

Community Calendar 2008.04.01

Dear Friends,

- Coming up! **SD Dragon Boat Festival, Saturday, May 3rd at Playa Pacifica in Mission Bay Park, 9am-5pm**
Join Alliance and SD Dragon Boat Team as dragon boats and festivities return to San Diego Bay!

On land, immerse yourself in Asia! Celebrate Asian Pacific Islander music, dance, foods, art & heritage crafts!

On water, race with the dragons! Form your teams now. Registration fees for 16-paddler boats are \$500, or \$640 with 16 Festival t-shirts. Student teams \$320, IDs required. Registration forms at www.sdalliance.org.

Same-day, on-site training by SD Dragon Boat Team
No boats, paddles or experience needed.

- Also **ASIA Media's** gala to honor CA Sen. Leland Yee **Asian Heritage Awards, Saturday, May 10,**
At the Manchester Grand Hyatt in downtown San Diego
Nominations for achievement in 12 categories accepted through March 31, www.asianheritageawards.com
Tickets \$79, 619.521.8008, Ticket@AsianHeritageAwards.com

- And **SD Asian Film Foundation's** screening of *Planet B-Boy*,
Friday, March 28, 7pm or 9:15pm
Landmark's Ken Theatre, 4061 Adams Ave, SD 92116
Live b-boy performances before each show
Free after-party at Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Ave
SDAFF member price \$5, www.sdaff.org

Here's April in our richly multi-cultural San Diego:

1)

Sunday, March 30 – Monday, June 30

Museum of Contemporary Art SD Downtown presents
MAYA LIN: SYSTEMATIC LANDSCAPES at MCASD D'town
Jacobs Building, 1100 Kettner between Broadway & B St

Friday-Monday 11am-5pm, closed Tuesday
Wednesday, 11am-5pm, Thursday 11am-7pm
General admission \$10, military/seniors \$5
25 and under free; MCASD members free

Admission valid for 7 days at all MCASD locations
www.mcasd.org, info@mcasd.org, 858.454.3541

2)

Tuesday, April 1, 11:30am-12:30pm

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN demonstrates traditional Tea Ceremony in Exhibit House by licensed tea instructor Soryo Katayama Stott assisted by Junko Kawa, Chizu Kakitani, Takako Nishii Free with Garden admission, www.niwa.org
For info, Miho Ishida 619.232.2721, mihoi@niwa.org

3)

Thursday, April 3, 9pm PST (6pm Hawaii time)

Congratulations to Edieann Heali'i 'O Nalani Stanley, of San Diego's Halau 'O Heali'i/ Heali'i's Polynesian Revue, & Carson City's Halau 'O Lilinoe, chosen to compete in Miss Aloha Hula 2008 at the Merrie Monarch Festival, the World Cup and Olympics of hula!

Merrie Monarch Festival broadcast live on TV (in Hawaii) and the Internet worldwide on TheHawaiiChannel.com
Thursday April 3rd - Saturday April 6th.

Heali'i's Polynesian Revue will screen Miss Aloha Hula Night Thursday, April 3, 9pm, at 6749 Top Gun St, Suite 110, SD 92121
Come cheer for Edieann (Miss PIFA 2005) as she performs Kahiko and Auana; www.healiis.com, 858.450.3355

4)

Friday, April 4, 7 pm

SD Museum of Art & Museum of Contemporary Art SD co-present
MAYA LIN in 9th annual SDMA/MCASD Axline Lecture

MCASD La Jolla, Sherwood Auditorium
700 Prospect St, La Jolla 92037
MCASD/SDMA members free, \$7 non-members
www.mcasd.org, info@mcasd.org, 858.454.3541

5)

Saturday, April 5, Sunday, April 6, 11am-5pm

Lao New Year's Festival at Market Creek Plaza
310 Euclid Ave, SD 92114
(Near corner of Euclid Ave & Market St)
For more info, contact Vannasing Antoine Keodara

760.481.4338

6)

Saturday, April 5, 7:30pm

TERRY MATSUOKA with fellow singer-songwriters
Brenda Xu & Lindsey Yung at Milano Coffee Co
8685 Rio San Diego Dr, Mission Valley, SD 92108
<http://www.milanocoffeeco.com/>

