Debra Samuels in September 10 Book Talk
Save Saturday September 10 for a New England JACL sponsored Book Talk by Debra Samuels. Her book *My Japanese Table: A Lifetime of Cooking with Friends and Family* is a wonderful collection of home style recipes for traditional and modern Japanese food that she has gathered over 40 years, more than 10 of those years living in Japan. Debra is a NE JACL member, a cookbook author, cooking teacher, and a regular contributor to the Boston Globe food pages. In this very special book talk, Debra will tell us about her experiences in Japan and Japanese cooking, including her introduction to the art of Bentos. Refreshments will include samples of some of her recipes. Her book will be on sale and she will be available to sign them. The event will be held on September 10 at 2 pm at the Lincoln Public Library, 3 Bedford Road (intersection of Bedford and Trapelo Roads) in Lincoln. A special mailing will be sent to you closer to that date.

Fresh Mochi Comes to Boston Area
If you have a craving for fresh mochi we now have a source in Boston. Mochi Kitchen offers the traditional and modern forms of mochi, from those stuffed with red bean (an) to cheese or fresh strawberries. They also offer something called moffles, mochi stuffed with red beans, chocolate or cheese and formed and toasted with a waffle iron. Mochi Kitchen is brought to us by Erino Tezuka. For her mochi is the ultimate comfort food because it reminds her of home and family in Japan. I think for many Nisei and Sansei the feelings are the same. For now, Erino’s mochi is only available by advance order and pick-up from her Somerville kitchen. For ordering information, go to: [www.mochi-kitchen.com](http://www.mochi-kitchen.com).

Submissions Sought for 2011 BAAFF
The Asian American Resource Workshop is looking for films by Asian American filmmakers to be featured in this year’s Boston Asian American Film Festival (November 10-13). They are seeking narratives, dramas, comedies, shorts, documentaries, animations, music videos and experimental films. All submissions must be received by Monday, August 1, 2011 at 5 pm. For submission details go to: [www.baaff.org](http://www.baaff.org) or email Baaff@aarw.org.
Stories from Asia and Africa  
Wednesday, July 13 at 11 am  
Lincoln Library, 3 Bedford Road, Lincoln  
Storytellers Motoko and Eshu bring humor, drama and singing to their unique cultural blend of storytelling. Recommended for ages 4 and up. No registration required.

The 13th Annual Lantern Festival  
Thursday, July 14, from 6 to 9 pm  
Forest Hills Cemetery, 95 Forest Hills Avenue, Jamaica Plain  
Based on the traditional Japanese Obon Festival, this is a ceremony of remembrance, a time to send messages to ancestors who have passed on. Messages are written on paper lanterns, a candle is lit inside and the lanterns are set afloat. Participants are invited to picnics on the grass while being entertained by a multicultural program of music and dance. Admission is free with a $10 donation per lantern. Parking is $10. There will be no lantern lighting after dark and you are encouraged to bring a flashlight to assist during departure. For more information: www.foresthilltrust.org

The 28th Annual Black Ships Festival  
Thursday, July 14 through July 16  
Newport, RI  
This three-day festival will feature Japanese toy making, a kimono demonstration, martial arts, tea ceremony, origami, and many other workshops and demonstrations. For details contact the Japan-American Society of Rhode Island, (401)846-2720, or go to the schedule of events at: http://www.newportevents.com/Blackships/calendar.shtml

Eiko & Koma Book Talk and Signing  
Thursday, July 14, 5 pm  
Blake’s Barn, Jacob’s Pillow, 358 George Carter Road, Beckett, MA  
Time Is Not Enough, Space Is Not Empty is a new book that examines the 40-year career of movement theater artists Eiko and Koma. Influential contributors to the book include Suzanne Carbonneau, Sam Miller and Phillip Trager, some of whom will be present to discuss and sign the book. For more information go to: www.jacobspillow.org/festival/2011/07/eiko-koma/

We Love Japan Disaster Relief Concert  
Sunday, July 17, 4 to 7 pm  
Randolph Elks, 21 School Street, Randolph, MA  
The concert will feature jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel and classical musicians, dancers and Japanese traditional drummers. Tickets are $30. The event is sponsored by the Boston Red Sox, Citizens Bank, Dunkin’ Donuts, the Randolph Elks and many others. For more detailed information go to: http://www.passioneast.org/Relief_Concert.html
25th Annual NAAAP National Convention & Diversity Career Fair
August 11 to 13
Seaport Hotel & World Trade Center, Boston
The National Association of Asian American Professionals will meet in Boston to explore this year’s theme Road to Revolutionary Leadership. In addition to a full schedule of speakers and workshops, NAAAP is offering a Diversity Career Fair that is free and open to the public. You do not have to be a paid convention attendee to visit the Career Fair, but you will be required to register online at the NAAAP Career Center to attend. For information, go to: http://www.naaapconvention.org/2011/CareerFair.aspx

