

**February 6, and 7, 7:00 p.m.**

Okage Sama De

5th Avenue Cinema, 510 S.W. Hall St.,  
Portland

Through the history-based stories of five Japanese American men, Alton Takiyama-Chung explores the complexity of the Japanese American experience during World War II from the U.S. internment camps to the front lines in Europe and the Pacific. Alton Chung introduces the film and answers questions. Free with donation to Oregon Food Bank.

**February 8**

The Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland will hold its annual general membership meeting on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Ikoi-So Terrace. The address is 1550 SE Oak Grove Blvd. Milwaukie, OR 97214. Committee reports will review the activities and accomplishments of 2008. The Annual Banquet will also be on February 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Bush Garden Restaurant Downtown. Please make your reservations with H. Sakamoto (503) 233-2001, K. Endo (503) 654-3521 or H. Ueno (503) 253-3001.

**February 20 - March 8, 2009**

*Kodomo no Tame ni (For the Sake of the Children)*, new stories by performer and storyteller Alton Takiyama-Chung. Friday and Saturday evenings 8:00 p.m. Sunday Matinees 1:00 p.m. Hipbone Studio, 1847 East Burnside, Portland, OR  
www.hipbonestudio.com

## More than Just One Day of Remembrance

*President's Message by  
Jeff Selby*

Over the past years, your Portland JACL has sponsored and produced Day of Remembrance events to honor those whose lives were disrupted by Executive Order 9066. Those events not only shed light on the story of the Nikkei community's struggles for civil rights, but also all Americans.

This year, the Portland JACL will set aside not just one day for the Day of Remembrance, but rather a whole month of activities. I am pleased to announce that all of Oregon is focusing on the Nikkei community's fight for civil rights with the **Oregon Reads** program. Oregon Reads is a community reading program that will take place in nearly every public library and in every county in Oregon during the state's sesquicentennial, through April of 2009. The program organizers have chosen *Stubborn Twig* by Lauren Kessler as the official book of the Oregon 150 celebration.

*Stubborn Twig* chronicles three generations of the Yasui family in Hood River, Oregon. With the signing of Executive Order 9066, the Yasui family was forced to deal with racism, hatred, and incarceration. The story of this courageous family is an inspiration to all Americans and the Portland JACL could not be more proud that Yasui's story is the focus of the Oregon Sesquicentennial.

With most Oregon libraries participating in the program, it should be easy to get a copy of *Stubborn Twig* to read for yourself - I highly recommend it. You may also buy the book at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy

Center and area bookstores.

This newsletter lists many of the area's events to showcase the book *Stubborn Twig*. Please look it over and try to participate in as many activities as you can. You will certainly see many of your Portland JACL Board members there.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Please feel free to e-mail me anytime with comments, questions, or concerns at [jeff@aivcreative.com](mailto:jeff@aivcreative.com).

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Desert Sands Reception  
 Saturday, January 24, 1:00 p.m.

mohara with art from internment camps  
 January 24 - March 15, 2009

Photographs by Emily Hanako Mo-

*Through photography, I create my own*

*versions of the past as they relate to my current world. They are constructions, interpretations, illusions, and myths of what happened. The imagery is a personal journey of discovery and loss. - Emily Hanako Momohara*



# Oregon Buddhist Temple SPRING BAZAAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009

11:30 a.m. TO 3:30 p.m.  
 3720 S.E. 34th Avenue (at Powell)  
 Portland, Oregon 97202-3037

For more information call (503) 234-9456

Emily Hanako Momohara is a Sansei and Assistant Professor of Art, Photography at the Art Academy of Cincinnati. During World War II, her family was sent to Minidoka. She struggles to understand the legacy of that experience, and her journey to find this heritage is the springboard for her artwork.

*The physical remnants of the incarceration camp have become shrine-like in my mind. Sand, sagebrush, barbed wire, and pottery shards have replaced the stories that are lost from my family's experience. In the Desert Sands series, I have used sand in various ways to bury, build, obscure, and reveal the experience of my family members. This methodology refers to archaeology, burial and death, and the desolation of the desert. I use objects that symbolize the holes in my family stories: the Japanese culture my family was ashamed of during the war and incarceration. - Emily Hanako Momohara*

Her photography series *Desert Sands* will be on display January 24 through March 15, 2009. Accompanying *Desert Sands* will be a series of black and white photographs taken at the Minidoka site by Ms. Momohara, as well as an exemplary exhibition of art made by residents of Minidoka and Tule Lake.