7)

Sunday, April 6, 7-8pm

California Center for the Arts presents
SHIDARA TAIKO: Heart of the Immortal Mountain
11 performers, 3,000 lbs of drums
Traditional Taiko drumming, music & dance
from deep within the mountains of Japan

California Center for the Arts
340 N. Escondido Blvd, Escondido 92025
www.artcenter.org

8)

Monday, April 7, 10am-12pm

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN Balboa Park
Craft Club meets every 1st Monday to make items
from washi paper for sale for the Garden
Instructor Sandra Erbetta; \$5 members & non-members
www.niwa.org, mihoi@niwa.org, 619.232.2721

9)

Wednesday, April 9, 5-7pm

JAPAN SOCIETY of SD & TIJUANA
Meishi Mixer at Café Japengo
8960 University Center Lane, SD 92122
Evening of great appetizers, cocktails, networking
JSSDT members \$30, non-members \$40
www.japan-society.org, www.cafejapengo.com, 858.450.3355

10)

Saturday, April 12, Sunday, April 13, 9am-5pm

Celebrate LAO NEW YEAR at WAT LAO BOUPHARAM
Nang Sangkhan, parade, blessing from monks,
Baci ceremony around the flower tree,
Ceremony to tie white strings to wish good luck
Classical & folk Laotian dances
205 South 65th St at Skyline

Saturday, April 14, Sunday, April 15, 9 am – 5 pm
Lao New Year Celebration & Cultural Fair, 619.266.1717

11)

Saturday, April 12, 10am-12pm

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN Balboa Park
Oh Boy Origami! \$8 members & non-members
(No younger siblings accompanying please)
Instructor Lisa Koide Halverson
www.niwa.org, miho@niwa.org, 619.232.272

12)

Saturday, April 12, 7-9 pm

Terry Matsuoka plays Kirin on Point Loma,
4111 Voltaire St, Point Loma, SD 92107
Get loaded on sushi, sake and beer.

13)

Sunday, April 13, 9am-

METTA FOREST MONASTERY (Wat Mettavanaram)
Celebrates SONGKRAN, Thai New Year
At the Metta Forest Monastery,
13560 Muutama Lane, Valley Center 92082
www.watmetta.org, 619.813.8461

9 am Oms round, ceremony for refuge, precepts,
Chanting of blessing, Dhamma talk, potluck 10:30 am
Presentation of gifts to monks 12:30 pm
Monks chant blessings for ancestors
Water ceremony blessing 2 pm

14)

Sunday, April 13, 9am-

San Diego Buddhist Temple's
HANAMATSURI SERVICE (Flower Festival)
To celebrate Buddha's birthday
9am Kanbutsu (Sweet Tea Pouring) Ceremony
10am Hanamatsuri Service
12pm Hanamatsuri Potluck

SD Buddhist Temple, 2929 Market St, 92102
www.btsd.net, info@btsd.net, 619.239.0896

15)

Sunday, April 13, 10:30am-1:30pm

WAT BUDDHAPARAMEE celebrates
SONGKRAN, Thai-Cambodian-Laotian New Year
3785 Cherokee Ave, SD 92104
wbparamee@hotmail.com, 619.283.5145

Monks teach Dharma, ceremonies for good actions, 5 precepts,
Offer food and gifts to monks, blessings to ancestors,
Water blessings to monks, Buddha, common people

16)

Thursday, April 17, 7 pm

Filmmaker's Screening: Director Freida Lee Mock
introduces program and discusses making of
Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision
Academy Award winner Best Documentary Feature 1995

Museum of Contemporary Art SD Downtown
Copley Building, free with Museum admission
www.mcasd.org, info@mcasd.org, 858.454.3541

17)

Friday, April 18, 7 pm

Terry Matsuoka plays Kirin at Santee
Kirin, 8790 Cuyamaca Rd, Santee 92017
Come eat sushi and drink sake

18)

