary China through life in Boston's Sister City, Hangzhou. Museum hours: 10 am to 5 daily, Fridays from 10 am to 9 pm. For more information call 617-426-6500 or go to:

<http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/exhibits-programs/exhibits/children-hangzhou>.

### ***Playing with Paper: Japanese Toy Prints***

**through July 19, 2015**

**Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston**

By the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, color woodblock printing in Japan was so inexpensive that it could be used to make toys for children. This exhibit features colorful board games, paper dolls, cutout dioramas and pictorial riddles, as well as prints showing how the toys and games were enjoyed. For more information go to:

<http://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/playing-with-paper>.

## Worcester Art Museum

55 Salisbury Street, Worcester

through Jan 11 ***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.

Jan 28 - May 3 ***A Screen for the New Year: Pines and Plum Blossoms***

A rare screen from the 1600s representative of the sophisticated elegance, energy and sumptuousness that appealed to Japanese noblemen and feudal lords.

Feb 28 - May 24 ***Uncanny Japan: The Art of Yoshitoshi***

An exhibition of works by Tsukioka Yoshitoshi (1839-1892), remembered as one of the greatest designers of Japanese woodblock prints at a time when the medium was facing increasing competition from photography and lithography.

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

## Institute for Contemporary Art

100 Northern Avenue, Boston

through Jan 4 **Fiber: Sculpture 1960 – present**

Fiber artists are featured in this exhibit. Artists include Naomi Kobayashi, Kay Sekimachi, Haegue Yang

For more information go to: <http://www.icaboston.org/exhibitions/exhibit/fiber/>.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### ANNUAL MOCHITSUKI

Saturday, December 6, from 12 to 2 pm

North Bethesda Middle School, 8935 Bradmoor Drive, Bethesda, MD

The Washington, D.C., JACL chapter sponsors this event and will feature mochi-making demonstrations, raffles and an arts and crafts sale. Bento box lunches and fresh mochi will be on sale, it is strongly recommended that they be pre-ordered. For more information go to:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_CoXi-pB9cjZHJNMGdqbS1HV3puaDIUcmZhZUYxRVprb0dV/view?pli=1](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_CoXi-pB9cjZHJNMGdqbS1HV3puaDIUcmZhZUYxRVprb0dV/view?pli=1).

## CALIFORNIA.

### Japanese American Museum San Jose

535 N. Fifth St., San Jose, CA

phone: 408-294-3138

**current** *Executive Order 9066: Memories and Artifacts.* An exhibit highlighting photographs and artifacts that have been recently acquired or otherwise not been displayed as part of the permanent exhibits on the forced removal, incarceration and resettlement of Japanese Americans.

**current** *Post World War II: Resettlement.* Personal recollections of Japanese Americans returning to the Santa Clara Valley after their release from the camps.

**current** *Pioneers of San Jose Japantown.* An exhibit about San Jose's *Nihonmachi* that began in 1900 as the Valley's Japanese farming community was being established.

**other exhibits** *The Barracks Room, Sports in the Japanese American Community, Yesterday's Farmer: Planting an American Dream,* and exhibits on the MIS, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion and the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team.

Museum events are free with admission, but RSVPs are required for most. For reservations, email [PublicPrograms@jamsj.org](mailto:PublicPrograms@jamsj.org) or call 408-294-3138. Information: [www.jamsj.org](http://www.jamsj.org).

### Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA

phone: 213-625-0414

**Jan 4, 2015** *Oshogatsu Family Festival.* Celebrate the Year of the Sheep with fun crafts, food, cultural activities, and performances. Featured will be a mochitsuki, candy art demonstration, and a visit from Hello Kitty. For a full schedule, go to: [www.janm.org/oshogatsufest2015](http://www.janm.org/oshogatsufest2015).

**through Apr 26** *Hello! Exploring the Supercute World of Hello Kitty.* An exhibition celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hello Kitty, her colorful history and influence on art and culture.

**current** *Common Ground: The Heart of Community*  
This exhibit incorporates hundreds of objects, documents and photographs collected by the museum and chronicles 130 years of Japanese American history, beginning with the early days of the Issei pioneers through the World War II incarceration and to the present.

For more information go to: [www.janm.org](http://www.janm.org).