

WO'SE COMMUNITY



PAN AFRICAN AFFAIRS

This newsletter includes selected information and websites to check for Pan-African events and resources. It is compiled by the WO'SE Council Elder for Pan African Affairs. You may view each monthly issue or past issues online, or you may subscribe to receive the monthly digital copy of this publication via email, if you log on to the WO'SE Community website <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> and click on "Pan African Affairs".

NOTE: The WO'SE website is currently under revision, so links may not be immediately available.

NOTE: If you have suggestions for additional listings or websites, please send email info to ciyatestt@yahoo.com.

WO'SE WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAYS 10:30am – 12:30pm

For selected Sunday worship services: check the WO'SE web site listed above and click on "Media" link and "Live Stream and Archive".

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES FOR WO'SE / ILE OMODE SCHOOL:

For Ile Omode School at WO'SE: <http://www.ileomode.org/>

For WO'SE: <http://www.wosecommunity.org/>

The WO'SE website also includes links for: the WO'SE Sunday classes on African Spirituality; WO'SE Blogs and contacts in Sacramento and Silicon Valley; the Save Nubia Project for ancient Kmt (Egypt) and more.

NOTE: The WO'SE Oakland website is currently "under construction". While it may still be viewed, some of the information is undergoing change. Please have patience.

"WHAT IS WO'SE THEOLOGY?"

A Discussion by Baba Jahi

<http://youtu.be/Uh-IXTMrTIY>

"VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY"

A Newsletter by Mxolisi Ozo Sowande, WO'SE's Minister Emeritus

<https://hcvoice.wordpress.com/about/>

WO'SE GREETING: "ANKH, UDJA SENEB!" = "May you have Life, Prosperity and Health!"

FEBRUARY 2017 / 6258 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

NOTE: THERE MAY BE AN UPDATE TO THIS ISSUE IN MID FEBRUARY

AFRICAN HERITAGE (BLACK HISTORY) MONTH

Check Black History Month events in the Bay Area & National/International sections of this newsletter

Also check the Black History Month website: <http://www.asalh.org> OR <http://asalh100.org/>

(the above website includes info for the 2017 official Black History Month theme and other info from the founding organization, Association for the Study of African American Life and History / ASALH)

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH



The ADINKRA symbol of West Africa / Ghana is represented either by a bird with its head turned backwards taking an egg off its back, or as a stylized heart shape.

“Reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward. Whatever we have lost, forgotten, forgone or been stripped of, can be reclaimed, revived, preserved and perpetuated.”

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

“Follow in the footsteps of your Ancestors, for the mind is trained through knowledge. Behold, their words endure in book. Open and read them and follow their wise council. For one who is taught becomes skilled.”

From: “The Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt” /
The Book of Kheti, Section 2 (II), p. 50 / c1984 by Maulana Karenga

PAN AFRICAN MISSION FOR THE DECADE...LET’S DO IT !!!

“INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT”

This is a United Nations Resolution that covers the decade from January 1, 2015 until December 31, 2024, with the theme “People of African Descent: Recognition, Justice and Development”. Check details in the links below. If you have any project / program suggestions or contributions for this very special mission of the decade, please contact the

WO’SE Pan African Affairs Elder at: cjyatestt@yahoo.com

UN Links: http://www.un.org/pga/101214_launch-international-decade-people-african-descent/ AND
<http://www.un.org/en/events/africandecentdecade/index.shtml>

REPARATIONS PROJECTS: NATIONAL / REGIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

If you are interested in or planning any local or global Reparations project / program please contact the
WO’SE Pan African Affairs Elder at: cjyatestt@yahoo.com

RESULTS OF THE “INTERNATIONAL REPARATIONS SUMMIT”

Check this website for the summary of the summit that was held April 9 – 11, 2015 and for follow-up events:
<http://ibw21.org/promotion/final-communique-click-here-to-read/> OR 410-844-1031

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS COMMISSION (NAARC) PRELIMINARY 10-POINT REPARATIONS PLAN: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CONFERENCE, 2015

Check these websites for the 10-Point Reparations Plan by the National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC) developed at the Congressional Black Caucus September 2015 Conference.

