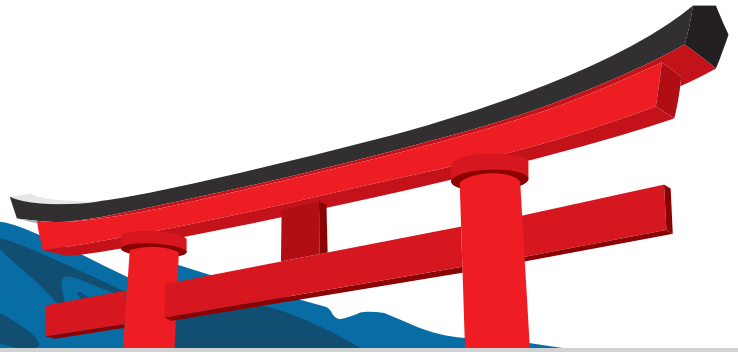




PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

Portland JACL - Supporting Civil Rights Since 1928



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Board Member MESSAGE

We Know What Happens When the Government Tests the Boundaries of Our Humanity

As a Japanese American, and a granddaughter of Eiko and Ray—incarcerees who were unjustly imprisoned during World War II— I carry the stories of what our government is capable of when fear is weaponized and silence is exploited.

When I see the current federal administration invoke wartime laws to bypass due process, when I see states collaborate with federal agencies to surveil and detain vulnerable communities, I am reminded of how it started for our JA families. They didn't build the camps overnight. First, they normalized suspicion and surveillance. Then, they separated fathers from families. Then, they gave the public enough distractions, enough rationalizations, to look the other way while families were loaded onto buses and trains to incarceration camps.

Our community has seen this playbook before. That is why our vigilance is not optional—it is a moral imperative.

We KNOW the danger of gradual escalation. We know how quickly people become desensitized to injustices when they're framed as "security measures." We know how easy it is for Americans—good, everyday people—to be convinced that locking up a neighbor is

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 3

Plaza Clean-up

Japanese American Historical Plaza | 8am - 12pm

August 6

Never Again: Art Speaks When Words Fail

Japanese American Historical Plaza | 6pm - 7pm

August 9

Sadako and the Paper Cranes Artists Talk

220 PDX Building | 1pm

August 17

Nikkei Community Picnic

Oaks Park | 12pm - 5pm

September 5

Portland Taiko Farm Festival

Triskelee Farm | 4pm - 7pm

September 27

All of Us: Symposium on Immigration and Civil Rights

First Congregational Church | 10am - 4pm

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justified “just this once,” if it is in the name of safety.

But us Japanese Americans also know how deeply it wounds a country to betray its own. We live with that legacy— it lives within my body.

Today, I am using my platform as the very first Asian American woman to serve on Portland City Council—unanimously elected by my colleagues to serve as the first Council Vice President—to fight for truth, humanity, and dignity for everyone. That means being unapologetic in drawing the connections between what happened to our community during WWII and what is happening now to so many others. It means rejecting the politics of fear and surveillance. It means insisting that our city and our state take action to resist federal overreach, and to protect the people most targeted by injustice.

As members of the Portland JACL, we all hold a particular power and responsibility. Our families lived through this kind of state violence. That gives us the moral authority—and the obligation—to say “NO! Not again. Not in our name.”

We don’t need to wait for a perfect moment to speak up. We just need to remember who we are, where we come from, and how dangerous it is to normalize injustice, even in small doses.

My Grandma Eiko and Grandpa Ray didn’t get to stop what happened to them. But we might be able to stop it from happening to someone else. That’s the legacy I want to build. That’s the legacy we can build.

In love and solidarity,

Tiffany Koyama Lane
Portland JACL Board Member
Portland City Council Vice President



❖ Sadako & Paper Cranes Artists Talk ❖

August 9 @ Japanese American Museum of Oregon

Artists Erin Shigaki, Lynn Yarne, Marie Okuma Johnston and Maya McDarragh will talk about their pieces that are currently on view at the Japanese American Museum of Oregon as part of the exhibition Paper Cranes: Through Our Eyes, followed by a question-and-answer session. The talk will take place at the 220 building, a few blocks from JAMO. Afterwards, attendees are invited to walk over to the museum for an opportunity to view the artwork in person and converse with the artists.

Lamb-Baldwin Foundation.

Sadako & Paper Cranes Artists Talk

Saturday, August 9, 1-2pm

220 PDX Building

(220 NW 2nd Ave, Portland, OR 97209)

Free to Attend

Please Register Here:

jamo.org/event/sadako-artists

This program is generously supported by The George and Sakaye Aratani CARE Award and UCLA's Asian American Studies Center and the

Sadako & PAPER CRANES: THROUGH OUR EYES
April 26-Sept 7, 2025

JAPANESE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF OREGON
AT KATO CENTER

“All of Us”: A Symposium on Immigration and Civil Rights

With presentations by Tina Ching, Peggy Nagae, Danny Santos, Fay Stetz-Waters, and Daniel Tichenor.

