What’s Flying in the Air?

Koi Nobori! Carp Streamers called koi nobori are displayed and flown for Children’s Day. Carp (koi) have the strength to swim up waterfalls and have long been taken as symbols of aspiration, daring, and success in life.
Children’s Day was always a special day for me when I was growing up. A few days before May 5th, my parents would start to set up our large Boy’s Day display in the house and raise and display our carp on a long bamboo pole on the balcony overlooking the street.

On my first Children’s Day, both sets of grandparents gave me a gift to celebrate boy’s day. One was a doll of a famous samurai, Minamoto Yoshitsune, placed in a large glass case from Honami’s Gift Store in San Francisco’s Japantown. The other was a replica samurai helmet (kabuto) bought for me by my Jichan and Bachan who lived in the valley at Komoto’s Department Store in Fresno’s Japantown. My parents also bought me my own large colorful cloth carp for strength and good health. Our family display also included my three brothers’ dolls, carp and other replica items such as a small taiko drum, an archery set, a samurai sword and other boy’s day display pieces. All of this made a huge boy’s day exhibit at our house.

What I looked forward to most was my father’s stories about the history and adventures of each of our dolls. My doll Minamoto Yoshitsune was a great general and who outsmarted his opponents using his wit. Kato Kiyomasa, my older brother’s doll was mounted on a horse holding a spear that had a broken point because a tiger broke it off while he was hunting tigers in Asia. The monk Benkei was one of the strongest men in all of Japan, who once killed over one hundred samurai soldiers in a single battle, but Yoshitsune was the one who was able to defeat him which led to him and Benkei becoming loyal friends until his dying days. To this day, I still remember all the stories that my father told me. I was always fascinated by how he was able to tell them without a book, just off the top of his head.

Our JCCCNC’s Children’s Day Festival was modeled closely from my experiences growing up and me wanting to share my memories celebrating this special day with others in the community, especially those who never had the opportunity to.

Holding the first celebration at the Center began with reaching out to families for boy’s and girl’s day dolls that we could display. We made phones calls to families, the office of the Japanese Consulate and sent flyers letting our members know that we were creating a Children’s Day event and were looking for dolls to display. I knew that exhibiting the dolls was going to be an important part of this program, because I remember how school children would enjoy visiting my parent’s house to see our display and receive Japanese treats. So the school visits to the JCCCNC was for students to experience and learn about Children’s Day, the doll exhibit, storytelling, cultural activities, carp flying and of course trying the special manju. These are all things that my parents have passed on to me.

Not having children of my own, Children’s Day at the JCCCNC also became a way for me to share with children these traditions that I learned from my parents. I also wanted Sansei parents who may not have grown up knowing about Children’s Day to learn about and share it with their children. My hope was that they would create their own memories and pass this tradition to their own children, who would do the same, ensuring that the Children’s Day tradition continues.

Because that is what the JCCCNC is really all about…

Celebrating and preserving our cultural heritage and traditions from one generation to the next.

Okage sama de,

Paul Osaki

MISSION STATEMENT

The JCCCNC is a non-profit organization which strives to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community by offering programs, affordable services, and administrative support and facilities for other local organizations. The JCCCNC also provides educational, cultural, and recreational programs that meet and address the interests and concerns of the community. Our goals remain rooted in preserving the Japanese American cultural and historical heritage as well as fostering the foundation for future generations of Japanese Americans.
Welcome New Board Member Chris Hirano!

Chris Hirano has held fundraising positions with Stanford University, Ronald McDonald House at Stanford and Environmental Defense Fund and is currently Senior Development Officer, Major Gifts for the Exploratorium. In 1995, he was hired as a Program Assistant, ending his 11 years at the Center as Director of Community Development. Chris considers himself a beneficiary of the JCCNC’s mission and its relevance in Japantown. “I look forward to continue the great work of the Board, and discover opportunities for organizational efficiency and increased engagement.”

Chris received a BA in Business Administration from Cal State University, Los Angeles, and completed a postgraduate Public Affairs Fellowship with the Coro Foundation in Los Angeles. He currently lives in San Carlos with his spouse, Chiyomi and two children.