<http://ibw21.org/summit/>

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CURRENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS AT WO'SE / ILE OMODE

WO'SE, 8924 Holly Street, Oakland, CA 94621

Need more information for any event at WO'SE / Ile Omode? Call 510-632-8230

**NOTE: SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM, WITH "SPECIAL" SESSIONS LISTED BELOW.
ALL SUNDAY SERVICES ARE FOLLOWED BY A KARAMU (COMMUNITY FEAST)**

WO'SE NEW LIFE SEMINARY CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS

(Sundays), 9:30 – 10:30 am (to be announced)

**NOTE: Future sessions are being organized for further study of the spiritual legacies of Ancient Kmt.
Please contact Brother / Professor Keita for an update or if you have any questions (209-981-2110).**

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

February 5th and 19th (Sundays), part of 10:30 am service

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, WO'SE's much praised "Stones of Fire" choir will share inspiring songs from Africa and the African Diaspora. Enjoy the artistic vocal, rhythmic and soul stirring performances that will be enhanced with a spiritual message by a WO'SE Minister. The Karamu follows.

WO'SE MUSIC SERVICE

February 12th and 26th (Sundays), part of 10:30 am service

These two special monthly services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays will be interlaced with soul inspiring music by Brother David Goodlett and friends; and will be enhanced with a spiritual message by a WO'SE Minister. The Karamu follows.

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

NOTE: AN UPDATE FOR BAY AREA EVENTS MAY BE PUBLISHED IN MID FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 3 (Friday), 12 – 1 pm & 5:30 – 7:30 pm; No Fee

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION AT SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL & RECEPTION AT AAACC”

The San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society (SFAAHCS) facilitates this annual launching of Black History Month. This year’s theme is: “Crisis In Black Education”; and the guest speaker will be Mr. Landon Dickey, Special Assistant to the Superintendent and facilitator for the African American Achievement & Leadership Initiative, San Francisco Unified School District. The following reception at AAACC will salute educators and facilitators for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Programs; Technology Innovators/Programs; and other projects.

Opening: 12pm – 1pm

City Hall Rotunda, 1 Dr Carlton B. Goodlett Plaza, San Francisco 94102

Reception: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

African American Art & Culture Center (AAACC), 762 Fulton Street, San Francisco 94102

More info: 415-292-6172

FEBRUARY 4 (Saturday), 10 am – 12 pm; Registration required (No Fee for ages 9-15)

“TOUR OF MARITIME MUSEUM: SARGENT JOHNSON'S STRUGGLE AS BLACK WPA ARTIST”

This walking tour will explore Sargent Johnson’s struggle with being one of the only African American artists working for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) on the West Coast, and the link to the Harlem Renaissance. The event is facilitated by the San Francisco African American Historical and Culture Society (SFAAHCS).

Tour begins at Washington Square Park, Filbert & Stockton Streets, San Francisco 94133

Tour ends at Maritime Museum, 900 Beach Street, San Francisco 94133

More info / Registration: NoeMesha Williams, Outreach coordinator, 415-561-7170 OR noemesha_williams@nps.gov

FEBRUARY 4 (Saturday), 11 am – 2 pm; No Fee

“SEVENTH ANNUAL BAYVIEW JOINT BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION”

This special youth event will include: the CYC Kidnetikz Dance Group, Tai Chi demonstration, face painting, and more. There will be a toys and grocery bag giveaway to the first 100 families; lunch; and raffles for gift cards and other prizes.

The event is hosted by: CYC (Community Youth Center of San Francisco), Bayview Hunters Point YMCA, Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC), San Francisco Police Department Operation Dream, Bay Area Deputy Sheriffs’ Charitable Foundation, Mayor’s Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, and Mayor’s Office of Housing-Community Development Block Grants.

