



New England Chapter News *Japanese American Citizens League*

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Reception at Ambassador's house during JACL Convention

This year's JACL National Convention in Washington, D.C., will feature a special reception at the residence of the Japanese Ambassador. His Excellency Kenichiro Sasae will open his home to JACL for its closing reception on July 26. In addition, conference participants will attend a private reception at the National Archives with a special display of historic documents of significance to Japanese Americans: Executive Order 9066 and the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. This is the first time the two documents will be on display. The convention will be held from July 24 to 26 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C., and will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Early bird registration for the convention has been extended to June 15. To register and for more information, go to: <http://jacl.org/2013/>.

Densho seeks photos and documents for preservation

Densho is seeking photographs and documents relating to the Japanese American experience during and surround World War II. They would like to borrow them for digital preservation to help Densho build one of the largest and most diverse online educational collections about the Japanese American experience. They are interested in photographs, letters, diaries, artwork, Government documents, etc. All materials will be returned after Densho makes high quality digital copies for preservation purposes and for web/online access. If you have something to loan, contact Densho's Collections Manager Caitlin Oiyee by calling 206-320-0095 or email collections@densho.org. To learn more about Densho's activities, go to: www.densho.org.

National Park Service workshops for input on Tule Lake

The National Park Service (NPS) will begin hosting public workshops between June and September to help them create a general management plan for the Tule Lake camp. If you are unable to attend the workshops in person in California, Oregon and Washington, virtual meetings will be held online on September 5 and 24. The NPS faces many issues and challenges for its future management, including how to interpret what occurred at Tule Lake and how to ensure that visitors have a meaningful experience when they visit. These meetings are open to the public. For more information, go to: <http://www.nps.gov/tule/parkmgmt/index.htm>.

Watanabe receives Chancellor's Award for service

Paul Watanabe was recently awarded the 2013 Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Service at UMass Boston in recognition for his exceptional contributions and accomplishments. Professor Watanabe has had 35 years of distinguished service at all levels of his university, community and nation. He was a founding director of the Asian American Studies Institute and currently serves as its director, as well as chair of the Political Science Department. He is currently chair of the U.S. Census Bureau's National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations; president of the Board of Directors of the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund; is on the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts; and has served on numerous other boards. Professor Watanabe served as a member of the Japanese American Leadership delegation to Japan and is a widely-respected and frequently consulted public commentator on the American political process and Asian American issues on local and national television, radio, newspapers and news magazines.

EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND

Japan Society of Boston Annual Dinner

Thursday, June 6, reception at 6:30 pm, Dinner Program at 7:30 pm

InterContinental Boston, 510 Atlantic Avenue, Boston

This year's theme is *Tradition and Transitions to Tomorrow*. Distinguished honorees are Joi Ito, Yoshihiro Takishita and Ezra Vogel. A special tribute will be given to outgoing Japan Society president Peter Grilli. Tickets are \$300 for members and \$350 for non-members. To register go to:

<http://www.japansocietyboston.org/Events?eventId=674017&EventViewMode=EventDetails>.

Community Conversations: Edward J. Markey

Friday, June 7, from 5:30 to 7 pm

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC), 38 Ash Street, Boston

Gov. Deval Patrick's Asian American commission/Advisory Council and the BCNC are sponsoring a discussion and question and answer session with Congressman Edward J. Markey. Light refreshments will be served. For questions and to RSVP email info@bcnc.net or call 617-635-5129 ext. 0.

Two-Day Taketina Workshop with Elaine Fong

Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9, from 10 am to 6 pm and 10 am to 5 pm

Concord Masonic Temple, 58 Monument Square, Concord, MA

Taketina is a process that uses vocalization, stepping and clapping to guide participants through three rhythmic layers and bring you to a clearer and more direct experience of the world. Cost: \$165. For information and to register, email:

enf1234@att.net.

Asian American Civic Association Annual Gala

Friday, June 7 from 6 to 9:30 pm

Odyssey Cruise Ship, Rowes Wharf, Boston

AACA celebrates 46 years of service to the Massachusetts immigrant communities. Mistresses of Ceremonies are Susan Wornick, of WCVB-TV, and Janet Wu, of WHDH-TV. The evening will include dinner, a live and silent auction, dancing and ethnic performances. Tickets: \$190. For information and to reserve tickets go to: <http://aaca-boston.org/2013-acca-annual-gala/>.

Book Signings by Joanne Chang

Joanne Chang, owner and chef of four Flour Bakery + Cafés will be appearing at book signings in Boston and elsewhere for her new cookbook *Flour, Too: Indispensable Recipes for the Café's Most Loved Sweets & Savories*. For more information go to: www.flourbakery.com.

Saturday, June 8 at 7 pm, Harvard Bookstore, Cambridge

Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30 pm, Kitchenwares by Blackstones, Boston

Saturday, June 15 at 2 pm, Porter Square Books, Cambridge

Saturday, June 22, Mattapoisett Bay Club

Sunday, June 23, Stonewall Kitchen, York, Maine

Wednesday, July 10, Winchester Book Ends, Winchester

Friday, July 12, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston

Saturday, July 27, Straight Wharf Restaurant, Nantucket

2013 Boston Dragon Boat Festival

Sunday, June 9 from 12 to 5 pm

Dragon boat races, performances, arts and crafts, and Asian food will be featured along the banks of the Charles River parallel to Memorial Drive near JFK Street in Cambridge. Just follow the crowds. Admission is free. For more information go to: <http://www.bostondragonboat.org>.