In addition to her work as an artist, Ms. Momohara is chair of the Friends of Minidoka, a non-profit that supports the development of the Minidoka camp site. Everyone is cordially invited to a reception to meet Ms. Momohara and hear her share some remarks on her artwork. Admission: \$3.00, or free for members.

### Oregon Buddhist Temple Spring Bazaar Order Form

*Please return this order form by March 5, 2009*

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Mail to:  
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## High School Seniors: Scholarship Applications Due

The Japanese Graduation Banquet Scholarship Committee is seeking applicants for the 2009 Scholarships.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Portland JACL website, [www.pdxjacl.org](http://www.pdxjacl.org). All paperwork needs to be mailed to

Portland JACL,  
PO Box 86310,  
Portland, Or 97286

and postmarked by **March 2, 2009**.

Scholarship applicants or their parents must be members of one of the sponsoring organizations to be eligible to apply for community scholarships: Buddhist Daihonzan Henjyoji Temple, Epworth United Methodist Church, Gresham-Troutdale JACL, Japanese Ancestral Society, Nichiren Buddhist Temple, Nikkei Fujinkai, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Portland JACL, Shokookai or Veleda Club.

Student members of JACL are also eligible to apply for national JACL awards. These awards are for entering college freshman, continuing students, graduate students and for performing arts. Information about these can be obtained from the national JACL website: <http://www.jacl.org/edu/scholar.htm> All Nikkei graduating high school seniors are invited to

attend the annual Graduation Banquet held this year at the Multnomah Athletic Club on Sunday, May 3. Please contact Kim Kono, (503) 236-6811, [kim\\_kono@yahoo.com](mailto:kim_kono@yahoo.com) or Elaine Yurzuriha, (360) 253-9532 or [e.yurzuriha@comcast.net](mailto:e.yurzuriha@comcast.net)

## Nisei Vets Events 2009

### Sunday, May 3

Nikkei Community Graduation Banquet at the MAC Club, 5:00 p.m. Presentation of Oregon Nisei Veterans scholarships.

### Monday, May 25

Annual Community Memorial Day Service at the Japanese Cemetery at Rose City and Lone Fir Cemeteries starting at 1:00 p.m.

### Sunday, August 16

Nikkei Community Picnic, Oaks Park, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Sunday, November 8

Annual Veterans Day services at Rose

City Cemetery and Willamette National Cemetery beginning at 2:30 p.m. Banquet follows at the Chinese Village Restaurant.

### Sunday, December 6

Nisei Vets Christmas Party, Nichiren Buddhist Temple from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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# *Everybody Reads* Events

## January - March, 2009

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Portland JACL has teamed up with the Lake Oswego Library to support and co-sponsor events in the *Oregon Reads* program for 2009. Events are taking place in nearly every public library in Oregon during the state's sesquicentennial, February through April of 2009.

The selected book, *Stubborn Twig* by author Lauren Kessler, is the true story of three generations of a Japanese American family, spanning across the 20th century in Hood River, Portland and Eugene. Libraries across Oregon are participating in many Japanese cultural and civil rights activities that will bring us

Day of Remembrance events throughout February, March and April. Please take advantage of these events! Most of them are free to the public. This four page summary is a partial list of the events. More details can be found at these websites:

*Lake Oswego Library* - [www.ci.oswego.or.us/library/calendar/StubbornTwig.htm#Events](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/library/calendar/StubbornTwig.htm#Events)

*Multnomah County* - <http://www.multcolib.org/reads/familyprograms.html>

*Washington County* - [http://www.wcls.org/oregon\\_reads/2009/all.php](http://www.wcls.org/oregon_reads/2009/all.php)

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**Saturday, January 31, 2009, 12:30 p.m.**  
**Tigard Public Library**

**13500 SW Hall Blvd**

An afternoon of big band swing music by the **Minidoka Swing Band**, a taste of Japanese desserts and a viewing of the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center exhibit, **Window on a Community: Nikkei Farmers of the Hood River Area**. Receive your complimentary copy of *Stubborn Twig* while supplies last, courtesy of the Friends of the Tigard Library. (503) 684-6537

**Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Mitsuki Dazai, Japanese Koto Master**

**Lake Oswego Public Library, 706 4th Street**

Described by critics as "a most engaging performer," "a virtuoso player of rare sensibilities," and a musician who "to watch and hear her play is pure joy," Mitsuki Dazai presents her mastery of the koto. Ms. Dazai, currently teaching at Marylhurst College, has just completed two European tours, introducing audiences to koto music which ranges from centuries-old traditional music to contemporary. She has been a featured performer at many international music festivals and is an

innovative arranger and composer of koto music in many different styles.

**Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Mitzi Asai Loftus: A personal account of Japanese internment during World War II.**

**Oswego Heritage House, 398 10th Street**

Mitzi Asai Loftus, a Portland JACL member, will share the hardships she and her family were subjected to during the Second World War. Her parents immigrated to the United States from Japan early in the 20th century. Mitzi is one-hundred percent Japanese but American in terms of nationality because she was born in the United States.

**Friday, February 6 at 12:00 noon**

**Adult Community Center, 505 G Ave. Lake Oswego**

**Japanese Lunch**

The cost is \$4.00 for ages 60 and over, \$5.00 for those under 60. Reservations required, please call the Adult Community Center at (503) 635-3758. Enjoy a delicious Japanese meal and view a display of Japanese art and textiles at the Adult Community Center. The luncheon includes teriyaki chick-

en, steamed rice, broccoli, Asian slaw, cone sushi, rice crackers, and green tea ice cream.

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**Saturday, February 7, 2:30 p.m.**

**Gresham Library**

**Portland Taiko**

Share the dynamism of Asian cultures through the thundering taiko and rich folklore of Asia. Blending contemporary compositions with ancient tradition, this world class ensemble combines exuberant performance with audience interaction and participation.

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**Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**The Internment of Japanese Americans during WW II** St. Edwards Church 10990 NW 313th Ave, North Plains  
Henry Sakamoto, internee and Portland JAACL member, will speak from personal experience of the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII. Born and raised in Portland, he was a teenager in 1942 when he and his family were among the 3,700 persons of Japanese ancestry detained and confined behind barbed wire and under military guard at an assembly center now known as the Expo Center, before being taken to the Minidoka Internment Camp in Idaho. This was part of the total evacuation and internment of 112,581 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast of the United States, which included US citizens as well as legal immigrants. All this without being charged with a crime or given due process under the law. Mr. Sakamoto is president of Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland and co-founder of the Oregon Nikkei Endowment.

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Beaverton City Library (Auditorium)**  
12375 SW Fifth St., Beaverton  
**Japanese-American Experience in Oregon: Internment Camps and Beyond.**  
Presented by John Nakada of the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center. Registration is required, call (503) 350-4001.

**Wednesday, February 11 at 12:00 noon**  
**Lake Oswego Public Library, 706 4th Street**  
**Alton Chung, Japanese Storyteller**  
Alton Chung grew up with the stories, superstitions, and magic of the Hawaiian Islands. This, combined with his Japanese and Korean roots, gives him a unique

perspective from which to tell cultural tales and personal stories with a deep sense of reverence and authenticity. Alton shares true stories of Japanese Americans during World War Two. He will explore what it was like for the Issei and the Nisei (first and second generation Japanese-Americans) in Hawaii and in the continental United States. These stories offer a glimpse into the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, the internment camps, and the creation of the all Japanese-American 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which for its size and duration of service is the most highly decorated unit in the history of the US Military.

**Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Author Lauren Kessler speaks**  
**Lake Oswego High School Auditorium**  
2501 Country Club Rd.

*\*\*Free, but tickets are required\*\**

The Lake Oswego Public Library is happy to announce that **Lauren Kessler** will be speaking at the Lake Oswego High School Auditorium, 2501 Country Club Rd. in Lake Oswego on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. This event is for high school age, college age, and adults. Admission is free but a ticket is required for this event. Tickets will be available at the Lake Oswego Public Library starting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 24. There will be a two ticket per person limit and a Lake Oswego library card is required. Note: the tickets will be valid until 15 minutes before the event begins on February 11. We expect a waiting list and suggest that you arrive early. Seating is first come, first served.

**Friday, February 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Film night: Tampopo**  
**North Plains Senior Center**  
30955 NW Commercial St.

Truck drivers Goro and Gun are in search of some good eats and run into a widow who is trying to run a ramen shop. Unfortunately, she's not doing too well so Goro and some unlikely guides offer her some sage advice and help her on her way to becoming a true ramenista. The story is punctuated with some vignettes about the social aspects of eating and our behavior with food. In Japanese with English subtitles.

**Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Cornelius Public Library (503) 357-4093**  
1355 N Barlow Street, Cornelius  
**Kick-off Celebration of Oregon's 150th Birthday**

Children will love the antics of BJ the Clown, while teens make candy "sushi" and adults can sign up for the book discussion group of the statewide book read of *Stubborn Twig*. Early participants will receive a free copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

**Saturday, February 14, noon,**  
**Central Library, U.S. Bank Room**  
801 S.W. 10th Avenue, Portland  
**Kimono Workshop**

There are many rules to wearing a kimono. A member of the Wakai Tea Association will show you how.

**Sunday, February 15, 1:30 p.m.**  
**Northwest Library**  
2300 N.W. Thurman St., Portland  
503.988.5560

**Fujinami-Kai**  
Enjoy a performance of traditional Japanese dance called "Buyo" by Portland's Fujinami-Kai School of Dance.

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**Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Joan Yasui Emerson speaks**

**Remembrances of a Sansei Granddaughter**  
**Lake Oswego Public Library, 706 4th Street**  
Joan Yasui Emerson, Masuo Yasui's first grandchild and a Portland JACL member, will speak about how the Japanese-American internment affected her family, other Japanese Americans and also people in Japan. She will discuss how fears were dealt with, what lessons were learned and how prejudice affects everyone. Joan is the daughter of Chop and Mikie Yasui and was born at Tule Lake Internment Camp on July 29, 1942. After attending grade school and high school in Hood River, Oregon, she went on to graduate from the University of Oregon with a degree in Sociology. Pursuing a career in social work, she received a Masters Degree from Bryn Mawr in Pennsylvania. She retired to Hood River, Oregon and is active in many community organizations. In February, 2007, Joan organized a Day of Remembrance in Hood River to address the silence about what happened during the war. She expected 50 people to attend and over 800 came from all over the region.

**Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Constitution in a Time of War:**

**The Trial of Minoru Yasui**

**Readers' Theater with slides**

**Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 State Street, Lake Oswego**

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. The relocation process began with orders imposing a nighttime curfew on all persons of Japanese ancestry. Within hours after the curfew took effect, a young Japanese-American lawyer, Minoru

Yasui, began walking the streets of Portland to challenge the military orders. He was indicted for violating the curfew and was prosecuted in federal court. A readers' theater group with slides will re-enact portions of the Yasui trial.

*Sponsored by Oregon Minority Lawyers Association*

**Wednesday, February 18, 2009 7:00 p.m.**

**Cedar Mill Community Library**

**12505 NW Cornell Road, Portland (503) 644-0043**

**Reading by Oregon Poet Laureate**

**Lawson Inada**

Lawson Inada will read from his own poetry about his family's time in the internment camps. The WWII interment experiences depicted in Lauren Kessler's *Stubborn Twig* will also be recognized.

**Thursday, February 19, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

**Smith Memorial Center, Room 294,**

**1825 S.W. Broadway, Portland**

**The History of Racism in Oregon**

Join us on the National Day of Remembrance of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the internment of Japanese American citizens during World War II. Explore Oregon's complicated historical relationship to racial and cultural difference with **Patti Sakurai**, professor of ethnic studies at Oregon State University; **Darrell Millner**, professor of black studies at Portland State University; and **Randy Blazak**, professor of sociology at Portland State University. Oregon historical artifacts provided by local collector Kevin Thomas.

**Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Cornelius Public Library**

**1355 N Barlow Street, Cornelius**

**Karate Demonstration**

Observe an energetic demonstration of the martial arts where

morals, respect, health and leadership are part of the experience.

**Saturday, February 21, 11:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Graham's Book and Stationery**

**460 Second St, Lake Oswego**

**Brush Calligraphy and Japanese Green Tea**

Watch a calligraphy demonstration and sample award-winning green tea at Graham's Book and Stationery on Saturday, February 21. Calligraphy uses brushes to bring art to wordplay. Individuals will be given an opportunity to try their hand on the magical "Buddha" boards. Sample the world's best blended green tea of 2008. The son of a Japanese tea master will tell the stories behind the teas of Sen cha, Joji cha and Genmai cha. Join in a delightful new tasting experience!

**Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.**

**Cedar Mill Community Library**

**12505 NW Cornell Road, Portland**

**Ikebana Demonstration and Japanese Tea Ceremony**

**Julie Nakao and Masae Wright** will share the Japanese theory of flower arranging, known as ikebana, which holds the philosophy that flowers brighten, color, and give life to our environment. The traditional tea ceremony is an elegant and simple practice incorporating many of the arts of Japan.