KASE NIKKEI COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE for the Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program (Kase Program)! The Kase Program offers Nikkei students the opportunity to financially support their education and gain the experience of working at a nonprofit community organization, while increasing their understanding of and acquiring the necessary tools to help address contemporary issues affecting San Francisco’s Japantown community. Coordinated by the JCCNC, and funded by G. Kase, the goal of the program is to support the development of the next generation of community leaders.

Starting in June 2015, participants in the Kase Program will take part in an eight-week (full-time) community internship at the JCCNC. From August 10th through December 11th, they will participate in a part-time Career Internship which will focus on the student’s individual career interest and development needs.

Up to five (5) $5,000 scholarships will be awarded to selected applicants who successfully complete the Kase Program. Students will be selected based on their application, letter of recommendation and interview.

Applications are available at the JCCNC or online (www.jccnc.org) and are due Friday, March 27, 2015.
In Japan, a special national holiday called Kodomo No Hi is celebrated. The Japanese government adopted the holiday in 1948 to promote the welfare and well-being of children, and in 1951 a Children’s Constitution was adopted. It shares the date with the traditional Tango No Sekku, Boy’s Day. Boy’s Day was for celebrating boys’ growing up, but now it has become a day to celebrate children in general.

Be sure to come out to the 2015 Children’s Day Festival and participate in cultural arts and crafts, games, and entertainment.

Saturday, May 2, 2015
11:00am-4:00pm
SF Japantown Peace Plaza
Free and open to the public

EVENTS

Doll Displays at the JCCNC

Hina Ningyo are traditional, beautiful dolls which are replicas of an ancient emperor and empress and their court. These are not every day dolls that are played with, but ceremonial dolls, a heritage of the household, handed down from generation to generation. They can be made of porcelain and cloth or sometimes paper or carved from wood.

Come view the Japanese Doll exhibit that features the Consulate General collection and over 100 other dolls. To view the exhibit please contact programsevents@jccnc.org or call (415) 567-5505 to make an appointment.
Kimono Dressing at the JCCCNC

Enjoy this rare opportunity to dress your child in traditional Japanese Kimono in celebration of Kodomo no Hi. Kimono sizes are limited (Girls 34” – 60”, Boys 36” – 48”) Please bring your cameras to take pictures!

School Visits

This year, over 900 students will come through our doors to learn about Japanese culture and Children’s Day. Students will get a guided tour of the Hina Ningyo display, work on special Children’s Day crafts, and celebrate the holiday with the JCCCNC.

If you would like to register a class or are looking for volunteer opportunities at our Children’s Day events, please contact our Programs Department at programsevents@jcccnc.org or (415) 567-5505.

PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY’S YOUTH!

Beginning March 10th, you will be able to purchase Nikkei Youth Scholarship Raffle tickets to support youth development programs which provide invaluable opportunities for youth to build, engage, and collaborate with the community. Proceeds from this raffle will provide scholarships to need-based participants, program development and coordination of other JCCCNC youth development programs.

The grand prize is two roundtrip coach tickets good for travel anywhere in the continental United States. Raffle tickets are $5 each or $25 for 6 tickets. Drawing will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the JCCCNC Children’s Day Festival in Japantown Peace Plaza. The winner need not be present to win.

Tickets can be purchased at the JCCCNC, online at jcccnc.org, or via phone at 415-567-5505. If you have any questions about the Nikkei Youth Scholarship Raffle, please contact Emily Mukai at emukai@jcccnc.org.
The JCCCNC began preparations for the New Year with Mr. George Yamada, retired owner of Yamada Seika. He shared his expertise on Saturday, December 20, 2014, with over 120 participants at the JCCCNC’s Annual Mochitsuki workshops.

Participants learned about the tradition of mochi (pounded sweet rice) pounding for Oshogatsu (New Year). They saw the steamed hot mochigome (sweet rice) on the stovetop be taken to the usu (stone mortar) where the rice was pounded and hand-turned into mochi. The traditional usu used for pounding at our workshops was donated by Mr. Yamada when he closed his business in 1999.

Once transformed to mochi, the participants hand-formed them into bite-sized komochi and were able to tasted them with kinako (soy bean flour), sugar and shoyu (soy sauce) and more modern choices like peanut butter, chocolate chips and jam.

Submissions included over 65 shikishi (Japanese art boards) were exhibited in the lobby and hallways of the JCCCNC to share the themes of Compassion and Year of the Sheep from January 15-February 15.

