



New England Chapter News *Japanese American Citizens League*

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Interviewees sought for Poston documentary

For the Sake of the Children is a 20-minute film examining the impact of how Japanese American mothers at Poston raised their children during their incarceration and after.

To see a trailer for the film, go to: <http://www.flywall.com/for-the-sake-of-the-children/>.

The filmmaker is looking for former Poston internees to interview. Specifically, they are looking for (1) Nisei women who gave birth to children while in camp or raised children under the age of 12, (2) Sansei women and men who were born in camp or were under the age of 12 while in camp, (3) Yonsei women and men whose grandmothers were incarcerated and (4) Gosei women and men whose great grandmothers were incarcerated. If you are interested in participating, contact the director, Joe Fox at jfox@flywall.com.

EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND

25th Annual Quincy Lunar New Year Festival

Sunday, March 10, from noon to 5 pm

North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock Street, North Quincy

This celebration was postponed for two weeks due to snowstorms. Featured will be a day of live entertainment, arts and crafts, cultural displays and Asian cuisine. This event is presented by Quincy Asian Resources and sponsored by the South Cove Community Health Center and other local businesses. For more information go to:

<http://www.quincyasianresources.org/en/LNY2013>.

US-Japan Internationalizing Higher Education Symposium

March 11, from 9 am to 3 pm

Showa Boston Institute, 420 Pond Street, Boston

Keynote Speaker: Professor Hiroataka Takeuchi, Harvard University School of Business Advisor, Showa Women's University, Tokyo, Japan. The program is sponsored by Showa Boston and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan. This event is free and open to the public. **RSVP by March 6** by contacting Carmen de la Rosa at cdelarosa@showaboston.edu. Shuttle buses from Reservoir station will run every hour on the half hour starting at 8:30 am.

Final Report on Tohoku by the Japanese Disaster Relief Fund Boston

Monday, March 11 from 4 to 7 pm

The Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington Street, Boston

The program includes a final report and briefing on Tohoku and a screening of the film *Live Your Dream: The Taylor Anderson Story* by Director Regge Life. Seating is limited. To RSVP, go to:

http://jdrfb311.eventbrite.com/?utm_source=March+Events&utm_campaign=March+Events&utm_medium=email.

Film: *Planet of Snail*

Monday, March 11, 7 pm

Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle Street, Cambridge

A film from South Korea about a young man who is deaf and blind. He overcomes his isolation with the help of a woman who becomes his wife, soul mate and a window and bridge to the world. For more information go to: <http://brattlefilm.org/2013/03/11/planet-of-snail/>.

TV: *Extraordinary Women: Madame Chiang Kai-Shek*

Monday, March 11, 10 pm on WGBH Channel 2

Tuesday, March 12, 10 pm on WGBH Channel 2

Sunday, March 17, at 6 pm on WGBH Channel 44

This series covers the stories of seven extraordinary women who overcame adversity to emerge as triumphant, inspirational icons of the 20th Century. The series continues through April and May. For more information: www.wgbh.org.

AARW Writers' Group

Thursday, March 14, at 5 pm

Chinese Progressive Association, 28 Ash Street, Boston

This writers' group is open to anyone wishing to share their writing, get and give feedback and participate in writing exercises. For more information, contact:

writersgroup@aarw.org.

9th Annual A Spoonful of Sugar

Joslin Diabetes Center's Asian American Diabetes Initiative

Monday, March 18, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Museum of Fine Arts, Art of the America's Wing, 485 Huntington Blvd., Boston

Fundraiser featuring food by some of Boston's finest chefs including Joanne Chang, Ming Tsai and Jasper White. Tickets, \$250. For information contact: Kevin Hudson at 617-309-2512 or email Kevin.hudson@joslin.org.

**Chinese Progressive Association's
2013 Year of the Snake Spring Festival Banquet**

Friday, March 22, reception at 5:30 pm, dinner at 7 pm

China Pearl Restaurant, 9 Tyler Street, Boston

Purchase tickets by Monday, March 18. Tickets: members, seniors, students and children, \$35. Non-members, \$100. For information call 617-357-4499 or email: justice@cpaboston.org.

Making Women's History with The Genki Spark

Sunday, March 24, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston

Join The Genki Spark as they celebrate Women's History Month and International Women's day with a variety show featuring original spoken word pieces, dynamic song and dance, and powerful taiko drumming. Tickets are \$20. To purchase tickets go to: <http://genkimakingwomenshistory.eventbrite.com/>.

