NE JACL Fall Potluck

*Hidden Treasures: Japanese American Artifacts.*

Sunday, October 26 from 6 to 8:30 pm  
Weston United Methodist Church, 377 North Avenue (Route 117), Weston, MA

Do you have a closet filled with items your family has saved over the years, whether it’s from the WWII camps or from your Issei ancestors? You’ll have an opportunity to find out more about them from experts at JACL’s Fall Potluck on Sunday, October 26. Representatives from the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Los Angeles will be discussing their work to collect and catalog photos and memorabilia being donated by Susumu Ito, New England JACL member and 442nd veteran, for a proposed JANM exhibit. **You are invited to bring one or two items to show the JANM representatives and share the stories behind them with the group.** Our speakers and guests from JANM will include Maggie Wetherbee, Collections Manager, and other members of the JANM staff.

**Registration is required** to attend this event. Please respond by sending an email to yamamoto@nejacl.org and you will receive a confirmation email in return. Be sure to indicate the following:

1. Your name and email address.
2. How many people are attending.
3. Do you plan to bring cultural artifact relating to Japanese American history to share with the group?
4. The category of food you plan to bring:
   - Main course
   - vegetable (salad or side dish)
   - dessert

Please bring one dish per person, each dish should serve 6 or more people.

This event is open to JACL members and friends. Admission is free, but a donation of $5 a person at the door is appreciated. Register early. If you have any questions, email: Margie at yamamoto@nejacl.org.

**A Day in the Life of Asian Pacific America**

The Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center has unveiled its online photo exhibit titled *A Day in the Life of Asian Pacific America.* The photographs were created in the course of a single day (May 10, 2014) by more than 300 photographers and filmmakers from throughout the world. To see the exhibit go to: [http://smithsonianapa.org/#go](http://smithsonianapa.org/#go).
Legislative Fellowship for Asian American Women
The Asian American Women’s Political Initiative (AAWPI) is accepting applications for the 2015 State House Fellowship Program. The program provides Asian American Women with an opportunity to participate in state policymaking and experience how the legislature works through a part-time internship at the Massachusetts State House in Boston. Application deadline is October 13. For information call 617-652-0509, or go to www.aawpi.org.

EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND

Boston Public Library Local & Family History Lecture Series
Wednesday, October 8, at 6 pm
Boston Public Library, Abbey Room, 700 Boylston Street, Boston (Copley Sq.)
Jim Vrabel’s A People’s History of the New Boston provides a grassroots perspective on the tumultuous 1960s and 1970s, when residents of the city’s neighborhoods engaged in a level of activism unprecedented in Boston since the American Revolution. Vrabel recounts protests against urban renewal, highway construction, and airport expansion; fights for civil rights, school desegregation, and welfare reform; and uprisings over Vietnam and busing. He also explores how the legacy of that era is present in Boston today. Vrabel is a longtime Boston community activist and historian. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call (617) 536-5400 or go to: www.bpl.org/programs/local_family_history_series.htm.

Speak Your Genki: Asian American Women Open Mic
Thursday, October 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
East Meets West Bookstore, 934 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
Featuring the stories, poetry, art and narratives of Asian women. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Genki Spark. Seating is limited. For reservations and more information go to: www.thegenkispark.org.

Newton Community Pride: Asian Festival
Saturday, October 11, from noon to 5 pm
Newton Cultural Center at City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton
Celebrate Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Taiwanese cultures in Newton with dance, music, food and craft activities for kids. For more information, go to: www.newtoncommunitypride.org/asia-festival.html.

CelebrAsians Benefit Fashion Show
Saturday, October 11, from 7 to 10 pm
The Dance Union, 16 Bow Street, Somerville
Asian Women for Health presents a program featuring Asian women survivors of all traumas (cancer, domestic violence, mental health, etc.) sharing their stories and
modeling creations by leading Asian designers. Tickets are $85, for reservations go to: http://celebrasians2014.eventbrite.com. For more information go to: www.asianwomenforhealth.org.

**Film Premiere: Fred Ho’s Last Year**
Monday, October 13 at 6:30 pm
Paramount Center/Arts Emerson, 559 Washington Street, Boston
The Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW) is celebrating its 35th anniversary with a special screening honoring Fred Ho, author, avant-garde jazz composer, and AARW co-founder. Given only one year to live, the film follows Ho as he fights cancer, leads orchestras, gives talks, leads protests, publishes books and produces an elaborate, manga-inspired samurai opera on a New York stage. Tickets are $10 general admission, $7.50 AARW members, $5 students. For more information go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2L6Qs-szSA). To purchase tickets, go to: http://www.baaaff.org.