Bayview YMCA, 1601 Lane Street, San Francisco 94124

More info / Registration: 415-636-1311 OR michaelw@cyssf.org

FEBRUARY 4 (Saturday) – March 4 (Saturday), Check website for gallery open dates and hours; No Fee

February 4th: Artists Talks: 12 - 2 pm + Reception: 2 – 5 pm

February 11th: talk with acclaimed painter Richard Mayhew 12 – 2 pm

“21st ANNUAL THE ART OF LIVING BLACK”

The Richmond Art Center is proud to host the only annual exhibition in the Bay Area to exclusively feature regional Afro-descent artists. Now in its 21st year, the special exhibition was founded by the late sculptor Jan Hart-Schuyers and late painter Rae Louise Hayward for Afro Descent artists who were not represented by galleries in any significant way. This year’s exhibition will showcase a broad range of works by more than 75 artists from throughout the Bay Area.

Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond 94804

More info: 510-620-6772 OR <http://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/21st-annual-art-living-black/>

FEBRUARY 4 (Saturday), 1 – 4 pm: No Fee

“27th ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN POETS AND THEIR POETRY”

Community members of all ages are invited to participate by reading poetry, performing, dancing, or/and displaying works of art. This year's theme is “The Crisis in Black Education” although all themes are welcomed. If you're interested in being featured in this program please call the number below to register...or you can volunteer to assist for just 2 hours on the day of the event. OR...just come to enjoy the show !!! Refreshments will be donated by many local vendors.

Oakland Public Library / West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Register for participation: 510-238-7352 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/27th-annual-celebration-african-american-poets-and-their-poetry>

FEBRUARY 4 (Saturday), 2 – 3 pm: No Fee

“BUFFALO SOLDIERS OF THE PRESIDIO”

In observance of Black History Month, Ranger Frederik Penn will discuss the importance of the Buffalo Soldiers to the management of the National Parks and to the legacy of African Americans in the post-Civil War era. In this presentation, he will display historic photographs and explore this multi-layered and multi-faceted, yet seldom told, story. The event is facilitated by the San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society (SFAAHCS).

San Francisco Public Library / Ocean View Branch, 345 Randolph Street, San Francisco 94132

More info: 415-355-5615 OR <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1026465201>

FEBRUARY 4 (Saturday), 3 – 5 pm: No Fee

“TRADITIONAL ETHIOPIAN COFFEE CEREMONY”

In recognition of Black History Month, this presentation of a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony will provide an understanding of ancient African history and the origin of coffee. Lecture and tasting will follow. This is a Food & Health program from the San Francisco Public Library (SFPL), and all ages are welcome. Sign up with a librarian today!

San Francisco Public Library / Western Addition, 1550 Scott Street, San Francisco 94115

More info / Register: 415-355-5727 OR <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1026791301>

FEBRUARY 4 (Saturday), 3 – 6 pm: No Fee (check website for contestants' fees)

“3RD ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY KNOWLEDGE BOWL”

The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at Golden Gate University School of Law (GGU) invite you to participate in or to observe the 3rd Annual Black History Knowledge Bowl in honor of Black History Month. This Knowledge Bowl (an academically competitive competition), will test students' knowledge of Black contributions to law and politics, history, education, and entertainment. Local BLSA chapters will compete for a chance to win prizes for their participants and schools. GGU BLSA welcomes the community, friends, family, and supporters to observe the competition and then fellowship with the participants during the reception and awards ceremony.

