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## MAY: Asian/Pacific Heritage Month

The month of May has been designated by the U.S. Congress and the state of Washington as Asian/Pacific Heritage month. Fourteen years ago, in June, 1977, Representatives Norm Mineta (D-Cal) and Frank Horton (R-NY) introduced a bill in the U.S. House to establish a period of time to recognize the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to our nation's heritage.

The original resolution specified the week of May 4 as Asian/Pacific Heritage Week, because that week included two significant occasions in Asian American history. May 7, 1843, according to the resolution's sponsors, was the date of the first arrival of Japanese in the United States. May 10, 1869, called "Golden Spike Day," was the day on which the Transcontinen-

tal Railroad was completed, largely by Chinese American labor.

In 1979, the resolution creating Asian/Pacific Heritage Week was passed by Congress and signed by the President. In 1990, the entire month of May was designated as Asian/Pacific Heritage Month. This year, two programs celebrating Asian/Pacific Heritage Month have been brought to the attention of the JAACL Newsletter — *Heritage: An Exhibition of Art by Asian Americans*, co-sponsored by the Wing Luke Asian Museum and the Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs, with the assistance of Velma Veloria, aide to State Representative Art Wang, and KCTS-TV Channel 9's Asian American Recognition month programs.

### Heritage exhibit

The work of Asian/Pacific American artists will be displayed in this exhibit in the Third Floor Rotunda of the state capital building in Olympia from May 13–May 31. Irene Kuniyuki, a fine arts photographer and Lucia Enriquez, an illustrator, are coordinating the exhibit, which will showcase the diversity of art done by Asian Americans. The show will include paintings, prints, photography, and mixed-media pieces, and will open on May 13 at 12:30 pm. An opening reception will follow from 2 pm until 4 pm.

### KCTS Asian American series

Included in the series are the following (please check weekly listings in case of rescheduling):

Wed, May 8

10:00 pm — *Color of Honor*, a documentary film about Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, those who remained in detention, and those who challenged the constitutionality of the internment.

Fri, May 24

10:00 pm — *Hot Summer Winds*, the story of a 10-year old girl named Yoneko who grows up amid a mixture of Japanese customs and American culture.

Sun, May 26

10:30 pm — *Visible Target*, the story of the evacuation, with a special look at Bainbridge Island and the people who stood against the internment of their neighbors.

Mon, May 27

10:00 pm — *Carved in Silence: Angel Island*, the story of Chinese immigrants imprisoned on a small island in San Francisco Bay before being allowed to enter the United States.

*Thanks to Bob Sato for information on the KCTS programs, and Jane Sanders from Rep. Jim McDermott's office for information on Asian/Pacific Heritage month.*



## Chapter Focus

### Thank you

The Seattle Chapter thanks the following donors for contributions received in the month of April: Shoichiro Katsuno, Kaz and Yoshiye Mori, and Takako Tsuji. For the Endowment fund: Kiyoshi Fukano.

### Directory Project

Remember the JACL Seattle Community Directory? Do you still use yours? We are considering a project this year to compile and issue a current edition. The project would require a commitment of funds and volunteer hours, and the Board will decide in May whether or not to take on the project. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Chapter office and leave a message. The number is 322-3589.

### Asian mentorship program

Under the sponsorship of Seattle JACL and the Asian Pacific Director's Coalition, the Asian mentorship program has completed a successful first year. The goal of the program is to expose students and recent graduates to political and social issues in a public or social service setting. The mentors were Executive Directors and high level administrators representing community-based organizations, governmental institutions, and educational districts. Fifteen students,

assigned to a mentor for ten weeks, participated in direct service opportunities, management meetings, and the administrative decision-making process. Recently, the mentorship program received a special award from the U.S. Department of Education.

### 2nd Annual Seattle area JACL picnic

Doshi Kai is sponsoring the second annual JACL picnic, to be held at Pine Lake Park in Issaquah on Saturday, August 10, 1991. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters, or call Ann Fujii,

### 1991 Annual Golf Tournament

The 1991 annual golf tournament sponsored by Seattle Chapter JACL and 1000 Club is open to all JACLers and friends. It will take place on Sunday, August 4, 1991. Men will tee off at 12 noon at the West Seattle Golf Course, women at 12 noon at the Jefferson Park Golf Course. The entry fee, including dinner at the South China restaurant, is \$25 (you pay your own green fee). For golf only, the cost is \$15 and for dinner only the cost is \$13. Tee-off is limited to 40 men and 40 women, so submit your entry form and fee early. To aid our planning, please return the entry form below by July 1.

