



## *New England Chapter News* *Japanese American Citizens League*

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### **Japan-US Collegiate National Baseball Games in NE**

The top amateur baseball teams from the United States and Japan will be touring New England this summer. This is the 41st USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Series and will feature exhibition games between July 13 and July 17 in Worcester, Brockton, and Nashua, NH. The games include:

Thursday, July 13 at 7:05 pm	Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field 1 College Street, Worcester
Friday, July 14 at 7 pm	Campanelli Stadium 1 Feinberg Way, Brockton
Monday, July 17 at 7:05 pm	Holman Stadium 67 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH

Tickets are from \$7 to \$10. For ordering information, go to:

<http://pointstreaksites.com/view/futuresleague/usa-v-japan-tickets-1>

## **Fellowships & Program Opportunities**

### **JACL Fellowships in Washington, D.C.**

JACL is accepting applications for the Daniel K. Inouye, the Norman Y. Mineta, and the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowships. Each paid fellowship will last for one year and will be located in Washington, D.C. The Inouye and Mineta Fellows will work out of the JACL National office in D.C. and work closely with the JACL Executive Director and national staff on a wide variety of issues and initiatives relevant to the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. **Application deadline is July 17.** The Masaoka Fellow will work in the office of a member of the US Senate or House of Representatives. Duties will vary depending on the Congressional office and the Fellow's experience. **Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.** For more information on all three Fellowships and application forms, go to: <https://jacl.org/internships-and-fellowships/>

## Cross Border Learning Journey in Fukushima

This is a one-week program, from October 11 to 16, that will be held in Tohoku, the region affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. Participants will learn about the restoration process in Fukushima, discuss opportunities and challenges, and collaborate to accelerate the social impact of rebuilding efforts. The program is sponsored by World in Tohoku, a non-profit established in 2011 to support social entrepreneurs in Japan's disaster affected Tohoku. They are seeking 5 to 10 US participants from diverse professional backgrounds including, but not limited to, finance, entrepreneurship, branding/marketing, community development, education, tourism, arts and culture, food and restaurant industry. Tuition for participants is \$3400 and covers US-Japan transportation, transportation in Japan, accommodations and meals.

**Deadline for application is July 15.** For more information, go to:

<http://worldintohoku.org/get-involved/lj/>

## EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND

Saturday  
July 8  
10 am to  
6 pm

### Chinatown Main Street Festival

**Boston's Chinatown, on Beach, Harrison, Tyler, and Hudson Streets**

This year marks the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event and will feature Lion Dances, Chinese Folk Dances, arts and crafts, food vendors, and community booths.

Admission is free. For more information, go to:

<http://521436066492055280.weebly.com/>

Tuesday  
July 11  
12 to 1 pm

### *Being Japanese, Working in America – hear & share stories*

**Japan Society of Boston office, 50 Milk Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Meridian Rm**

Join Miwa Suzuki, Head of Japan Client Services at Eurasia Group, for a Brown Bag Luncheon to discuss the challenges and rewards of adjusting to a career in America as a Japanese woman. For more information and to register, go to:

[www.japansocietyboston.org/event-2579334](http://www.japansocietyboston.org/event-2579334)

Tuesday  
July 11  
6 to 8 pm

### *Tanabata Evening for Kids and Families*

**Jones Library, Woodbury Room, 43 Amity Street, Amherst**

Join the Five College Center for East Asian Studies, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, and the Jones Library for an evening of bilingual stories, activities, crafts, and snacks celebrating culture from Japan, China and Korea. A special appearance by storyteller Motoko. For more information, go to:

<https://www.joneslibrary.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=3544&month=7&year=2017&day=9&calType=0>

Saturday  
July 22  
4 to 7 pm

### AARW Summer Grill-Off and BBQ

**Larz Anderson Park, Brookline**

Celebrate the summer with the Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW) at its annual Grill-Off and BBQ. Community groups will be competing for Master Chef titles. General admission is \$15. For more information and tickets, go to:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2990329>

Saturday  
July 22  
6 to 8 pm

**The Genki Spark Workshop for Beginners**  
**Brookline Ballet School, 1431 Beacon Street, Brookline**

The Genki Spark is a multi-generational Asian women's arts and advocacy group that uses Japanese taiko drumming, personal stories, and creativity to build community, develop leadership, and advance respect for all. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$30 for a 2-hour session. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.thegenkispark.org/public-workshops.html>

Friday,  
Saturday,  
& Sunday  
July 28  
to 30

**Lowell Folk Festival**

**Various locations in Lowell, see map:**

**<http://lowellfolkfestival.org/about/planning/directions/>**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Folk Festival, the Chaksam-Pa, Tibetan folk songs, opera and dance from San Francisco, will be among the featured performers. Asian and Southeast Asian foods will be heavily represented among the ethnic food vendors. For more information, go to: <http://lowellfolkfestival.org/>