Golden Gate University School of Law, 536 Mission Street (GGU Center - 6th Floor), San Francisco 94105

More info / Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ggu-blsas-3rd-annual-black-history-knowledge-bowl-2017-tickets-30775183402?aff=erellivmlt>

FEBRUARY 5 (Sunday), 6 - 8 pm; \$10 students + youth / \$20 adults

“KAHIL EL'ZABAR AND THE NEW ETHNIC HERITAGE ENSEMBLE”

The New Ethnic Heritage Ensemble, an ever-evolving New Black Music combo led by the tireless multi-percussionist jazz innovator KAHIL EL' ZABAR, draws the most talented musicians from around the country while staying true to its revolutionary heritage and roots from Chicago and the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM).

Corey Wilkes on trumpet and Alex Harding on baritone sax

EastSide Cultural Center, 2277 International Boulevard, Oakland 94606

More info / Tickets: 510-533-6629 OR <http://www.eastsideartsalliance.org/>

FEBRUARY 6 (Monday), 10 pm; No Fee

“BIRTH OF A MOVEMENT (FILM SCREENING)”

Watch the story of William Monroe Trotter, the nearly forgotten editor of a Boston black newspaper, who helped launch a nationwide movement in 1915 to ban Hollywood's first blockbuster movie, Birth of a Nation. This fight still rages today about race relations, media representation, and the power and influence of Hollywood.

Watch it on PBS! Note: this film is part of PBS's “Independent Lens” series...check the website for future screenings.

More info + watch the preview: <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/birth-of-a-movement/>

FEBRUARY 7 (Tuesday), 7:30 pm; \$12 advance / \$15 at door

“MICHAEL ERIC DYSON: TEARS WE CANNOT STOP: A SERMON TO WHITE AMERICA”

In the words of Toni Morrison: “Elegantly written, Tears We Cannot Stop is powerful moving personal recollections, profound cultural analysis, and guidance for moral redemption. A work to relish.” We are living through one of the most challenging periods in modern U.S. history. The rash of police killings of unarmed Afro-Descent people, along with the hate killings of black citizens, has sparked the largest protests in the streets since the height of the civil rights movement.

Minister Eric Dyson's sermon-in-writing addresses these issues for “White Americans”.

Michael Eric Dyson is the University Professor of Sociology at Georgetown University and a contributing opinion writer for The New York Times. Ebony Magazine named him one of the 100 Most Influential African Americans. This event is presented by KPFA Radio 94.1FM and Marcus Books; and hosted by Quincy McCoy (KPFA's General Manager).

First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: 510-967-4495 OR <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2816872>

FEBRUARY 8 (Wednesday), 6 - 8:30 pm (doors open at 6pm); No Fee

“CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MAYA ANGELOU THROUGH POETRY AND FILM SCREENING”

Join KQED and its community partners to celebrate Black History Month by highlighting the life of Maya Angelou through spoken word and songs. Enjoy performances by Young Gifted and Black Sheros, The Lorraine Hansberry Dance group and spoken word artists from Youth Speaks as they channel the spirit and legacy of Dr. Angelou’s work. The event will also include a one- hour preview of the American Masters – “Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise”.

Grand Lake Theatre, 3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 94610

More info / Register: andstillirisemaya.eventbrite.com OR (510) 452-3556 (Grand Lake Theatre)

FEBRUARY 8 (Wednesday), 7 - 8:30 pm; No Fee

“A QUESTION OF COLOR”

In observance of Black History Month, Ranger Rik Penn discusses a landmark 1897 case when John Harris, an African American, sued Adolph Sutro, the former mayor of San Francisco. This story illuminates a pivotal moment in the evolution of Civil Rights law that would influence California, the nation and the world of human rights.

San Francisco Public Library / Merced Branch, 155 Winston Drive, San Francisco 94132

More info: 415-355-2825 OR <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1026183601>

FEBRUARY 9 (Thursday), 10:15 am; No Fee & FEBRUARY 11 (Saturday), 11 am; No Fee

“AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE - NEW ORLEANS BLUES STYLE”

Join author Kathy Z. Price as she brings the characters of her award winning bluesy picture book “The Bourbon Street Musicians” to life. The wacky farm animals in the story dream of being famous jazz musicians.; and fun and mayhem follow. Based on the traditional folk tale "The Bremen Town Musicians," Price's story entertains younger listeners with a lyrical text that swings with the music of New Orleans jazz. Kathy Price is also a musician and poet; and recipient of New York Foundation of the Arts Poetry Fellowship.