Please clip and return entry form with entry fee to: Charles Furuta • Seattle, WA 98118

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## Community Notes

### 50th Anniversary Commemorations for the Day of Remembrance

Scott Higashi and Bob Bulloch, with the Committee to Remember the Japanese American Internment at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, are leading an effort to observe the 50th Anniversary of E.O. 9066. The committee is planning a three-day program scheduled for February 18-20, 1992 at the University of Puget Sound. Speakers will be Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, Professor Peter Irons (author of *Justice at War*, a history of the 1942 legal cases against the internment), Judge William Marutani, National JACL President Cressy Nakagawa, and tentatively, Senator Daniel Inouye. The Puyallup Valley Chapter and the Pacific Northwest District Council have committed funds and support for this major event.

The planning committee requests your help at this time in regard to loaning materials for display. They are interested in artifacts, letters, or drawings made in the camps. If you have items to loan, please contact Tish Sasaki in Tacoma: \_\_\_\_\_ or Bob Sato, \_\_\_\_\_

The items should be identified with your name, address, and phone number; description of the item, who made it, where it was made, and any other information that would be of interest to viewers.

—submitted by Bob Sato

### ACRS Community Service Awards

The Asian Counselling and Referral Service is accepting nominations for the ACRS Community Service Awards. Three awards will be given: 1) Private, e.g., individuals or small businesses, 2) Public, e.g. public officials, groups, civic organizations, and 3) Corporate, e.g. corporations, large businesses. Nominees should reflect the achievements and hard work that promote the development and advancement of the Asian/Pacific community. Nominations should be postmarked by May 15 and sent to the ACRS Community Service Awards, 1032

So. Jackson, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98104. The award will be presented at the ACRS Annual Recognition Dinner this fall. For nomination forms or more information, call Joyce Yoshikawa at 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 1.

### Central Area hate crimes hearings

A day-long neighborhood meeting on hate crimes in the Central Area will be held on Saturday April 13, sponsored by the Center for Democratic Renewal, Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights, and the Rainbow Coalition. Testimony will be taken on crime incidents based on the victim's race, sexual orientation, religion, gender, political affiliation, or mental/physical disability. The purpose of the hearing is to determine the level of hate crimes occurring in Seattle neighborhoods, identify resources, promote greater involvement of citizens with the government process to strengthen crime prevention efforts, and develop neighborhood-based solutions. For more information or to sign up to give testimony, call Deni Yamauchi at \_\_\_\_\_ or Deb Bowen, \_\_\_\_\_.

### Father Tim leaving Seattle

Father Timothy Nakagawa will be leaving Seattle and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in June after twenty-five years of memorable service to the community. Father Tim and his wife Keiko will be moving to Okinawa where he will be the pastor for All Souls Church.

### Exhibit and sale of Northwest artworks

Selected artworks by Northwest artists and unique Asian antiques will be exhibited and sold at the Wing Luke Asian Museum from May 31 to June 16. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Museum. The artworks will include pieces from Paul Horiuchi, Norie Sato, George Tsutakawa, Gerald Tsutakawa, and Frank Fujii. The artifacts will include Japanese ceramics,

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wedding kimonos, folding screens, as well as Chinese and Northwest Native American textiles and basketry. A preview reception for the exhibition and sale will be held on Thursday, May 30 from 5:30-7:30 pm. For more information, call 623-5124.

### Japanese translators needed for book on Internment

UW Research Assistant Professor Louis Fiset plans to publish a book about the World War II Justice Department Detention Camp in Missoula, Montana. His research is based primarily on some 160 letters written by Iwao Matsushita to his wife Hanaye, an internee at Minidoka, from December 11, 1941 to January 3, 1944. Inquiries were made to Ron Inui, President of MIS Veterans and Mary Fujiwara for volunteer translation services, but anyone else interested please call Bob Sato at [redacted].