Saturday, April 19, 8:30am-1:30pm

FILIPINO AMERICAN EDUCATORS ASS'N, SD COUNTY
(FILAMEDA) presents
3rd annual Filipino America K-16 Education Summit
"Ensuring Your Student's Success – A Call to Achieve"
Hedencamp Elementary School
930 East Palomar, Chula Vista 91913

Event is free & includes breakfast & lunch
Register: genevieveesmende@filameda.org
619.417.2892

19)

Tuesday, April 22, 12pm-1:30pm

ASIAN BUSINESS ASS'N's April Rice Club Luncheon
Guest Speaker Derek J. Cartwright,
Executive Director, San Diego Museum of Art
Jasmine Seafood Restaurant, 4609 Convoy St, SD 92111

Members \$25, non-members \$35, door \$40
RSVP by April 18, www.abasd.org, 858.277.2822

20)

Wednesday, April 23, 5:30-8PM

ASIAN BUSINESS ASS'N

Mixer at the Catamaran Resort Hotel & Spa

Catamaran Resort Hotel & Spa

3999 Mission Boulevard, SD 92109

www.abasd.org, 858.277.2822

21)

Thursday, April 24, 6-7:30pm

Southwest Center for Asian Pacific American Law (SCAPAL)

in collaboration with UCSD's Community Law Project

presents free Community Law Clinic:

"CONSUMER LAW: Abuses & Overcharges by Utility Co's

at Montgomery Middle School, 2470 Ulric St, Linda Vista

Reps from UCAN (Utility Consumer Action Network) will speak

Spanish and Vietnamese translators available at clinic.

22)

Saturday, April 26

LINDA VISTA MULTI-CULTURAL FAIR & PARADE

In partnership with Bayside Community Center

Linda Vista Rd between Comstock & Ulric St, SD 92111

For info Marta Lester, Coordinator

marta@baysideecc.org, 619.715.3792

23)

Saturday, April 26, 10am-7pm

One Vision One Voice Filipino American Movement (OVOV)

Presents Fil-Am Trade and Cultural Expo

At Community Concourse, Golden Hall, 202C St

Free and open to the public

Celebrate "The Heart of a Community", showcasing businesses,

assets, talents, traditions & culture of SD's Filipino community;

Workshops, entertainment, job and career fairs

www.filamexpo.com, www.ovov.org

24)

Saturday, April 26, 2-3:30pm

Southwest Center for Asian Pacific American Law (SCAPAL)

at Fil-Am Expo presents "REDISTRICTING--WHAT IS THIS

AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO YOUR VOTING RIGHTS":

Panel of attorneys, professors & other professionals educate the public about redistricting and voting rights & how to improve political empowerment in SD's API community.

SCAPAL's co-sponsors of Redistricting Clinic are SD Alliance for Asian Pacific Islander Americans & One Vision One Voice.

25)

Saturday, April 26 or Sunday, April 27, 8:30am-3pm

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN Balboa Park presents

1-day seminar (Sat or Sun)

Principles of maple pruning technique, emphasizing spring maples

Instructor Yuki Nara; Continental breakfast & lunch provided

Fee \$60 member, non-member

www.niwa.org, mihoi@niwa.org, 619.232.2721

26):

Sunday, April 27, 10am-5pm

WAT BUDDHAJAKRAMONGKOLRATANARAM

Celebrates SONGKRAN, Thai New Year

Ceremonies to pour water on Buddha's statue,

Offer food and daily necessities to monks,

Festival with Thai food and festivities!

At the Temple, 139 W. 11th Ave, Escondido 92025

740.738.6165, 760.741.3459

Notes from the Community:

From **Lee Ann Kim**, SDAFF Executive Director, announces SD Asian Film Foundation's 4th Annual REEL VOICES program, paid internship for local high school students, Asian & non-Asian, to learn art of documentary filmmaking & make own documentary Students receive \$500 scholarship upon completion of internship Applications at <http://www.sdaff.org/education.php>, deadline April 25

Don't forget: ***Race with the Dragons!***

Alliance and SD Dragon Boat Team team up to sponsor

SD Dragon Boat Festival, Saturday, May 3, 9am-5pm

Playa Pacifica, Mission Bay Park, San Diego

Register teams by April 18; www.sdalliance.org

Stay well!

Sincerely,
Linda