



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

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## **Memorial Service for Tetsuo “Taka” Takayanagi**

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Tetsuo “Taka” Takayanagi will be held Saturday, August 17, from 10 am to noon, at the United Parish of Auburndale, 64 Hancock Street, Newton. If you plan to attend, please rsvp by emailing: [Takamemorial@gmail.com](mailto:Takamemorial@gmail.com).

For more than 60 years, Taka and his wife May were familiar figures in Boston’s Asian American community having been active in efforts to further social justice, civil rights, fair housing, and legal access for underserved groups and communities. This memorial service will mark one year since his passing in 2018 and Taka’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Taka is survived by his wife May, his daughter Tina Barnet and her husband Peter of New York City, his son Charles Takayanagi and his wife Karen of Norwood, and his daughter Lisa Suman and her husband Michael of Auburndale. He was grandfather to Aaron Barnet, Anna Barnet, Katie Takayanagi, and Ali Suman

## **EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND**

July to  
December

### ***Studio Ghibli Fest 2019***

**at movie theaters in your area, check web site for locations**

Studio Ghibli animated film classics will be featured in special showings at theaters in our area. To find a theater near you, go to:

<https://www.fathomevents.com/series/studio-ghibli-fest>

July 2 ***Whisper of the Heart***  
July 28,29,31 ***Kiki’s Delivery Service***  
Aug 25,26,28 ***My Neighbor Totoro***  
Sep 29,30 ***The Secret World of Arrietty***  
Oct 27,28,30 ***Spirited Away***  
Nov 17,18,20 ***Princess Mononoke***  
Dec 16, 18 ***The Tale of the Princess Kaguya***

Fridays  
July 5 & 19  
Aug 2 & 16  
Sep 6 & 20  
6 pm

### **Chinatown Walking Tours**

**China Trade Building, 2 Boylston Street, Boston**

Visit sites that were significant in the founding and development of Boston’s Chinatown. You’ll learn about the early settlers, growth of the community and the impact of public policies on the neighborhood through highway and institutional expansion and urban renewal, focusing on pre-1965 Chinatown. The talks are sponsored by the Chinese Historical Society of New England (CHSNE). General admission is \$15 and \$12 for CHSNE members. Information and reservations:

<http://www.chsne.org/chinatown-tour/>

Saturday  
July 6  
10am-6pm

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinatown Main Street Summer Festival**  
**Downtown Chinatown area**

Attractions include lion dances, Chinese folk dances, arts & crafts booths, and food vendors. Special featured event is free volleyball and prizes at Reggie Wong Park, 9 am to noon. Information: <https://www.facebook.com/Chinatownmainst/>

Sunday  
July 21  
3-6 pm

**AARW Summer Grill Off!**  
**Mother's Rest at Carson Beach, 124 William J. Day Blvd., Boston**

Celebrate the summer with the Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW) community. You can attend as an observer (and eater) or as a competitor. The four competition categories are Grilled Meats, Grilled Vegetables, Potluck Dish, and Dessert. Competitors can enter as individuals or as a team and can compete in multiple categories. To enter the competition, go to:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBe4FjYOnf-VDF\\_CBIYm1cssUURL2RoHRg395A3gnJ0HDkmQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBe4FjYOnf-VDF_CBIYm1cssUURL2RoHRg395A3gnJ0HDkmQ/viewform)

To purchase tickets for the event: <https://aarwgrilloff.brownpapertickets.com/>

Fri – Sun  
July 26-28

**The 33<sup>rd</sup> Lowell Folk Festival**  
**Downtown Lowell, Massachusetts**

This three-day event features an international lineup of stage performances by musicians, singers and dancers. Also featured are ethnic food booths, street performances, arts & crafts demonstrations, and family fun activities.