Sunday  
July 30  
2 to 4 pm

**Showa Boston Kids Event**

**Showa Boston, 420 Pond Street, Boston**

A free family event, ideal for children 4 to 12 years old, featuring Japanese games and activities led by Showa Boston students. For more information and reservations, go to: <http://www.japansocietyboston.org/event-2589230>

Saturday  
August 19  
9 am to  
6 pm

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival**  
**Sampas Pavilion, Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell**

Every year Lowell's Khmer, Thai, Vietnamese, and Laotian communities celebrate the preservation, protection and sharing of their cultural heritages in a Water Festival. Featured at the Festival will be boat races, live entertainment, ethnic food, arts & crafts, and community information. For more information, go to: <http://lowellwaterfestival.org/>

Sunday  
August 20  
Noon to  
5 pm

**Quincy August Moon Festival**  
**Coddington Street, Downtown Quincy**

This year the Quincy Festival will move to a new downtown location and will feature the addition of a Beer Garden; hip hop, rap and beat box performances; a game area for adults; a petting zoo; rides; and ethnic foods. Sponsored by Quincy Asian Resources, Inc., and the City of Quincy, this event is marking its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For more information, go to: <https://quincyasianresources.org/august-moon-festival>

Friday,  
Saturday,  
& Sunday  
August 25  
to 27

**Films at the Gate**  
**Chinatown's Gate, at Beach and Hudson Streets**

Check the web site for film titles and times of showing. Sponsored by the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC). Go to: <https://asiancdc.org/events/>

# EXHIBITIONS IN NEW ENGLAND

through  
July 9

## **Three Generations of Hamada Ceramics**

**Pucker Gallery, 240 Newbury Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Boston**

Featuring the work of three generations of the Hamada family, Shoji, Shinsaku, and Tomoo. Shoji Hamada was the founder of the Mingei (folk art) Movement in Japan. The Pucker Gallery is open Monday to Saturday 10 am to 5:30 pm and Sunday from 10:30 am to 5 pm. Opening reception on Saturday, June 3 from 3 to 5 pm. For more information, go to: <http://www.puckergallery.com/index.html>.

through  
Sep. 3

## ***Turtle Power! Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles & Samurai Heroes***

**G.W.V. Smith Art Museum, 21 Edwards Street, Springfield**

This unique and imaginative exhibit brings together original graphic novel art and the Museum's own collection of Japanese art, arms and armor. The modern representations of the warriors take on new meaning when juxtaposed with the imagery and trappings of their samurai ancestors. The exhibit and special activities are included in the price of admission. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students, \$9.50 for youth 3-17. For more information, go to: <https://springfieldmuseums.org/exhibitions/turtle-power/>.

through  
Sep. 10

## ***Train, Train***

**Boston Children's Museum, Japanese House Gallery  
308 Congress Street, Boston**

Art created by members of the "Art Thinking" project team at Tohoku University of Art & Design in Japan. After the devastating earthquake and tsunami in their hometown on 3.11, the university decided to use Art to make the world a better place and to connect with their friends all over the world. *Train, Train* invites visitors on an imaginary adventure into the future. Artists use trains as their storytellers and invite viewers to reflect on their lives through these stories. For more information go to: <http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/exhibits-programs/exhibits/japanese-house-gallery>.

through  
Aug. 20

## ***New Women for a New Age: Japanese Beauties, 1890s to 1930s***

**Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston**

Examine the changing image of Japanese women through prints, book illustrations, and photographs made in Japan from the 1890s to the 1930s. Arranged in roughly chronological order, the exhibition begins with *ukiyo-e* woodblock prints of the late Meiji era and postcards that include both photographs and artists' depictions. For more information, go to: <http://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/new-women-for-a-new-age>.

through  
Nov. 2017

## ***China Comes to Tech: 1877-1931***

**MIT's Maihaugen Gallery of Hayden Memorial Library, Building 14N-130  
160 Memorial Drive, Cambridge**

An exhibit to commemorate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first students from China to enroll at MIT. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Open Monday through Friday from 10am to 5 pm. A companion website, *China Comes to MIT*, is accessible at <http://chinacomestomit.org/>.

online

***Origami Now!*****Peabody Essex Museum**

The Peabody Essex Museum offers online instructions on origami with precise how-to directions by origami master Michael LaFosse. Featured are *Polar Origami* and *Origami Now!*, with videos on making your own penguins, narwhals, seals, polar bears, ducks, dogs, butterflies, and more. Go to: [http://www.pem.org/exhibitions/69-origami\\_now](http://www.pem.org/exhibitions/69-origami_now)

**WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE****NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY**July 13  
to 23***Japan Cuts: Festival of New Japanese Film*****Japan Society New York, 333 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street, New York**

