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JANUARY 2005 NEWSLETTER

25th ANNUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN SAN JOSE TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2005!

Date: Sunday, February 20, 2005

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Place: San Jose Buddhist Church
Betsuin, 640 North 5th Street, San
Jose, CA 95112

Details: The Day of Remembrance event is free and all are welcome. Doors open at 5 pm and refreshments will be sold. Program includes speakers, cultural performances, and a candlelight procession through Japantown.

For more information: Call Fran at 408-730-9974, email NOC at info@sjnoc.org, or visit our web site at <http://www.sjnoc.org>.

Hisako Hibi exhibition at Santa Clara University's de Saisset Museum through March 11, 2005

An exhibit of paintings by Hisako Hibi, an Issei artist best known for her paintings done at the Tanforan, California assembly center and the Topaz, Utah internment camp is continuing at the de Saisset Museum through March 11, 2005.

The de Saisset Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 am to 4 pm. The museum is located at the Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara. For more information call the museum at 408-554-4528 or email kkienzie@scu.edu.

Join NOC in 2005 – come to our next general membership meeting!

Date: Sunday, March 20, 2005

Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Place: Yu-Ai-Kai building, 588 North 4th
Street, San Jose.

NOC has meetings for general members twice a year (in March and September) for elections and planning for the Day of Remembrance events. Please save the date!

If you would like to join NOC, please send your name, address, phone number, and email, and your dues (\$25 for general membership, \$10 for students, retired, and unemployed) to NOC, PO Box 2293, San Jose, CA 95109.

Japantown Community Congress Town Hall Meeting February 5th.

Members of the community are invited to the next Japantown Community Congress Town Hall meeting from 8:30 am to 12 noon on Saturday, February 5th at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 566 North 5th Street, San Jose.

Aikido of Los Gatos Fundraiser Saturday, February 26th.

Aikido of Los Gatos dinner and Silent Auction, Saturday, February 26th, 6 to 9 pm at the Redwood Estates Pavilion, 21450 Madrone Drive, Los Gatos. For more information call Reiko at 396-4902 or reiko@fengshui-reiko.com.

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NOC at 25: Past Accomplishments, Future Challenges

(by NOC chairperson Masao Suzuki)

Last year NOC turned 25, and the upcoming Day of Remembrance will be the 25th annual event in San Jose.

Looking back over the last year, NOC continued to educate people about the Japanese American concentration camp experience through our Day of Remembrance event and support for the Tule Lake Pilgrimage.

NOC was able to expand its work with other organizations in the Japanese American and American Muslim communities. On September 11, 2004 more than 300 people did a candlelight peace walk from Japantown to the South Bay Islamic Association (SBIA) in a joint effort that included the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) of San Jose and San Mateo, the Muslim Community Association (MCA), NOC, and the SBIA.

2004 also saw the publication of a best selling book with the title In Defense of Internment by right-wing columnist Michelle Malkin. Her defense of the concentration camps for Japanese Americans during World War II was joined by Daniel Pipes, a Bush appointee who is known for his anti-Muslim views.

The growth of pro-internment views among those with connections to the Bush Administration poses a grave threat to the civil liberties of Arab Americans, American Muslims, and indeed all Americans. As Japanese Americans who fought for redress and reparations, this must be taken as a wake-up call for renewed education and activism to oppose racism, war hysteria, and failed political leaders that would (mis)lead our country down the road to concentration camps again.

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