**Sunday, February 22, 2:00 p.m.**

**Fairview-Columbia Library**

**1520 N.E. Village Street**

**The Art of Anime and Manga: Japanese-Style Animation and Cartoon Drawing**

Learn how to draw your favorite Japanese anime character, such as Pikachu and Totoro, and get general tips on how to draw Japanese-style cartoon characters.

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**Monday, February 23 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Lake Oswego Public Library, 706 4th Street  
Bonsai Demonstration**

**Dr. Ron Hillenbrand** brings twenty years of experience raising and training bonsai trees in Lake Oswego to a presentation, Monday, February 23 at Lake Oswego Library, 1:30 p.m. Dr. Hillenbrand is a retired oral and maxillofacial surgeon who is a member of the Bonsai Society of Portland, and is a former member and past president of the East Bay Bonsai Society in the San Francisco Bay area. He currently has 30 trees, of different species, under cultivation. His presentation will cover the art of bonsai.

**Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.**

**Hollywood Library  
4040 N.E. Tillamook Street  
Shakuhachi Performance**

Moonbridge recording artist and producer **Larry Tyrrell** is a composer and accomplished player of the shakuhachi. Enjoy a musical demonstration of the shakuhachi, a Japanese bamboo flute.

**Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.**

**A Nisei in World War II  
Stafford-A Boutique Retirement Center  
1200 Overlook Drive, Lake Oswego**

Lake Oswego resident and Portland JACL member **Ken Yaguchi** has a fascinating story to tell. He was a high school senior when Japan attacked the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii naval base in December, 1941. Shortly thereafter, Japanese American men like Yaguchi were categorized as 4C (non-draftable) and Japanese American families were forced to live in concentration camps. When the government later reversed its former decision and permitted Japanese Americans to join the military,

Yaguchi volunteered. He joined the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team and fought in Italy, France, and Germany. Yaguchi shares his personal experiences in this not-to-be-missed presentation that will bring the historical period to life for the audience.

**Saturday, February 28 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Japanese Market Co-Sponsored by Portland JACL, West End Building, 4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego**

Speakers: **Virginia Euwer Wolff: 11:00 a.m.**

**Deborah Hopkinson: 2:00 p.m.**

**Sushi Demonstrations: At 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.**

Virginia Euwer Wolff is the author of *Bat 6*, Deborah Hopkinson is the author of *Apples to Oregon*.

Please join us at this special event in honor of the Lake Oswego Reads book, *Stubborn Twig*. Browse through unique treasures from silk scarves and jewelry to bonsai trees and bamboo wares. Share a cup of traditional tea as you enjoy the splendor of the market. Sample delightful delicacies from Japanese restaurants and enjoy the excitement of traditional music and dance. Bring the whole family and learn to master the art of origami. This event offers a truly unique educational and fun experience for the whole family. Lake Oswego culinary instructor **Barb Randall** will present "Sushi 101" for those interested in learning more about the popular Japanese food. Learn about the ingredients used, and tools and specific techniques used to create this beautiful, artful food.

**Saturday, February 28, 11:00 a.m.**

**Capitol Hill Library 10723 S.W. Capitol Highway**

**Saturday, February 28, 2 p.m.**

**Gresham Library 385 N.W. Miller Avenue  
Eth-Noh-Tec**

**Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo** of Eth-Noh-Tec weaves together music and rhythmic dialogue to inspire the imagination and bring stories to life. Hear *Tricksters in the Family Tree* about three generations of the Kikuchi family. This story illuminates the question, "What is an American?"

**Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Cornelius Public Library  
1355 N Barlow Street, Cornelius  
Origami**

Learn to create a beautiful and intricate work of art through the traditional Japanese art of paper folding.

**Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Garden Home Community Library  
7475 SW Oleson Road, Portland  
A Special Screening of the Film, On Paper Wings, with filmmaker Ilana Sol**

In the spring of 1945, a Japanese balloon bomb claimed the lives of the only people killed on the continental US as the result of enemy action during WWII. Forty years later, the decision to fold a thousand paper cranes would unite the Japanese and American civilians who were involved in and affected by this incident. *On Paper Wings* is the story of four Japanese women who worked on balloon bombs, the families of those killed in the U.S., and the man whose actions brought them all together forty years after WWII, and the balloon bomb project. Films are free and open to the public.