FEBRUARY 9 (Thursday), 10:15 am

Oakland Public Library / Martin Luther King Jr. Branch, 6833 International Boulevard, Oakland 94621

More info: 510-615-5728 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/martin-luther-king-jr-branch/african-american-heritage-new-orleans-blues-style>

FEBRUARY 11 (Saturday), 11 am

Oakland Public Library / Lakeview Branch, 550 El Embarcadero, Oakland 94610

More info: 510- 238-7344 OR

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/lakeview-branch/african-american-heritage-new-orleans-blues-style>

FEBRUARY 10 - 12 (Friday - Sunday), Check times below; \$25+ (VIP tickets available)

Friday, February 10th at 8pm / Saturday February 11th at 3pm + 8pm / Sunday February 12th at 4pm

“PORT CHICAGO 50 PLAY”

African American Sailors are recruited by the United States Navy to work in a navy shipyard in Port Chicago, California, where dangerous artillery is loaded onto ships to support World War II. On July 17th, 1944 something goes terribly wrong and a massive explosion kills 320 sailors. How did it happen and why? Meet the seamen before, during and after that fated night. The dramatic story is told through the eyes of one of the survivors, Freddie Meeks.

There will be a Meet-and-Greet cast reception after the show.

California Theatre, 351 Railroad Avenue, Pittsburg 94565

More info / Tickets: 925-427-1611 OR

<http://www.getmyperks.com/deal/bayarea/discount-tickets-for-port-chicago-50-play-1>

FEBRUARY 11 (Saturday), 10 am – 4 pm; No Fee

“ALLENSWORTH BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION”

Join the Friends of Allensworth as they continue to preserve Black History in Allensworth. Visitors will have the opportunity to interact with docents dressed in period attire and to go on self paced tours of the park’s historic buildings. Allensworth is the only town in California that was completely founded, owned and developed in 1908 by Afro-Descendent Colonel Allensworth and four of his friends. In 1974 California State Parks purchased land within the historical townsite of Allensworth, and it became the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, Star Route 1, Box 148, Earlimart California 93219

NOTE: CONTACT THE BAY AREA CHAPTERS REGARDING TRANSPORTATION:

Oakland (510-569-4618) / Fremont (510-651-8323 / Vallejo (707-310-11180)

More info: 877-245-6232 OR <http://friendsofallensworth.com/calendar/> OR http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=583

FEBRUARY 11 (Saturday), 1:30 – 3:30 pm; No Fee

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION: BECAUSE BLACK LIVES MATTER”

Join the celebration of Black History! With musical performance by West African cora (harp) player, Keenan Webster; henna tattoos; and crafts. This celebration has something for everyone. Bring the whole family!

San Francisco Public Library / Bernal Heights Branch, 500 Cortland Avenue, San Francisco 94110

More info: 415-355-2810 OR <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1025709601>

FEBRUARY 11 (Saturday), 2:30 – 5 pm; No Fee (Reservation required)

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH TOUR WITH KALW RADIO JOURNALIST CHRIS HAMBRICK”

Chris will return to Peralta Hacienda to share the memories and history of Oakland's Black Community in the amazing first-person audio stories and art exhibit she helped create: "What I Hear, I Keep, Stories from Oakland's Griots."

Peralta House Museum, 2465 34th Avenue, Oakland 94601

More info / Reservation: 510-532-9142 (Itzel Diaz Romo) OR info@peraltahacienda.org OR

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event;jsessionid=51C6180984CB51EAAEDF5081144FCB37.worker_registration?llr=feusbecab&oeidk=a07edk7youc910bd2ae

FEBRUARY 11 (Saturday), 3 pm; No Fee

“CELEBRATION OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY!”