The Honorable Consul General Masato Watanabe who drew a picture of a sheep creatively positioning from the Japanese hiragana characters hi-tsu-ji (sheep). Rev. Kawahatsu who prepared a traditional calligraphy; and local illustrator and graphic designer Rich Lee who submitted an illustrated shikishi celebrating the year of the sheep.

We received shikishi boards from artists of all ages from those who portrayed simple sheep to very colorful and detailed greetings for a happy and prosperous New Year. If you weren’t able to see the exhibit, the shikishi collection can be viewed online starting on February 17th on JCCCNC’s Flickr page. www.flicker.com/photo/jcccnc.
Thank you to our Volunteers!

Over 100 Volunteers gathered for the 2014 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the JCCCNC on Sunday, December 7th. They were treated to dim sum catered from the Clement Restaurant in San Francisco, an exciting round of the Purse, Pockets, and Wallets game, and an overall meaningful time in appreciation for their countless hours of service in 2014.

This year we honored longtime volunteer instructors, Sunny Mitchell (Mah Jongg) and Naoko Ito (Quilting). Sunny has been teaching and coordinating our twice weekly Mah Jongg class for 24 years after teaching bridge at the Richmond YMCA. Naoko has shared her fondness of quilting and keen eye of fabric placement with her students at the Center for over 17 years. Naoko and her class created beautiful quilts and other items for our auction every year. She is also a founding member and past president of the East Bay Heritage Quilters and coordinated the first U.S. and Japan Quilting Symposium in Japan in 1983. We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for both for their years of service.

The passion and dedication of every volunteer makes the dreams of our community center a reality. Your generosity reminds us how fortunate we are to be part of such a supportive and caring community. We thank you for your unwavering support and dedication from the bottom of our hearts. We could not have come this far without you.

NA LEO HOLIDAY CONCERT

On Sunday, December 14, 2014, the JCCCNC welcomed over 400 guests to Na Leo’s holiday concert held in our Nisei Community Hall/Gymnasium for their first Holiday Tour on the mainland in ten years and their debut concert in San Francisco’s Japantown. The trio, Nalani Choy, Lehua Kalima Heine and Angela Morales performed holiday classics and some of their popular hits such as Flying with Angels, Rest of your Life, and I Miss you Hawai’i.

Afterwards, Chef Les Tomita of Da Kitchen Maui with help from a few former staff members from Hukilau, and Chef Ty Mahler formerly from Roy’s San Francisco teamed up to bring the best of contemporary Hawaiian local cuisine for the Na Leo holiday concert VIP Reception where guests had an opportunity to meet and greet the three, mingle, and purchase their latest CDs and merchandise. Guests enjoyed local favorites such as Ahi Sashimi, Ahi Poke, Lobster Mac and Cheese, Kalbi Beef Short Ribs, Kona Kampachi and more!

We were honored to be able to welcome Na Leo to our community over the holidays and we thank you so much for making it a memorable success!
JCCNC’s Executive Director, Paul Osaki, has assembled his own collection of Japanese folk art, but what he is most proud of is his Ainu wooden bear collection.

At present, Paul has amassed a collection of over 80+ bears from a ¼ inch to over 3 feet long. The wooden bears that Paul collects are carved in Hokkaido Japan by an aborigine group of residents called Ainu. The Ainu used to make their livelihood by fishing and hunting. However, after Hokkaido became a part of the Japanese government, things changed dramatically for the Ainu community and they were required to find a new way to support their families.

Since the bear has always represented a mythological hero in the Ainu culture, they started to carve bears and sell them as souvenirs as a way to save their community. Initially, some of the Ainu community was opposed to using the bears for an economic gain but through time, the community started to accept the carvings as an art form that symbolizes their history, culture and spirit, and now, certain carvers are sought out for their talent and asked to make specially made bears for people throughout Japan and around the world. In 1938, Umetaro Matsui considered the founder of the art form was commissioned to carve one for Emperor Hirohito.

