



New England Chapter Japanese American Citizens League

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This year there is an overabundance of events occurring in February to commemorate Day of Remembrance. We hope you will be able to attend our chapter's event on Feb. 9th at MIT and some of these:

Through March 30. (Note: NE JACL is planning a group visit to this exhibit on Feb. 24, info below) *The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps 1942-1946* is on exhibit at the University of Connecticut's William Benton Museum of Art. This collection is made up of 100 examples of art created by Japanese American internees during World War II.

Also on exhibit at the museum are the following:

A Place Called Manzanar: Photographs by Ansel Adams

Mazanar and Tule Lake: A Soundscape by Richard Lerman

Panina Traylor's *Tagged*, a meditation on the nature of ethnic prejudice.

Films on a Sunday Afternoon at the museum:

February 3 *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story*

February 10 *Rabbit in the Moon*

February 17 *The Cats of Mirikitani*

February 24 three documentaries: *Mazanar, Meeting at Tule Lake, Topaz*

March 2 *American Pastime*

The William Benton Museum of Art is located at 245 Glenbrook Road on the campus of the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. For more information call 860-486-4520 or visit www.thebenton.org.

Monday, February 11, 12:30-1:45pm.

Julie Otsuka, author of *When the Emperor was Divine* will be speaking about her award-winning book. City Building Café on the Lowell Campus of Middlesex Community College. The program will be simulcast on the Bedford Campus in the Café East.

Tuesday, February 19, 4 pm.

Delphine Hirasuna, the Sansei author of *The Art of Gaman* and guest curator of the exhibit, will be speaking on *Triumph of the Spirit: The Arts and Crafts of the Japanese American Internment Camps 1942-1946*. A reception will follow during which she will sign copies of her book. The William Benton Museum of Art, Storrs, CT.

Sunday, February 24, depart Boston area at about 10 am.

New England JACL visit to the William Benton Museum and *The Art of Gaman* exhibit. Our chapter will be organizing car pools for a group visit to the exhibit. Details are being worked out. If you are interested, contact Margie Yamamoto (yamahop@verizon.net or 781-259-9444).

Monday, February 25, 12:30-1:30pm.

Images from a Racist World will be presented by Matter of Fact, Middlesex Community College's improvisational theatre troupe. They will explore issues in powerful skits that will raise questions and awareness based on *When the Emperor was Divine*. Bedford Café on the Bedford Campus of Middlesex Community College.