Oakland Public Library / West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

You are invited to join this event celebrating the Black Panther Party (BPP). This will be a review of the BPP's 50th celebration that happened in Oakland in October 2016; and DVDs and photos from some of the many workshops held over the weekend at the Oakland Museum in October will be shown. There will also be speakers talking about the legacy of the BPP newspaper which was founded 50 years ago in 1967; and celebration of the birthday of Huey P. Newton, co-founder of the BPP.

More info: 510-238-7352 OR

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/celebration-black-panther-party>

FEBRUARY 11 (Saturday), 6 - 8 pm; No Fee

“UNFINISHED BUSINESS: LIVES OF GWEN / FILM SCREENING + DISCUSSION”

A film and discussion about a treasured Fruitvale community elder, Gwen Jackson and her resilience after sexual abuse and repeated incarceration; and the story of how she was able to give back to the community. Gwen Jackson and filmmaker Jonathan Hoffman will lead the discussion about: root causes of incarceration; the prison experience and conditions; and the process of recovery.

Center for History & Community, 2488 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland 94601

More info: 510-532-9142 OR

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event;jsessionid=E7A5A1C71A2870E319729F6976B12FBB.worker_registration?llr=feusbecab&oeidk=a07edk7zhjw30ce7c54

FEBRUARY 12 (Sunday), 1 – 3 pm; No fee

“FILM: SOUTHSIDE WITH YOU (2016)”

The African American Center presents this film about Michelle and Barack Obama as part of its Black History Month celebration. Chicago lawyers Michelle Robinson (actress - Tika Sumpter) and Barack Obama (actor - Parker Sawyers) spend their fateful first date visiting the art museum, eating lunch together, watching “Do The Right Thing”, getting ice cream, and sharing a first kiss. “Southside With You” premiered at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival.

San Francisco Public Library / Main Library, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco 94102

More info: 415-557-4400 OR <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1024454901>

FEBRUARY 12 (Sunday), 1 - 5 pm; No Fee

“BLACK FAMILY HISTORY DAY”

Join the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC) and learn how to research Black History from your ancestors' perspective so that future generations know where they came from. You will receive one-on-one assistance for FREE. Bring a family member to share the experience and bring a USB Flash Drive to take home discovered treasures from the databases. Other free workshops and events will be announced.

Oakland FamilySearch Library, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland 94602

More info / Register: 877-884-2843 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-family-history-day-february-2017-registration-31018931459?aff=es2>

FEBRUARY 15 (Wednesday), 12 pm; Free with museum admission (\$10+)

“CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY AND ITS LEGACIES, WITH LEIGH RAIFORD”

This talk explores what role photography—as document, as art, and as surveillance—played in the modern civil rights movement and how the medium continues to shape our memories of the “Second Reconstruction.”

Leigh Raiford is Associate Professor of African American studies at UC Berkeley, where she also serves as affiliate faculty for the program in American studies and the Department of Gender and Women's Studies. Raiford is the author of “Imprisoned in a Luminous Glare: Photography and the African American Freedom Struggle” and is co-editor with Renee Romano of “The Civil Rights Movement in American Memory”.

Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA), 2155 Center Street, Berkeley 94720

More info: 510-642-0808 OR

<http://www.bampfa.berkeley.edu/event/civil-rights-movement-photography-and-its-legacies-leigh-raiford>

FEBRUARY 16 (Thursday), 3 – 5 pm; No fee

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH STORYTIME: ETHIOPIA”

Join this special storytime in honor of Black History Month! Stories from and about Ethiopia will be read, and participants will do a craft. This program is ideal for children ages 3-8, but older siblings are welcomed!