Information: <http://lowellfolkfestival.org/>

Friday  
July 26  
4:30&7pm

**Theatrical Premiere Film: *Asako I & II***  
**Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle Street, Cambridge**

From director Ryusuke Hamaguchi, a mysterious and intoxicating pop romance, a follow-up to his acclaimed *Happy Hour*. Asako is a young woman who meets and falls in love with a drifter, Baku, who one day disappears from her life. Two years later, Asako sees Baku again – or rather a young, solid businessman named Ryohei who bears a strong resemblance to her old flame. They build a happy life together until traces of Asako's past start to resurface. Information:

<https://www.brattlefilm.org/2019/07/26/asako-i-ii/>

Sunday  
August 11  
10am-5pm

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinatown August Moon Festival**  
**Downtown Chinatown, Boston**

Two stages in Chinatown will feature live performances by Chinese dancers, musicians and martial artists. The accompanying street fair will offer food, merchandise, arts & crafts, and information booths. Open and free to the public.

Information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2221437984788926/>

Tue & Mon  
Aug 13&19  
7 pm

**Anime Film: *Millennium Actress***  
**at various theaters in the area, check web site**

This is a new restoration of a film considered to be the greatest work of Satoshi Kon and a must-see for anime fans of all ages. The film shared the Grand Prize at a major Japanese media arts festival with Hayao Miyazaki's *Spirited Away*.

Information: <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/millennium-actress?date=2019-08-13>

Saturday  
August 17

### **Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival at various locations in Lowell, Massachusetts**

Every year, this annual event attracts thousands of visitors from New England and across the country to take part in this festival sponsored by the Lowell communities from Cambodia, Laos and Thailand. Featured are boat races, a performance stage, arts and crafts, and ethnic food booths. Applications are being accepted until July 27 for boat team registration and until July 28 for food and other booth vendors. Check the web site for detailed Festival information as it develops. Information: <http://lowellwaterfestival.org/application/>

Sunday  
August 18  
12 – 5 pm

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quincy August Moon Festival Quincy Center, Coddington Street, Quincy**

Highlights include a craft beer & wine garden, vegan & vegetarian wraps, Chinese & Filipino BBQ, and other food trucks and vendors. The performance stage will feature traditional and contemporary Asian entertainment. Information: <https://quincyasianresources.org/august-moon-festival>

Fri – Sun  
Aug 23-25  
5:30-10 pm

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Films at the Gate Festival Chinatown Gate at the base of Beach Street, Boston**

The films highlight the stories and work of Asian immigrants and Asian American filmmakers and artists. Each day the program includes (5:30pm) games and activities for families, (7pm) live performances, (7:30pm) welcome program, and (8pm) featured films. Sponsored by the Asian Community Development Corporation, this event is free and open to the public. Information: <https://asiancdc.org/events>

Saturday  
Sep. 7  
8am - 4pm

### **RI Chinese Dragon Boat Races & Taiwan Day Festival Festival Pier, Parking & Shuttle at 175 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI**

This year's event will feature six new dragon boats, a gift from the Republic of China to Rhode Island. The Taiwan Day festival will include entertainment, cultural performances, art & crafts tables and the popular dumpling eating contest. Information: <https://www.dragonboatri.com/site/>

## **EXHIBITIONS IN NEW ENGLAND**

through  
August 25

### **ROSE ART MUSEUM at BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY**

415 South Street, Waltham

#### **Maya Watanabe: *Liminal***

This is the first US solo museum presentation of emerging Peruvian artist Maya Watanabe. Informed by the historical and political context of her home country, Watanabe premieres her most recent work, *Liminal*, that she filmed at the excavations of mass graves for victims of Peru's two-decade long internal armed conflict. From the 1980s through the late 1990s, Peru experienced widespread and prolonged violence defined by atrocities committed by both the insurgent guerrilla groups and by military forces of the retaliating Peruvian government. Information:

<https://www.brandeis.edu/now/2019/june/rose-art-museum-summer-2019.html>

**MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS**

465 Huntington Avenue, Boston

through  
July 28***Royal Celebrations: Japanese Prints and Postcards***

As Japan welcomes a new emperor, the MFA offers an exhibit of prints, postcards and illustrated books from its collections that depict important events in the Japanese imperial family from 1868 to the present. Information:

<https://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/royal-celebrations>

through  
June 30,  
2020***Conservation in Action:******Japanese Buddhist Sculpture in a New Light***

A rare, behind the scenes look at the conservation of seven Buddhist sculptures. The wooden figures are decorated with polychromy or gliding and date from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> centuries. The conservation project occupies an entire gallery in the Museum, allowing visitors to observe the techniques employed by conservators as they carefully clean the sculptures and secure areas of loose paint, lacquer, and gilding. Information:

