



New England Chapter News *Japanese American Citizens League*

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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.

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 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.foresthillstrust.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 Tanaba 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](mailto:w ygallery@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:

Saturday, July 16 at 2 pm. Book Talk: *Imprisoned in Paradise: Japanese Internee Road Workers at the World War II Kooskia Internment Camp*. This book by Priscilla Wegars tells the story of this camp located in a remote area of north central Idaho and virtually forgotten in history.

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: *The California Hotel: Hawai'i's Home Away from Home*.

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: *Kiyo's Story*

Saturday, July 23, at 1 pm

Japanese American Museum of San Jose, 535 N. 5th Street, San Jose, CA

Kiyo Sato will discuss the memoir that won her the William Saroyan International Prize for non-fiction in 2008. The book follows Kiyo 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

ago; 2) *What is Sculpture? Akari from the Venice Biennale* from the Akari light sculptures at a 1986 exhibit; and 3) *Noguchi at Gemini G.E.L.*, the sculpture multiples he created in 1982. For more information go to: www.LagunaArtMuseum.org.

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

November 10 to 13

2011 Boston Asian American Film Festival

Asian American Resource Workshop

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