Growing the Community

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center's Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 13 from 6 to 8 pm

The Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington St., Boston

Keynote speaker will be Michael Taylor, President, Urban College of Boston. Also featured from BCNC are Abdelmalik Drief, adult education student; Selina Chow, Board President; and Elaine Ng, Executive Director. RSVP by June 10: email info@bcnc.net or call 617-635-5129 ext. 0. For more information go to: www.bcnc.net.

How to Ace Your Resumé & Interview**Tuesday, June 18, from 6 to 9 pm****Goodwin Proctor, 53 State Street, Boston**

Presented by ASPIRE@Work, a professional development workshop program for Asian American women who are working professionals. The workshop will be led by Sophan Sok, Career Services & Employer Relations Specialist at UMass Boston. Cost is \$10 and includes a light dinner provided by Bon Me and drinks provided by Goodwin Proctor. Limited to 10-15 participants. For information and to register go to:

<http://aspireatwork4.eventbrite.com/>.

NAAAP Boston Annual Summer Picnic**Saturday, June 22 from noon to 6 pm****Arsenal Park, 485 Arsenal Street, Watertown**

Featuring BBQ and fun activities. Hosted by the Boston chapter of the National Association of Asian American Professionals. Tickets: \$20 before June 12, \$25 regular, and \$30 at the door. For more information go to:

<http://www.naaapboston.org/Events/UpcomingEvents.aspx>.

Volunteers needed for 15th Annual Lantern Festival**Thursdays, June 20 and 27 from 6 to 8:30 pm****Eliot School, Jamaica Plain**

Forest Hills is seeking volunteers to help make lanterns for the festival on the these two dates. Pizza will be provided. They are also seeking volunteers to help during the festival on July 18 in shifts from 5 to 7:30 pm or from 7 to 9 pm. Volunteers will receive free parking and a lantern. If interested, contact Jonathan Clark at 617-524-3150 ext.222 or email: j.clark@foresthillstrust.org.

EXHIBITIONS IN NEW ENGLAND***Looking Back Looking Forward: The Sculpture of Michio Ihara*****June 18 to August 14****Concord Art Association, 37 Lexington Road, Concord, MA**

Michio Ihara describes himself as an “architectural sculptor” and his work can be seen throughout the world. He has installed sculptures in Rockefeller Center, in Boston, Japan, Dubai, Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, and many other countries. The exhibit will include work from the 1950s through the present and several sculptures will be installed in the Art Association gardens. Opening reception will be held on Thursday, June 20 from 6 to 8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4:30 pm, Sunday noon to 4 pm. For more information go to:

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/concord/fun/entertainment/arts/x1039446886/Michio-Ihara-sculpture-exhibit-coming-to-Concord-Art-Association>.

Samurai!**through August 4****Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston**

This exhibit features more than 140 remarkable objects from the 12th to the 19th Centuries that illuminate the life, culture and pageantry of the Samurai from the Ann and Gabriel Barbier-Mueller Collection, one of the best and largest collections in the world. Highlights include helmets of lacquered metal adorned with emblems often inspired by nature and full suits of exquisitely crafted armor, weapons, horse armor and accoutrements used for both battle and ceremonies. For more information go to: <http://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/samurai>.

Toshio Shibata: Constructed Landscapes**through October 6****Peabody Essex Museum, 161 Essex Street, Salem**

Shibata is one of Japan's preeminent landscape photographers, known for exploring the delicate balance between human-made structures and nature. This exhibition of 28 large format works is the artist's first solo in an American museum since 1995 and the first time his color pictures are being shown in America.

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

Luxury on Paper: The Art of Surimono**through December 1****Museum of Fine Arts Boston, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston**

Surimono are small, exquisite 19th Century color prints that were produced on commission for private, individual customers. This collection features prints grouped by their subjects: kabuki theater, literary and historical references, beautiful women, animals and objects. For information: <http://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/luxury-paper>.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE***Success Story?******Japanese Immigrant Economic Success before World War II*****Saturday, June 15, at 1 pm****Japanese American Museum San Jose, 535 N. Fifth St., San Jose, CA**

Special guest speaker is Masao Suzuki, professor of economics at Skyline College. He will discuss how Japanese Americans, because of their World War II experience, underwent a process of selective immigration, return migration, and family formation.

The Nisei were the result of this triple selection process because their parents were more educated and had a higher occupational status, compared to both Japanese immigrants and Japanese in Japan. The event is free with admission to the museum.

For more information go to:

<http://www.jamsj.org/japanese-american-history-museum-san-jose/news-and-events>.

Visible & Invisible: A Hapa Japanese American History**Through August 25****Japanese American National Museum, 100 North Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA**

Explore the diverse and complex history of the mixed-race and mixed-roots Japanese American experience. The exhibition also tackles the story of racial segregation and anti-miscegenation laws that prohibited or even criminalized marriages between white and non-white people. For more information, go to:

<http://www.janm.org/exhibits/visible-invisible/>.

Minidoka Pilgrimage**Thursday, June 20 to Sunday, June 23**

Registration is now open for the 11th Annual Minidoka Pilgrimage. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.minidokapilgrimage.org>.

Portraiture Now: Asian American Portraits of Encounter**through September 22****Japanese American National Museum, 100 North Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA**

The diversity of contemporary Asian American identity through the groundbreaking work of seven visual artists – CYJO, Zhang Chun Hong, Hye Yeon Nam, Shlizu Saldamando, Roger Shimomura, Satomi Shirai, and Tam Tran. For more information go to:

<http://www.janm.org/exhibits/portraiture-now/>.