



PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Now thru December 31, 2018

Righting a Wrong

National Museum of American History

October 7, 11:30 p.m.

Sukiyaki Bazaar
Oregon Buddhist Temple

October 20, 7 p.m.

No No Boy Concert
Oregon Buddhist Temple
\$10 donation requested

October 21, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

JACL/CACA Sponsored
Ballot Measure Conversation
and Light Supper
Oregon Buddhist Temple

October 21, 7 p.m.

Portland Taiko Concert
Sticks & Strings
Lincoln Hall, PSU

October 27, 9:30 a.m.

PNW District Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Chehalis, WA

October 28, 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Fall Bazaar
Epworth United Methodist
Church

November 1-3

*Contested Histories: Art
and Artifacts from the Allen
Hendershott Eaton Collection*
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

November 4

Daylight Savings Time Ends

MIDTERM ELECTIONS AND BALLOT MEASURES

by Jean Yamamoto, Portland JACL Co-Secretary

I don't know about you but it seems this year is zooming by really quickly. It is already Fall which means crisp weather and returning rains, pumpkin spice everything, Halloween candy, and most importantly, General Election Day is right around the corner. To be prepared here are some important dates to mark on your Portland JACL calendar:

- October 16: Last day to register to vote in the General Election
- October 21: Portland JACL/Chinese American Citizen Alliance (CACA) Ballot Measure Forum, 3:00 pm, Oregon Buddhist Temple. Refreshments served.
- November 6: General Election Day!

In order to register to vote in Oregon you must be a US citizen, an Oregon resident, and older than 18 years of age by November 6. It's easy to register online at the Oregon Secretary of State website if you have an Oregon driver's license or ID card. If you do not have either you can fill out a voter registration form at your county elections office. If you previously registered you should make sure your information is up to date, especially if you've moved since Oregon is a vote by mail state.

Voting by mail is easy and convenient but I have to admit I sometimes miss the ritual of walking to a polling place and stepping into the booth behind the red and white striped canvas and marking my ballot. I used to walk over

to Manoa Elementary School with my parents while they voted and many years later took my boys to a neighbor's garage in Granada Hills to cast my ballot. Now it'll be just me and my husband voting at the kitchen table with the Voter Pamphlet and a cup of tea nearby. I hope my boys will be voting in their homes as I also hope all my fellow JACLers will be too.

Historically we know that non-presidential mid term elections have lower turnouts. The last mid term election in 2014 had just 70.90% of registered voters voting in Oregon. This is compared to 80.33% in 2016. In my opinion this is still a very low turnout for exercising the privilege of participating in our democracy. I think back on my grandmother who immigrated from Japan in 1918 but was ineligible to apply for citizenship until after World War II. One of her proudest moments was when she finally became an American citizen in 1960 on her sixtieth birthday.

Even if we are not voting for president this year there are many other races and ballot measures we will be making decisions on. We will be electing our Governor, State Senators and Representatives, US Representatives as well as city, county, and Metro electeds and judges. Local and state politics are important and are just as impactful as national politics.

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Research the candidates by looking at their voting records, past statements or coverage on issues you care about, endorsements by trusted people and organizations who share your values, and debates or town halls if those are available.

This year there are five statewide ballot measures, a Metro bond measure, two City of Portland measures, Riverdale Fire District levy, and two Lake Oswego charter amendments. At the JACL/CACA Ballot Measure forum on October 21, a nonpartisan, neutral party will be explaining the measures and answering your questions. We urge everyone to come and learn more about what these measures are, how they could affect you and to help inform your vote. Look forward to seeing you there!

Be an Informed Voter

Learn about the upcoming election

October 21, 2018, 3:00 to 5:30p.m.

Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave



A **ballot measure** is a piece of proposed legislation to be approved or rejected by eligible voters.

Join the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and the Portland Japanese American Citizens League to learn about Oregon ballot measures followed by a light supper and conversation. Please let us know if you are coming. RSVP by October 18 to Marleen Wallingford at 503-927-2766 or marleen@pdxjacl.org





Washington County Museum



NEW EXHIBIT:

AgriCulture: Shaping Land and Lives in the Tualatin Valley

Exhibit open through Spring, 2019

At Washington County Museum, located on the PCC Rock Creek Campus: 17677 NW Springville Rd., Portland, OR, 97229

The Washington County Museum is excited to announce a new exhibit, *AgriCulture: Shaping Land and Lives in the Tualatin Valley*, which will be open to the public from September 27th, 2018 through spring 2019. Visitors to this dynamic, colorful exhibit will be able to touch, hear, see and learn about agriculture and the many ways it impacts our communities. Since time immemorial people in the Tualatin Valley have used their labor and technology to maximize the amount of nourishing food and valuable plant products that grow in this fertile area. Those efforts have re-formed human habits and social structures as well as the physical landscape.