### Live music for ballroom dancing

This month, on Saturday May 11, a very talented and versatile band, led by Bob Charles, will be playing for the Japanese community monthly dance at the Nisei Vets Hall, from 8:00 - 11:30 pm. This is an exciting prospect for those who have felt that the growth of the dances has been held back by the use of recorded music.

The band and the Hall have been scheduled for the second Saturday of May, and September through December. Admission is \$8. For more information, call Mike at [redacted].

### Japanese Community Queen

All JAACL members and friends are invited to the Japanese Community Queen coronation, which will be held on May 25 at the downtown Sheraton Hotel. Dinner, pageant and dance is \$40 per person; the pageant and dance only is \$10 with a bid, or \$10 at the door. Six University of Washington students are candidates for the title: Carla Kitsuki-Chun, Julie Kageyama, Lena Moriguchi, Kelly Ohmiya, Teri Tsuchiya, and Kristi Ann Sato-Woo. For more information call Jane Tsuboi at [redacted].

### Ikebana classes

The Hyogo Cultural Center is offering a series of Ikebana classes in May and June. The classes will be offered by school: Saga School — May 21 and 28; Ikenobo School — June 4 and 11; and the Sogetsu School — June 18 and 25. The classes run from 5:30 - 7:00 on Tuesday evenings at the Hyogo Cultural Center at 2001 Sixth Avenue. The cost is \$10 for two classes. Call the Center at 728-0610 to enroll.

### Cherry Blossom Festival

The 1991 Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival drew the largest crowds in its 16-year history, and many compliments on the quality of the exhibits and courtesy of the staff, according to David Kageyama, chair of the committee that organized the event. Over seventy people from the community volunteered their time and efforts, and over 20 individuals and organizations contributed donations, according to Shea Aoki, committee member, who wishes to extend her thanks and appreciation to all those involved.

## Calendar of events

*compiled by Ed Suguro*

**Weekly ballroom dance** — every Wed, 1-3 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

**Drawings, prints and new works by Shigeki Kuroda** — through May 25, Azuma Gallery, 313 E. Pine St., Tues - Sat 11 am - 6 pm. For info: 622-5599.

**Ayame Kai rummage sale** to benefit Seattle Keiro — Sat, May 18, 10 am - 4 pm, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Drop-off dates: May 14 - 17, 10 am - 9:30 pm at the church. For information: 882-6284.

**Tools and utensils from Sagamiya confectionery** — through June, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tues - Fri 11 am - 4:30 pm, Sat - Sun noon - 4 pm. Admission: \$2.50 for adults; \$1 for seniors/students; 50¢ for children under 12. For information: 632-5124.

**Spring Festival of Japanese Dance** — Sat, May 18, 7:30 pm, Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Dance by Hanayagi Yohsono and Fujima Fujimine. Admission: \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors/students; free for persons over 75. For group rates, call 772-5067. For information, Midori: 5 [redacted]

**Chapter board meeting** — Wed, May 15, 7 pm.

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**Japanese community queen pageant** — Sat, May 25, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, 6th and Pine, 5 pm cocktails, 6 pm dinner, 8 pm pageant, 10:30 pm dance. \$40 per person, \$10 for pageant/dance with bid; \$12 at the door for pageant/dance. For information, call Jane at 7 (work).

**Nisei Vets Memorial Day service** — Mon, May 27, 10 am, Lake View Cemetery, 1554 15th Ave. E. Guest Speaker, Dr. John Ishii. For information: 885-5811.

**Asian Management Business Association educational seminar** — Thurs, May 30, 6 pm, AT&T Gateway Tower, 58th floor, 700 5th Ave. Guest speaker Assunta Ng, publisher of the Seattle Chinese Post. For information or reservations: Ron Choi, [redacted] or Jing Chen; [redacted].

**Nikkei Diabetes Health Fair** — Sat, June 1, 9 am - noon, Provi-

dence Hospital Conference Center. Progress report on diabetes study by Dr. Will Fujimoto, medical screening tests, discussion of health-related matters. Free admission and free parking and refreshments. For information: 543-5597.

**Doshi Kai meeting** — Tues, June 4, 6:30 pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant, [redacted].


**Nikkei community dance** — Sat, June 8, 8 - 11:30 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Admission: \$2. For information: 722-1160.



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