Paul’s first memory of seeing a Ainu carved wooden bear was when he visited his grandmother’s house and when visiting other Nisei homes, but he did not know of their significance until his friend Paul Tanabe introduced his passion for collecting them. So when Paul made his first visit to Japan, he told Paul T who by then was critically ill with cancer that he would bring one back for him. Little did Paul O know the bears could mainly only be purchased in Hokkaido, and despite his relatives’ best efforts to help him find one in Tokyo, none could be found. Paul O’s relatives did give him their own carved bear but by the time Paul returned back to SF, Paul T had passed away. Thus in memory of Paul T, the bear he bought back from Japan became the first of his own collection and through time and close examination, Paul began to see why Paul T had such a fascination...
In this report, you will see how the JCCCNRC immediately established the Relief Fund to support the survivors in three phases – Relief, Recovery and Rebuild; and how the campaign - a community and volunteer driven effort – quickly grew to become the largest Japanese American community based relief fund in the United States with over 12,000 donors, 25,000 members on Causes.com and supported by more than 300 events which raised over $4 million dollars.

If you are interested in receiving an electronic copy, please contact the JCCCNRC at (415) 567-5505 or email earthquakerelief@jcccnrc.org.

So if you are online or at a temple market in Japan and happen to see an unusual Ainu carved bear, you know who may be interested!

Thanks Paul for sharing your collection and story.

NORTHERN JAPAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

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“Henri” Paul’s favorite bear, named Henry. Paul says the fish in his mouth gives Henry a smile.

Paul believes that the bears which are carved from a single block of wood reflect the carver’s talent to bring out the spirit of the bear in each stroke he takes to make it a living work of art.

Paul states that he is no longer an ‘active’ buyer of bears, because he has no more space to display them but like any collector, you never really stop.

“Ainu bears come in all shapes and sizes. Most people are only familiar with the ones on all four legs looking off to its left hand side with a salmon in its mouth. I like to collect unusual bears and have some with them standing with a fish thrown over its back; hiding in trees; climbing up trees; mother’s with their cubs; mother’s fishing while the cubs look on, and even a family of bears.”

So if you are online or at a temple market in Japan and happen to see an unusual Ainu carved bear, you know who may be interested!

Thanks Paul for sharing your collection and story.
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Japanese Heritage Night

Tuesday, May 19, 7:15p vs. Los Angeles Dodgers
JCCNC seats in section VRI
$43.00 JCCCNCF Members / $45.00 General
JCCNC seats in section VRFF
$37.00 JCCCNCF Members / $40.00 General
Pre-game Festival in Seals Plaza
Giveaway: Collector’s-Edition Soundchip Bobblehead of NLCS Hero Travis Ishikawa

Japanese Heritage Night Item Redemption Location:
Seals Plaza from 5-7 p.m. or View Reserve 334 until end of 5th inning

HELLO KITTY DAY

Saturday, June 28, 1:05p vs. Colorado Rockies
JCCNC seats in section VR037 (rows 5-9)
$62.00 JCCNC Members / $65.00 General
Giveaway: Limited-edition Hello Kitty/Giants item

Hello Kitty Day Item Redemption Location:
View Reserve 317 or 334 until the end of the 5th inning
The JCCCNC has a new website! Visit www.jcccnc.org for information about programs and events. You can also sign up to become a member, donate, volunteer, connect on social media, and sign up for our E-Newsletter to stay up to date with all of the activities you can participate in!

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22nd Annual JCCCNC Cherry Blossom Festival Basketball Jamboree

Date: April 11 and 12, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Venue: Japanese Community Center of Northern California
1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA
Visitors must register in advance by visiting www.jcccnc.org

Nikkei Youth Scholarship Raffle

Support our community’s youth! Purchase raffle tickets beginning March 10th for a chance to win roundtrip coach tickets good for travel anywhere in the continental United States! Tickets are $5 each or $25 for 6. Drawing will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the JCCCNC Children’s Day Festival in Japantown Peace Plaza. The winner need not be present to win.

Purchase tickets at the JCCCNC, online at jcccnc.org, or via phone at 415-567-5505.
March 10 – May 2, 2015

Upcoming Events

Children’s Day Festival in Japantown

Be sure to come out to the 2015 Children’s Day Festival to enjoy traditional cultural arts and crafts, games, and entertainment.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2015
Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm
Location: Japantown Peace Plaza
Fee: Free and open to the public

This Spring Kaiseki Workshop

This Spring Kaiseki Workshop will feature 4 dishes. The class will mostly be demonstration, with some hands-on arranging. Participants will be able to sample the prepared dishes and easy to follow recipes will be provided. Register today by visiting http://bit.ly/kaisekimarch

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2015
Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm
Location: JCCCNC
Fee: Members: $35 General Public: $45