<https://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/conservation-in-action-japanese-buddhist-sculpture-in-a-new-light>

**HARVARD ART MUSEUMS**

32 Quincy Street, Cambridge

through  
August 11***Prince Shotoku: The Secrets Within* University Teaching Gallery**

A rare opportunity to view a significant 13<sup>th</sup> Century Japanese icon, *Prince Shotoku at Age Two*. The Prince is regarded as the founder of Buddhism in Japan. Information:

<https://www.harvardartmuseums.org/visit/exhibitions/5756/prince-shotoku-the-secrets-within>

through  
August 11***Japan on Paper* University Study Gallery**

Featured are almost 50 woodblock prints from the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Artists include Hiroshige, Hokusai and Jakuchu as well as contemporary work by Noriko Saito. Information:

<https://www.harvardartmuseums.org/visit/exhibitions/5803/japan-on-paper>

**PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM**

East India Square, 161 Essex Street, Salem

ongoing

***The Japanese Collection***

Featured are works from America's most important 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century collectors of Japanese art. The exhibit contains many works considered rare even in Japan, with the late Edo- and Meiji-period collection ranked among the finest in the world. Information:

<https://www.pem.org/explore-art/japanese-art>

through  
Jan. 3, 2021***Japanomania! Japanese Art Goes Global***

An exhibit that covers the beauty and complex stories behind the museum's celebrated Japanese export art collection. It covers the period from the arrival of Portuguese merchants in the 1500s through Japan's emergence on the world stage in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century and beyond. Information:

<https://www.pem.org/ongoing-exhibitions-japanomania-japanese-art-goes-global>

# WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

## CANADA

### THE ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM

100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

through  
August 5

#### ***Being Japanese Canadian: reflections on a broken world***

Contemporary Japanese Canadian artists share their personal perspective on the exile, dispossession, and incarceration of Japanese in Canada during World War II. Exhibit: <https://hyperallergic.com/485797/contemporary-artists-reflect-on-japanese-internment/> Museum:

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/being-japanese-canadian>

### JAPANESE CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE

6 Garamond Court, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

phone: 416-441-2345

Saturday  
July 13  
3:30-9 pm

#### ***Natsu Matsuri and Obon Festival***

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this annual event that features children's games, special performances, a Beer Garden, a Somen Bar and other food booths. Yukata dressing will be available from 3:30 to 7 pm in preparation for the Obon Dancing and Festival.

Information: <https://jccc.on.ca/event/natsu-matsuri-summer-festival/>

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK JAPAN SOCIETY GALLERY

333 East 47<sup>TH</sup> Street, New York, NY

through  
2020

#### ***En/trance***

A series of year-long art projects aimed at bringing visual art and interactive experiences into the institution's public spaces. Artist Yoshitomo Nara launches the series with new works he created in Shigaraki, one of Japan's oldest areas for pottery making.

Information: <https://www.japansociety.org/page/programs/gallery/entrance>

## NEW JERSEY

### SEABROOK JACL and BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Educational & Cultural Center: 1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, New Jersey

Seabrook Buddhist Temple: 9 Northville Road, Seabrook, New Jersey

Saturday  
July 20

#### **Annual Seabrook Obon Festival & *Contested Histories* exhibit**

Exhibit  
10am - 4pm

This year the Seabrook Buddhist Temple and JACL have worked with the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) to bring the pop-up exhibit *Contested Histories* to Seabrook. The exhibit is a collection of arts & crafts created by incarcerated Japanese and Japanese Americans during World War II. The exhibit will be at the Seabrook Educational & Cultural Center. The Obon festival will feature Obon dancing, taiko drumming, arts & crafts and Japanese food.