**Book Talk with Francis Fukuyama**
Monday, October 13, at 7 pm
Harvard Bookstore, 1256 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
A discussion with Fukuyama about his latest book *Political Order and Political Decay: From the Industrial Revolution to the Globalization of Democracy*. The noted Japanese American political scientist, political economist and author examines how societies develop strong, impersonal and accountable political institutions. He boldly explores the future of democracy in the face of a rising global middle class and entrenched political paralysis in the West. For more information call 617-661-1515 or go to: http://www.harvard.com/event/francis_fukuyama1/.

**Asian American Commission: Unity Dinner**
Thursday, October 16, from 6 to 9 pm
Boston University, Metcalf Hall, 775 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston
An evening of networking and entertainment as the Asian American Commission honors individuals and organizations making significant contributions to their communities. For more information go to: http://www.aacommission.org/unity-dinner/.

**Ikebana Demonstration with Sogetsu Master**
Friday, October 17, at 9:30 am
NewBridge on the Charles, 5000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham
Ikebana International, Boston Chapter, presents a demonstration with Sogetsu Master Yoka Hosono. The program will also feature work by potters David and Keiko Hergeshimer. For more information contact:
Minal Akkad 508-270-6759  salonindia@aol.com
Tomoko Tanaka 781-237-5739  tomokot@comcast.net
Japan Day at the Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library
Saturday, October 18, 3 to 4:30 pm
Library’s Community Meeting Room, 1350 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan
Explore Japanese culture with MattapAnime, a local club that studies Japanese language and culture and meets at the library. Featured will be popular and classic Japanese literature, manga, anime, and origami. Visit their writing station to practice hiragana and katakana. Challenge your brain with Sudoku and nonograms. Refreshments will be served. The program is free and open to the public. For more information go to:  http://www.bpl.org/branches/ma_calendar.htm#/i=1.

The Genki Spark taiko workshop for beginners
Saturday, October 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Brookline Ballet School, 1431 Beacon Street, Brookline

4th Annual Boston Japan Film Festival: Post-Disaster Civil Society
Sunday, October 19, from 12:30 to 7 pm
MIT, Room 4-370, for location on campus: https://whereis.mit.edu
To commemorate the earthquake and tsunami disasters that hit Japan on March 11, 2011, the Japanese Resource Exchange (JREX) has organized annual film festivals to create opportunities for reflection and discussions. The featured film is Nuclear Nation – The Fukushima Refugees Story. The film’s director, Atsushi Funabashi, will be on hand to discuss his film. Two additional films will be screened. Program organizers also include The Urban Risk Lab at MIT, TEWASSA, and Satsuki Kai USA. The program is free, however donations are encouraged and appreciated. For complete program and reservation information, go to: https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/949026/emal/8647558

2014 Boston Asian American Film Festival
Thursday, October 23 to Sunday, October 26
At various times and locations in Boston
For a full schedule for this year’s festival, go to www.baaff.org.
Volunteers are needed, go to: www.baaff.org/volunteer.

Book Signing by Michelle Phan
Friday, October 24, from 6 to 8 pm
Brookline Books, 279 Harvard Street, Brookline
YouTube celebrity Michelle Phan will be signing her book Make Up: Your Guide to Beauty, Style and Success – Online and Off. Her YouTube channel has over 7 million subscribers and she has uploaded over 300 videos with beauty and style advice. To pre-order a copy of her book call 617-566-6660 or go to: www.brooklinebooks.com/events.
**The Japanese Kimono: Now and Then**  
Thursday, October 30, from 7 to 10 pm  
Metcalf Trustee Ballroom, Boston University, 9th fl., One Silber Way, Boston  
A delegation from one of the leading kimono schools in Japan will present a retrospective of kimono styles, from modern to ancient. The performance will be from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Ballroom, followed by a reception from 8:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge. The program is free and open to the public. It is presented by the Japan Society of Boston and the BU Center for the Study of Asia. For more information go to: http://www.japansocietyboston.org/event-1754310.

**Talk on WWII Camps: Justice Denied - A Personal Perspective**  
Wednesday, October 29, from 7 to 8:30 pm  
Attleboro Library, 74 North Main Street, Attleboro  
During the month of October, the library is featuring programs and workshops in support of their Big Read project and Julie Ostuka’s book, *When the Emperor was Divine*. The program culminates with a talk by Margie Yamamoto, NEJACL co-president, and her illustrated presentation that follows her family’s immigration to America, through the internment years, and to the present day. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. To register, call 508-222-0157 or go online at: http://attleborolibrary.org/register.