Saturday, September 27, 2025
10AM – 4PM

First Congregational Church
(1126 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR 97205)

**Doors open at 9:30am; lunch break
from 12:15pm–2pm**

Free and open to the public

Register Here:
orhs.ejoinme.org/allorus

Notions of belonging, rooted in debates about who is entitled to the freedoms promised by the United States of America, are central to actions being debated in Congress and courthouses today. OHS’s new exhibition, *The Yasui Family: An American Story*, features family members’ shared commitment to equal justice through engagement with the local, state, and national forces that determined — and withheld — their civil rights. American-born U.S. citizen Minoru Yasui was fond of saying: “what is done to the least of us can be done to all of us.”

The “All of Us” public symposium offers historical and legal context to debates about immigration and civil rights, focusing on two policies: the 1798 Act Respecting Alien Enemies and HB 2314 of the 1987 Oregon State Legislature, which made Oregon a sanctuary state. Speakers include legal scholars, historians, and advocates with firsthand experience.

Expected Schedule:

In the morning session (10am–12:15pm),

Peggy Nagae and Dan Tichenor will discuss the history of the Alien Enemies Act.

In the afternoon session (2pm–4pm) Tina Ching, Fay Stetz-Waters, and Danny Santos will discuss the history of Oregon’s sanctuary law. In both sessions, presenters will discuss the political and social contexts for the creation of these laws, political and legal changes and challenges, and the status of current, relevant court cases. The audience will be invited to ask questions in both sessions.

All presentations will be recorded, and edited versions may be published in a future issue of the Oregon Historical Quarterly.

Participants are encouraged to visit OHS (next door to the First Congregational Church) to visit *The Yasui Family: An American Story*; museum hours are 10am to 5pm.



Hiroshima & Nagasaki Memorial
Japanese American Historical Plaza,
Portland OR
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
6:00pm-7:00pm



Never Again:

Art Speaks

Where Words Fail -
Art's Enduring Protest
80 Years Later

To find more info
or donate scan
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Oaks Park, picnic areas 11-13
behind the big roller coaster

**Food, Fun, Rides for the kids, Raffle Prizes
Entertainment: Portland Taiko, Sumo demo**

Provided at no cost:

- Fried chicken and vegan entree
- Watermelon and shave ice
- Water
- Games, prizes and ride bracelets (kids high school aged and younger-must be pre-ordered)

Please bring a dish to share. To ensure variety, please use the guide below, depending on your last name:

A-Ki: rice or noodle dish

Kl-Sa: salad or vegetable

Sc-Z: dessert or bread

Plates, napkins and utensils will be provided

シェアできる料理をご持参ください。バラエティーに富んだ料理をお楽しみいただくために、以下のガイドをご利用ください。

名字の頭文字が

A-Ki: ご飯または麺類

Kl-Sa: サラダまたは野菜

Sc-Z: デザートまたはパン



Sunday

AUGUST 17, 2025



NOON-5PM

**RSVP BY AUGUST 10TH
TO RESERVE YOUR
RIDE BRACELET**

<https://forms.gle/oBLQLtDD6sKtdt7X8>
voice mail: 971.940.8520



Iko no Kai - AUGUST 2025

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES		THURS	FRI
		X		1 Dan Dan Mien 坦々麵 10-11:30am Shigin
4 Tonkatsu とんかつ 12:30pm Mahjong	5 *Hiyashi Tanuki Udon Cold Udon Salad 冷やし たぬきうどん 12:45pm Sing-along	X	7 *Chow Fun Chinese Flat Rice Noodles 広東風ビーフン 11am Haiku 10:30am Ukulele	8 Kabayaki Fish Soy-glazed Fish 白身魚の蒲焼き 10-11:30am Shigin 12:30pm Portland Taiko
11 Hambaagu w/ Mushroom Sauce 和風きのこソース ハンバーグ 11:30am Chair Yoga 12:30pm Mahjong	12 Salmon 鮭 11am Reiki 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing-along	X	14 Tofu in Lobster Sauce お豆腐の ロブスター餡かけ 11:30am Tai Chi 11am Blood Pressure	15 Teriyaki Meatball 肉団子照り焼き 10-11:30am Shigin 12:30pm Bingo
18 Mapo Tofu 麻婆豆腐 11:30am Tai Chi 12:30pm Mahjong	19 Singapore Shrimp Noodles シンガポール風 海老ビーフン 12:45pm Sing-along	X	21 Pan-fried Razor Clams マテ貝炒め 11am Haiku	22 Cold Ginger Chicken 冷やし 生姜チキン 10-11:30am Shigin
25 Shiso Chicken しそチキン 12:30pm Mahjong	26 Birthday Sushi お誕生日寿司 *Reservations required (suggested donation \$12) 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing-along	X	28 *Summer Veggie Curry 夏野菜カレー 10:30am Ukulele 11am Blood Pressure	29 Tangsuyuk Korean Sweet & Sour Pork 韓国風酢豚 10-11:30am Shigin

Chefs: Naomi Molstrom - M Kyoko Adcock- Tu Justin Sato/ Andrea Hoyt- Th/F

Suggested Lunch Donation: \$9 for seniors 65+ / \$12 for adults under 65 / \$ 6 kids**Reservations preferred / Indoor Dining Limited****For reservations please call and leave a message or email:****(ph) 503-238-0775 (email) ikoinokai7@gmail.com****Seating at 11:30 am with lunch served promptly at noon***** vegetarian option available on that day - please reserve two days in advance**



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