AARW Summer Grill-Off and BBQ
Saturday, August 20, from 4 to 7 pm
Larz Anderson Park (shelter area), Brookline
AARW will feature a grill-off between community groups. Contestants are still being sought for this event. Community groups are encouraged to enter a team of their finest grill chefs and compete for the 2011 Grill-off Championship title. The winning team will be decided by votes from attendees. For applications, rules and logistics go to: www.aarw.org/events. Email jenny@aarw.org with questions.

14th Southeast Asian Water Festival
Saturday, August 20, from 10 am to 5 pm
Lowell Heritage State Park, 500 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell
Featured events include boat races, a parade on the Merrimack River, and a blessing of the boats. The festival also includes clowns, musicians, dancers and singers performing both traditional and modern songs and dances. Food, drink, crafts and other items will be on sale at the event. For more information go to: www.lowellwaterfestival.org/.

24th Annual Quincy August Moon Festival
Sunday, August 21, from 11 am to 5 pm
Quincy Center, 1400-1600 Hancock Street, Quincy
Featured will be a day of cultural activities, live entertainment, food and exhibits from more than 100 local businesses and organizations. For more information go to: www.quincyasianresources.org/en/2011AMF.

Exhibitions
Tanabata Star Festival
Through August 14
Kaji Aso Studio, 40 St. Stephen Street, Boston
This exhibit of paintings, drawings, and ceramics inspired by the Japanese legend Tanabata will continue through August 7. For information call 617-247-1719 or go to: www.kajiasostudio.com.
**Faces of Chinatown**
Through August 12
W/Y Gallery at the Chinese Progressive Association
One Nassau St., Unit 2, Boston
The encounters of four Boston Chinatown residents during the spring of 2011 are documented in this exhibit. Photographer Alexis Yuen illustrates the diversity within Chinatown as a residential community and a commercial center. Hours for the gallery are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am to 5 pm; Saturday 10 am to 12 pm; and by appointment. For information call or email: 617-357-4499 or wygallery@gmail.com.

**Elsewhere**
Japanese American National Museum
Summer 2011
369 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA phone: 213-625-0414
The JANM has a number of events and exhibits of interest this summer:
Thursday, July 21 at 7 pm. Summer Classic Anime Film Series (Part 1).
Saturday, July 23 at 11 am. *How to Succeed in Baseball*. Two Japanese Americans tell their stories of how they succeeded in baseball, one as a player and the other in the business.
Through August 28. Exhibit: *Fighting for Democracy: Who is the “We” in “We, the People”?*
For more information go to: www.janm.org

**Book Talk: Kiyos Story**
Saturday, July 23, at 1 pm
Japanese American Museum of San Jose, 535 N. 5th Street, San Jose, CA
Kiyosato will discuss the memoir that won her the William Saroyan International Prize for non-fiction in 2008. The book follows Kiyosato and her family from her father’s immigration to California, the successful farm they built, their lives in Poston during WWII, and how they rebuilt their lives after the war. The book talk is free for museum members and $5 for non-members. For more information go to: www.jamsj.org/

**Exhibit: Noguchi: California Legacy**
Through October 2, 2011
Laguna Art Museum, 307 Cliff Drive, Laguna Beach, CA Phone: 949-494-8971
The work of Isamu Noguchi, the internationally celebrated Japanese American artist and designer, is examined in three parts: 1) *California Scenario: The Courage of the Imagination* based on his South Coast Plaza sculpture garden commissioned 30 years

**Exhibit: kip fulbeck: part asian, 100% hapa**
through December 21, 2011
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center
Japanese American History Museum, 121 NW 2nd Avenue, Portland OR
Phone: 503-224-1458
An exhibition of portraits by artist Kip Fulbeck who traveled the country photographing Hapa of all ages and walks of life. His work addresses in words and images the one question Hapa are frequently asked “What are you?” Also at the museum is an exhibit about the Oregon Japanese American community, *Oregon Nikkei: Reflections of an American Community.* For more information go to: www.oregonnikkei.org.

**Save These Dates**
Saturday, September 10
NEJACL Book Talk with Debra Samuels
Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, MA
For information see top story in this newsletter

Saturday, October 22
2011 Silk Road Gala
Boston Sheraton Hotel
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence
For information: www.atask.org

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Asian American Resource Workshop
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