Japan Business Forum: Glen Fukushima

Wednesday, March 27, from 112 to 2 pm

Putnam Investments, One Post Office Square, Boston

This is part of a series of talks sponsored by the Japan Society featuring distinguished business leaders highlighting Japan-US innovation, entrepreneurship and other subjects. Fukushima is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and former Chairman and Director of Airbus Japan. Tickets: \$25 for Japan Society Boston members and \$45 for non-members. Advance registration is required. Go to: www.japansocietyboston.org/businessforum.

Book Reading by Gish Jen

Wednesday, March 27, at 7 pm

Harvard Book Store, 1256 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

Award-winning author Gish Jen discusses her new book *Tiger Writing: Art, Culture, and the Interdependent Self*. For more information call 617-661-1515 or go to: http://www.harvard.com/event/gish_jen2/.

EXHIBITS IN NEW ENGLAND

Luxury on Paper: The Art of Surimono

March 9 to 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>.

Asian Pacific Roots, American Soil: Photographs by Corky Lee
through March 29

Tufts University, Aidekman Arts Center, Slater Concourse Gallery
40 Talbot Avenue, Medford

Lee is a New York-based photojournalist who has documented the lives of Asian Americans for nearly 40 years.

Wednesday, March 6, from 6 to 8 pm. Opening Reception and Public talk by Corky Lee.

Lethal Beauty: Samurai Weapons and Armor
through May 5, open daily except Tuesdays

Currier Museum, 150 Ash Street, Manchester, NH

The exhibit features 63 works by 30 master craftsmen from the 13th to 20th centuries including suits of armor, helmets, warrior hats, facemasks, long and short swords, daggers, rifles and more. The oldest sword dates from the 1200s and is so finely crafted, it has retained its lethal edge. Also showcased are a pair of folding screens by a Kano school artist and a seven-piece set of sword fittings, both from the 1600s depicting battle scenes from the famous *Tale of the Heike*. For more information phone 603-669-6144 or go to: <http://www.currier.org/nowonview.aspx>.

Portugal, Jesuits, and Japan
Spiritual Beliefs and Earthly Goods

through June 2, Hours: Mon-Fri, 11am-4pm, Sat & Sun 12-5pm

McMullen Museum, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston

The exhibit examines cultural exchanges from the mid-16th to the mid-17th Centuries through the movement of goods on Portuguese ships. The viewer travels through the complex landscape of the religious ideas, customs and artistic styles. For more information go to:

http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/artmuseum/exhibitions/archive/jesuits/index.html.

Samurai!

April 14 to August 4

Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston

This exhibit will feature 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 will 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>.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

Supernatural

through to March 17

Japanese American National Museum

369 East 1st St., Los Angeles, CA

Traditions are an integral part of every community. Some of these come from superstitions that our ancestors carried with them. *Supernatural* features works by Edwin Ushiro, Timothy Teruo Watters and Audrey Kawasaki who have explored some of these otherworldly concepts, illustrating how traditional ideas have evolved and been adapted over time. For more information go to: <http://www.janm.org/exhibits/upcoming/>, or call 213-625-0414.

Events at the Japanese American Museum of San Jose

535 North 5th Street, San Jose, CA, phone 408-294-3138

March 16, 1 pm. CyArk: Digital Reconstruction of Manzanar, Topaz and Tule Lake.

CyArk is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the digital preservation of cultural heritage sites. They are working in partnership with the National Park Service and independent researchers to develop comprehensive historic models of the three camp sites. The presentation will cover the latest technology used for the project.

March 30, 1 pm. The Making of Tule Lake. Filmmaker Michelle Ikemoto will discuss her award-winning animated short film *Tule Lake*. Based on true events, the story is told from the perspective of a Japanese American internee.

For more information on both programs go to:

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

or email: PublicPrograms@JAMsj.org or call the at 408-204=3138.

Secrets Revealed: The Presidio Project

present to Fall 2013 when major exhibit opens

Visitors Center, Presidio of San Francisco

105 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA

The exhibit reveals untold stories of Nisei internees, including military enlistees. Their stories are brought to life through an interactive kiosk that presents a preview of the more extensive exhibits coming to the new Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Historic Learning Center scheduled to open in Fall 201. Visitors Center hours: Thursday-Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. For more information go to:

<http://www.njahs.org/programs/viewdetails.php?id=317>.