This interactive exhibit centers on eight oral histories drawn from the museum's archive housed within Pacific University's digital exhibits. These individuals, some historic and some contemporary, speak to the field of agriculture through their personal experiences and the experiences of their families and ancestors. Together they become a dialogue across time, culture and technology that highlights many facets of agriculture's impact on us all.

"So many different cultural groups have participated in food and resource cultivation over the history of the Tualatin Valley that we knew we could not create a single narrative for this exhibit that could reflect them all," says Molly Alloy, Community Engagement Coordinator for the museum and Guest Curator of this exhibit. "Our hope is that by letting individual voices express different perspectives on agriculture we can show that the industry as a whole impacts each of us, but in different ways."

The Exhibit features the personal narratives of:

Vlasta Becvar Barber
Bertony Faustin
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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Above: Seattle JACL holds their annual dinner on September 7th. Pictured above are Keynote Speaker Shota Nakajima, Chef of Adona Restaurant, and Emcee Bridgette Takeuchi, CEO of Keiro NW besides Governor Chip Larouche and past Governor Sheldon Arakaki. Photo by Setsy Larouche



Above: Setsy and Chip visit with Portland JACL life members Homer & Miki Yasui who now live in Seattle to be near their children. They are both doing great, but they admit that they miss Portland!



Below: Portland JACL participated in a Cultural Fair in Ridgefield Washington. Volunteers Linda Yogi, Cherie Yokota and Sandy Tashima helped at our booth along with Gary Terusaki and Connie Masuoka who are not in the photo. Included in the festivities was a performance by the Takohachi Taiko group.



Below: The Nikkei Community says farewell to Alice Sumida. First at her grave site service at the Skyline cemetery followed by her memorial service at the Oregon Buddhist Temple.



Unite People's Holiday Wreath Sale

Get ready for the Holidays and reduce your stress by pre-ordering winter greenery to decorate your home or office.

Let us help you decorate your home or business by ordering from our lovely selection of wreaths and holiday decorations. The proceeds help Unite People fund projects for the community

Your Name

Phone number

Mixed wreaths with berries	Qty	Price	Total
12 inch		\$20.00	
16 inch		\$26.00	
20 inch		\$32.00	
Door Swag		\$15.00	
Candy Cane Style		\$20.00	
15 foot Garland		\$20.00	
Red Bow		\$ 5.00	
Mizuhiki		\$ 5.00	
Total			_____

Deadline to order is November 10, 2018

Pick-up date:
Sunday, December 2, 2017
from 11-2pm
at Epworth United Methodist

Mail this form to:
Unite People
6305 E Burnside
Portland, OR 97215

Please make checks payable to UNITE PEOPLE

2018 Nikkei Community Picnic

Photos by Reflections Photography/Curtis Suyematsu



This year we
had Taiko and
Kendo...and
always chicken!



Prizes for everyone,
young and old including
special kids favors from
Hannah Honma!



2018 Nikkei Community Picnic

By Connie Masuoka, Portland JACL Board Member

Found at the Nikkei Community Picnic – A women's ring and nice sunglasses

Contact Connie 503 318 5839 with a description to claim.

Although summer has technically come to a close, and we are now looking to the colors of autumn, I would like to take a few moments to report on the Annual Nikkei Community Picnic. Sunday, August 19 was a "Goldilocks" day for the Picnic, not too hot, not too cold it was just right. A perfect picnic day under the big tent at Oaks Park, 15 organizations and churches hosted what is largest Nikkei Picnic West of the Rockies with close to 500 people in attendance.

There was lots of terrific food and as always the sushi and spam musubi went out first. Oaks Park Special fried chicken was as I was told "finger licking good" and there was a huge array of (many looked to be homemade) of noodle, vegetable, salad dishes and lots of desserts. This year we had a trifecta of entertainment starting with a judo demonstration by Obukan, followed by a rousing performance by Portland Taiko and topped off by the "Don Don Dons" performing an Obon dance song where everyone was invited to dance. We rounded out the afternoon with ice cold organic watermelon and artisan shave ice made to order. And as always there is bingo and a fabulous raffle. This year was a little challenging as the sound system died and the callers started to lose their voices at the end. And the kids were given rides bracelets and allowed enjoy the carnival rides on the midway.