The Japan Society of New York presents North America's largest festival of new Japanese cinema with special guest filmmakers and stars, post-screening Q&As, parties and much more. For a full schedule of films and ticket information, go to: <http://japansociety.org/page/programs/film/japan-cuts-2017>

July 14  
to 16***Seabrook Reunion 2017: Your Live, Your Legacy*****Ramada Inn of Vineland, New Jersey**

Seabrook JACL is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as the 73<sup>rd</sup> year of the Seabrook Reunion. They are joining with the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center to host this three-day event. For more information and to register, go to: <http://seabrookeducation.org/seabrook-reunion/>

July 26 to  
August 5**40<sup>th</sup> Asian American International Film Festival****Various locations in and near New York City**

Films and schedules have not been announced. Check their web site: [www.asiancinevision.org](http://www.asiancinevision.org)

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**July 27  
to 29***The Smithsonian Asian American Literature Festival*****Various locations including Library of Congress, The Phillips Collection, National Portrait Gallery, and American Art Museum**

The Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center presents a three-day event, the first national event of its kind to celebrate Asian American literature and to work towards growing and mentoring writers, nurturing Asian American literary arts organizations, and building new communities of writers and readers. Featured at the Festival will be performances, workshops, pop-up libraries, tarot and durational readings, writer-scholar speed dating, and a book swap. A significant portion of the programming will be geared toward youth participation. For more information go to: <http://smithsonianapa.org/lit/>

through  
Feb. 19,  
2018

***Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II***  
Documents Gallery, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, National Museum of American History  
14<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

*Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II* is an exhibit now featured at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History through. Documents, articles and art exhibited include the original Executive Order 9066; original artwork by Roger Shimomura who spent several years in Minidoka (Idaho); and other historic images and objects. For more information, go to:

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/righting-wrong-japanese-americans-and-world-war-ii>.

## CALIFORNIA

### Japanese American Museum San Jose

535 N. Fifth St., San Jose, CA

phone: 408-294-3138

July 22  
1 pm

**Film: *Yonsei Eyes***

The film's director Jon Osaki will be present for the screening. Seating is limited and reservations are required. The program is free to museum members, \$5 for adults, and \$3 for seniors and students. For more information and to reserve a seat, go to:

<http://www.jamsj.org/jamsj-news-item/2017/7/upcoming/1/yonsei-eyes-meet-the-director-jon-osaki/>

current

***Exquisite Art Under Adverse Conditions***

***From the Japanese American Incarceration Camps 1942-1945***

The art and craft created by many Japanese Americans who were forcibly held in camps during World War II. Using natural material from the 10 desolate incarceration camps, the artwork comes alive in a very natural way. For more information:

<http://www.jamsj.org/exhibit/exquisite-art-under-adverse-conditions>

current

***Sports in the Japanese American Community***

Sports have always played an integral role in the Japanese American community.

Sumo, kendo, judo, Asahi baseball and Zebras basketball were all very popular pre-war sports. For more information:

<http://www.jamsj.org/exhibit/sports-in-the-japanese-american-community>.

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***The Barracks Room***

An accurate recreation of a family's living quarters at the Tule Lake camp. Most of the furnishings and other items in the room are genuine artifacts from the camps. For more information: <http://www.jamsj.org/exhibit/the-barracks-room>

### Mingei International Museum

Balboa Park, Plaza de Panama, 1439 El Prado, San Diego, CA

through  
Oct. 8

***Kanban: Traditional Shop Signs of Japan***

Kanban is a fusion of art and commerce, and refers to the traditional street signs Japanese merchants displayed to advertise their businesses. Created from wood, bamboo, iron, paper, fabric, lacquer, and even stone, kanban form a rich, visual vocabulary of traditional advertising. For more information, go to:

<http://www.mingei.org/mim-exhibition/kanban/>.

**Japanese American National Museum**

**100 North Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA      phone: 213-625-0414**

**Saturday  
July 29**

**Film: *Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice***

The Los Angeles premiere of a documentary by Holly Yasui tracing the early life of her father, the noted civil rights activist, Minoru Yasui. Admission is free with general admission to the museum, but reservations are strongly recommended. To reserve a seat, go to:

<https://9644p.blackbaudhosting.com/9644p/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=406d038e-682b-42d4-bc62-caf14c6bc12f>

**through  
Aug. 13**

***Instructions to All Persons: Reflections on Executive Order 9066***

An educational and interactive exhibition to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066. For more information:

<http://www.janm.org/exhibits/instructions-to-all/>.

**through  
Aug. 20**

***New Frontiers: The Many Worlds of George Takei***

A comprehensive exploration of Takei's life and career of pioneering actor, activist, and social media icon. *New Frontiers* draws on a collection of Takei's photographs, correspondence, scripts, awards, and one-of-a-kind artworks made by his legions of fans. For more information: <http://www.janm.org/exhibits/new-frontiers/>.