**Book Discussion with Val Wang**  
Thursday, October 30, at 7 pm  
Harvard Book Store, 1256 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge  

**Asian American Women in Leadership Conference**  
Saturday, November 1, from 8 am to 5 pm  
Simmons College, Parenzky Conference Center, 300 The Fenway, Boston  
This year’s conference, *Making It Count!*, is aimed at growing and developing leadership skills for all age groups. This includes high school to graduate school students and from beginning to seasoned professionals. Keynote speaker is Kelly Zen-Yie Tsai, award winning spoken word poet, filmmaker, playwright, new media and multidisciplinary theater artist. Registration: $80 for professionals, $50 for college students, $30 for high school students. Hosted by Asian Sisters Participating in Reaching Excellence (ASPIRE). For more information go to: www.aawil.org or www.girlsaspire.org.
2014 Silk Road Gala
Saturday, November 1, from 6 to 10 pm
John Joseph Moakley US Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston
The Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence’s 21st annual benefit gala will feature reception food from four Boston Asian chefs, a dinner, and desserts by Joanne Chang, of Flour Bakery + Café. Dress is culturally-festive or black tie optional. Tickets are $200 and available at: www.atask.org.

Kodo: *The Way of Incense*
Saturday, November 8, from 10:30-11:30 am & 1 to 2 pm
Sanzashi-an Tea House, Showa Boston, 420 Pond Street, Boston
Masataka Hata, president of the Shoyeido Incense Company of Kyoto, will instruct participants in the art of incense appreciation. Seating is limited to 12 persons per session. Early registration until October 11 for Japan Society members only. Remaining seats will be open to non-members after that date. Registration is $15 for Society members and $30 for non-members. For more information and to register: 10:30- 11:30 session: http://www.japansocietyboston.org/event-1770069 1-2 pm session: http://www.japansocietyboston.org/event-1770078

EXHIBITIONS IN NEW ENGLAND

Fuller Craft Museum
455 Oak Street, Brockton
through Nov. 11 *Game Changers: Fiber Arts Masters and Innovators*
Featured are fiber artists who are recognized for continuously experimenting with traditional techniques and materials as well as developing revolutionary approaches. Asian American artists featured include Lucy Arai, Mary Lee Hu, Naomi Kobayashi, Chunghie Lee, and Kay Sekimachi.

For more information go to: http://fullercraft.org/event/game-changers-fiber-masters-and-innovators/.

Worcester Art Museum
55 Salisbury Street, Worcester
through Nov. *Majicolor*
Prints by Majima Ryuoichi, a Japanese artist who studied in California. His *neo-pop* prints are imaginative and irreverent examples of *East meets West*, rendered in a vivid palette.

through Jan. 11 *Abstractions in Blue*

For more information go to: http://www.worcesterart.org/Exhibitions/.
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston  
465 Huntington Avenue, Boston  
through July 19  
**Playing with Paper: Japanese Toy Prints**  
By the middle of the 19th 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.

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:  

WHAT’S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

**WASHINGTON**

*The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Internment Camps*  
through October 12  
Bellevue Arts Museum, 510 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA  
The exhibit, shown at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. in 2010, travels to the state of Washington. More than 120 pieces of arts and crafts from the World War II camps will be on display. Also on exhibit through September 21 is *Folding Paper: The Infinite Possibilities of Origami.* For more information, go to:  

**CALIFORNIA.**

*Theater: Valley of the Heart*  
through October 12, Thursdays through Sundays  
El Teatro Campesino, 705 Fourth Street, San Juan Bautista, CA  
A new play by Luis Valdez, *Valley of the Heart* is a love story about the daughter of an Issei farmer in San Jose and the son of Mexican sharecroppers. It opens just before Pearl Harbor and continues through the onset of WWII and the family’s removal to Heart Mountain. For more information and to purchase tickets go to:  
Exhibit at the Japanese American National Museum
100 North Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA phone: 213-625-0414
Oct.11 to Apr.26 **Hello! Exploring the Supercute World of Hello Kitty.** An exhibition celebrating the 40th anniversary of Hello Kitty, her colorful history and influence on art and culture.
For more information go to: [www.janm.org](http://www.janm.org).

Exhibits/Events at Japanese American Museum San Jose
535 N. Fifth St., San Jose, CA phone: 408-294-3138

**October 11**  
Open House and Exhibit: **Japanese American Farm House.** A vintage Japanese American farm house is recreated and features first-hand accounts about life on the farm told by those who lived the experience. Demonstration of tsukemono making.

**Oct. 19, 1 pm**  
Queer Compulsions: **Race, Nation, and Sexuality in the Affairs of Yone Noguchi.** Dr. Amy Sueyoshi, associate dean of the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University, discusses her book about Japanese immigrant poet Yone Noguchi, the father of sculptor Isamu Noguchi. She explores Noguchi’s interracial and same-sex affairs in which he found romantic fulfillment even in a California which was predominately anti-Japanese and heteronormative.

**Oct. 26, 1 pm**  
**Return to Heart Mountain: A Celebration of Japanese American Baseball.** A celebration of the 70th anniversary of the famous series of games between the Gila River and Heart Mountain ball clubs. Special guests include former ballplayers who will share stories of their experience. The program will be preceded by an informal social gathering starting at noon (check the JAMsj web site for details).

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