With Gratitude

Ota Family Tofu, Hannah Honma, Ken and Katie Kawazoe, Bill and Ida Sugahiro, Mae Hirata, Terry Kawamoto, Kay Endo, Dr. Jim and Amy Tsugawa, Mariko Locke, Ernie Takeda, Janet Kakishita, Gordon Osaka, Dr. Ray Onchi, Kurtis Inouye, Michelle Sugahiro, Chip and Setsy Larouche, Dr. Aimee Fujioka and Alexander Scribner, Wendy and Mark Schuares, Ron Iwasaki, Dr. Dale Ogata, Yoji and Martha Matsushima, Dr. Lisa Kakishita, Rich Iwasaki, Koida Nursery, Iwasaki Bros, Inc, True World Foods, Tomoko Watanabe JFC International, Wisemattac, Uwajimaya and all those who purchased raffle tickets; thank you so much for supporting the 2018 Annual Nikkei Community Picnic with your cash and item donations. It is the support of these individuals and companies that make it possible to have the extras that makes the Picnic outstanding.

And the Picnic would not be possible or as long lived without the support and leadership of our churches and organizations – Portland JACL, Gresham-Troutdale, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Johrei Fellowship, Epworth Methodist Church, Nikkei Fujin Kai, Japanese Ancestral Society, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Inc., Oregon Hiroshima Club, Velea Club, Nichiren Buddhist Temple, Oregon Nikkei Endowment, Portland Taiko, Ikoi no Kai Lunch Program, and Obukan Dojo. They make the Nikkei Community Picnic the event of the summer. It is their support and belief in community that allows us to produce this event annually.

It is great to see that the Nikkei community is robust, healthy and growing and willing to participate and support a bonding event where they can meet old friends, make new friends and create great memories for children and grandchildren. Please help us to maintain this great tradition of our community by marking your calendars and joining us **Sunday, August 18, 2019** for the best Nikkei Picnic in the West.

If you enjoyed the Picnic consider joining us for the 5th Annual Nikkei Winter Holiday Party on Saturday, December 8 at the Oregon Buddhist Temple basement at 5pm.



EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FALL BAZAAR

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018

11:30am - 2:30pm

ASIAN FOOD, BAKE SALE, RUMMAGE SALE, & PRODUCE SALE

Please use the following order form and make checks payable to Epworth United Methodist Church.
Please mail by Oct. 23. to: *Epworth United Methodist Church*
1333 SE 28th Avenue
Portland, OR 97214
Phone #: (503)232-5253

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Teriyaki Beef Bowl	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Chicken Udon	\$8.00	_____	\$ _____
Chowmein	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Inarizushi	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$ _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

e-mail _____

You may pick up your tickets on the day of the bazaar at the Pre-Sale ticket area.

All proceeds benefit Epworth United Methodist Church.

CONTESTED HISTORIES

Art and Artifacts from the Allen Hendershott Eaton Collection



Coming to Portland!



JAPANESE AMERICAN
NATIONAL MUSEUM

On display at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

November 1-3, 2018

121 NW 2nd Avenue, Portland

Thursday Only! Free Admission & Special Hours: November 1st , 11am-6pm

Friday & Saturday Hours: 11am-3pm

Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 students/seniors, free for *Friends of O.N.E.*

Allen Hendershott Eaton's historic 1952 book, *Beauty Behind Barbed Wire: The Arts of the Japanese in Our War Relocation Camps*, explored arts and crafts created by Japanese Americans while wrongfully incarcerated in the World War II American concentration camps. In the course of conducting research for the book, Eaton amassed a significant personal collection of artifacts.

After many years of lying forgotten in storage, the collection was put up for auction. An outcry arose from the Japanese American community, who rallied successfully to stop the insensitive sale of these important artifacts of Japanese American history. Ultimately, the collection was transferred to the Japanese American National Museum for safekeeping.