*Contested Histories*: <http://www.janm.org/exhibits/contested-histories/>

Seabrook Education & Cultural Center: <http://seabrookeducation.org/>

Seabrook Buddhist Temple:

<https://www.japanese-city.com/calendar/events/index.php?eID=35636>

Obon  
4 - 9 pm

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE

Documents Gallery, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, National Museum of American History  
14<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

ongoing

#### ***Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II***

*Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II* is an exhibit now featured at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History through. Documents, articles and art exhibited include the original Executive Order 9066 and other historic images and objects. Information:

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/righting-wrong-japanese-americans-and-world-war-ii>

## CALIFORNIA

### JAPANESE AMERICAN MUSEUM SAN JOSE

535 North Fifth Street, San Jose, CA

phone: 408-294-3138

Saturday  
August 17  
1 pm

#### **Artist Talks, Taiko & Nectarine Harvest Celebration**

An afternoon hearing from artists, a performance by San Jose Taiko, and tasting dishes from nectarines harvested at Masumoto farms. This event is free with paid Museum admission. Information: <https://www.jamsj.org/upcoming-events>

Reservations: [publicprograms@jamsj.org](mailto:publicprograms@jamsj.org)

through  
Sep. 29

#### **AGRARIANAA@JAMSJ**

The Asian American Women Artists Association and the Museum present a multimedia exhibition featuring nine local and national artists inspired by the history of Japanese American agricultural crafts, legacies and present day community placemaking. The opening reception is on Saturday, March 9 from 12 to 3 pm, and will feature a participatory art piece, along with refreshments and more. Museum admission is free for the opening reception. Information: <https://www.jamsj.org/agrarianaa-jamsj>

### ASIAN ART MUSEUM

200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA

phone: 415-581-3500

through  
August 18

#### ***Tattoos in Japanese Prints***

This exhibit recounts how large scale, densely composed pictorial tattoos emerged in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Japan in tandem with woodblock prints depicting tattooed heroes of history and myth. Featured will be Japanese prints from Boston's MFA collection that explore the interplay between ink on paper and ink on skin. Information:

<http://www.asianart.org/exhibitions/tattoos-in-japanese-prints>

current

#### ***Puppy Love***

This gigantic sculpture by Yoshitomo Nara of a cartoonish white dog is on view at the museum's Osher Plaza. Nara has named his work *Your Dog* and its surreal scale evokes the large guardian sculptures stationed at entrances to Shinto shrines.

Information: <http://www.asianart.org/regular/nara-your-dog>

**JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM**

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA

phone: 213-625-0414

through  
July 7***Kaiju vs Heroes:******Mark Nagata's Journey through the World of Japanese Toys***

Drazoran and Captain Maxx are among the hundreds of dazzling vintage and contemporary Japanese vinyl toys on display. *Kaiju* translates to "strange creature" in English, but has come to mean "monster" or "giant monster" referring to the characters popular in Japanese films and on television soon after WWII. Mark Nagata began collecting these toys as a child in California in the 1970s.

Information: <http://www.janm.org/exhibits/kaiju-vs-heroes/>Saturday  
July 20  
2 pm***The Lives of Samurai Women of Kochi & the Kunimitsu Family***

Professor Luke Roberts of UC Santa Barbara will discuss his recent research into the lives of samurai women in an area of southwestern Japan. Tickets for this talk are included with museum admission, however reservations are recommended.

Information and reservations:

<https://9644p.blackbaudhosting.com/9644p/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=3db4fb75-fd31-49c9-b106-105eca6c6f13>Saturday  
August 10  
11am-5pm***Natsumatsuri Family Festival***

The museum's annual summer celebration featuring Japanese and Japanese American performances, crafts and activities. Admission to the museum is free all day.

Information: <http://www.janm.org/natsumatsuri2019>through  
October 20***At First Light: The Dawning of Asian Pacific America***

A multi-media exhibition exploring and celebrating the emergence of a politically defined Asian Pacific American consciousness and identity. A co-production of Visual Communications (VC) and the Museum, it will feature video stories from the VC archives, a free standing cube sculpture produced by VC, and a contemporary video installation.

Information: <http://www.janm.org/exhibits/at-first-light/>Friday &  
Saturday  
July 19&20***Delicious Little Tokyo 2019*****Various locations throughout LA's Little Tokyo, East First Street area**

Discover culinary experiences in the heart of Los Angeles. The two-day festivities feature selected Little Tokyo restaurants offering giveaways, demonstrations, hands-on workshops, and tastings. Some events are free, others charge from \$5 to \$20. This event is hosted by Go Little Tokyo and the Little Tokyo Community Council. Information:

<http://www.golittletokyo.com/delicious/>For information and tickets: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2339211409733399/>