The *Contested Histories* display includes physical or digital representations of objects in the Eaton collection: photographs, sculptures, artwork, and other items handmade by Japanese Americans. In addition to providing an opportunity to see the collection that inspired such strong emotions and decisive actions, *Contested Histories* is **intended to gather as much information about each object so that the efforts to preserve and catalog the collection can be as complete as possible**. People are encouraged to share information they know or remember about the objects, including who or what is depicted in the many photos.



OREGON NIKKEI ENDOWMENT
121 NW 2nd Ave Portland OR 97209

www.oregonnikkei.org
www.janm.org/exhibits/contested-histories

2018 Sukiyaki Bazaar

Sunday, October 7, 2018, from 11:30am-3:30pm

Oregon Buddhist Temple 3720 SE 34th Ave., Portland, OR 97202

Fall is fast approaching and we are seeing cooler weather and the warm meal of sukiyaki. This year's Sukiyaki Bazaar will again comfort you with familiar foods, familiar company, and familiar surroundings. Come and enjoy the delicious, warm and soothing sukiyaki with fresh tofu courtesy of Ota Tofu Company. Our chow Mein and chicken bento are always crowd favorites. Cultural displays will be set up to enjoy and reflect upon. Omiyage (gifts) will be tastefully presented for your shopping pleasure and snacks will be for sale by our own Dharma School to help support the young ones and teach them about working together. We look forward to seeing old friends, meeting new friends and coming to dine at this annual fall fundraiser.

To put on this Sukiyaki Bazaar, we would love to have your help! You are welcome to come and learn food preparation from 9am Thursday, 10/4, Friday, 10/5 and Saturday, 10/6. End times will vary, so call if you can only come in the afternoon. Thank you in advance for your time, dedication, and generosity, but mostly for coming to visit with friends and family and to enjoy the delicious Sukiyaki Dinner in support of Oregon Buddhist Temple.

Carolyn Saiget and Elaine Yuzuriha (360)513-0315

SUKIYAKI BAZAAR ORDER FORM

Pre-Ordering is highly recommended

You may also pre-order at www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com using credit card.

Item	Price	To Go Qty.	Dine In Qty.	Total Qty.	Total \$ Amount
Beef Sukiyaki	\$14				
Vegetarian Sukiyaki	\$14				
Chicken Bento	\$10				
Chow Mein	\$8				
Total \$:					

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to and mail to: Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Avenue
Portland, OR 97202-3037

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Ikoi no Kai, October 2018

1333 SE 28th, 503-238-0775

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Hoisin pork <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	2 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Korean beef and noodles	3 X	4 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Tempura udon/bean sprt salad (ND) <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	5 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Orange chicken (JY)
8 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Clam chowder/somen salad <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	9 <i>Fujinkai Board: 10:30</i> <i>Blood Pressure: 11:15</i> <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Ginger chicken & tofu	10 X	11 <i>Sing Along: 11:30</i> Fish & shrimp fry/potato salad (ND) <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	12 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Chinese sticky rice (HT)
15 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <i>Ohana Lunch Bunch</i> Tonkatsu (KA) <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	16 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Sweet & sour chicken (KA)	17 X	18 <i>Qi Gong: 11:00</i> Chicken karaage/somen salad (ND) <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	19 <i>Rick March on mandolin</i> <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Panang curry (JY)
22 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <i>Kathryn Work on piano</i> Crispy beef Bibimbap <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	23 <i>Sage Circle: 10:30</i> <i>Blood Pressure: 11:15</i> <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Ray & Paul's halibut & chips*	24 X	25 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Kurokke (RS) <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	26 X Closed for Bazaar (HT)
29 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Birthday sushi <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	30 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Roast pork/yakisoba	31 X		

Cooks: Sharon Ogata M-Tu except Oct 25-16-Kyoko Adcock

Noriko Dozono, Th except Oct 25-Rieko Shimada, Fr-Judy Yamauchi & Haruyo Takei

Oct 9: Fujinkai Board: 10:30

Oct 11: Sing Along with Reiko & Jerry: 11:30

Oct. 15: Ohana Lunch Bunch: 11:30

Oct. 19: Rick March on Mandolin

Oct 22: Kathryn Work on piano

Oct 23: Ray & Paul's halibut fish & chips: \$8, Reservations required

Oct 23: Sage Circle: 10:30

Mo, Tu & Fr-Chair Exercises w/Nobuko Kaji; Th- Qi Gong w/Kathleen Kuba:11:30

Blood pressure with Jane Kawashima: Oct. 9 & 23



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