San Francisco Public Library / Western Addition Branch, 1550 Scott Street, San Francisco 94115

More info: 415-355-5727 OR <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1026675901>

FEBRUARY 16 - 18 (Thursday - Sunday), check times below; \$30+

Feb 16th + 17th + 18th at 7:30pm & Feb 19th at 3 pm

“DIANNE REEVES”

One of the greatest living jazz vocalist returns for her February performances that have become a Valentine’s Day tradition. An artist who embodies jazz’s enduring values of elegance, class and improvisational poise, Dianne Reeves has won a string of GRAMMYS, including an unprecedented three consecutive Best Jazz Vocal Performance awards.

As people say: “Dianne Reeves always gets to the heart of a song”.

SFJAZZ Center / Miner Auditorium, 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 866-920-5299 OR <https://www.sfjazz.org/events/2016-17/0217/dianne-reeves>

FEBRUARY 17 (Friday), 3 – 5 pm; No Fee

“MOVIE AND A MEAL -- PRIDE (FILM, 2007)”

In partnership with the Potrero Hill Family Support Center (PHFSC), the San Francisco Public Library will present this family-friendly film, and PHFSC will provide the meal! In honor of Black History Month, the movie “Pride” will be shown. The movie is based on a true story, and portrays the story of an unemployed school teacher (Terrence Howard) who decides to renovate an old swimming pool in inner city Philadelphia and coach a swim team. With the help of a custodian (Bernie Mac), the two overcome prejudice and unsympathetic city officials and prepare their team for the State Championships. You may stay after for a fun activity with PHFSC!

San Francisco Public Library / Potrero Branch, 1616 20th Street, San Francisco 94107

More info: 415-355-2822 OR <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1026169001>

FEBRUARY 18 (Saturday), 9 am – 5 pm; \$8 +

(free before 1pm for College Students OR request complimentary admission OR check group rates)

“14TH ANNUAL BLACK COLLEGE EXPO”

The Black College Expo features College Steppers, contests, musicians, celebrity scholarship presentations and surprise guests. This is where education and fun becomes..... INFOTAINMENT! Attend seminars on filling out the FAFSA; apply to colleges & get accepted on the spot; and / or learn how to find money for college. The National College Resources Foundation gives out scholarships every year. All proceeds benefit the outreach program to low resource students and scholarship programs. If you have a hardship situation, please use contact info below for assistance.

Laney College, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 887-427-4100 OR 510-587-7875 OR

<http://thecollegeexpo.org/misc/oakland-college-expo>

FEBRUARY 18 (Saturday), 2 – 3:30 pm; No Fee

“BLACK HISTORY STAINED GLASS ART”

In celebration of Black History Month, you are invited to this special event where you will have fun creating stained glass art featuring an important African-American personage!

San Francisco Public Library / Ocean View Branch, 345 Randolph Street, San Francisco 94132

More info / Register: 415-355-5615 OR <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1026478001>

FEBRUARY 18 (Saturday), 2:30 – 4 pm; No Fee (Reservation requested)

“JAZZ ART”

Listen to acclaimed musicians and let their music inspire you to make art. This hands-on art-making event is perfect for everyone in your family to get in the groove and express themselves by drawing, painting and collaging. Materials are provided by the Art Center, but feel free to bring your own. This is an event for all ages, but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP appreciated, especially for groups larger than six.

Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond 94804

More info / RSVP: 510-620-6772 OR <http://richmondartcenter.org/event/jazz-art/>

FEBRUARY 18 (Saturday), 8 pm; \$26+

“THE NILE PROJECT”

The Nile Project delivers a "euphoric" message of civic engagement through musical collaboration. The initiative connects vocalists, percussionists, and instrumentalists from the 11 nations along the Nile River for concerts of "seductive and beautiful music".

UC Berkeley / 101 Zellerbach Hall #4800, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley 94720

More info / Tickets: 510-642-9988 OR

<https://calperformances.org/performances/2016-17/world-stage/nile-project.php>

FEBRUARY 23 (Thursday), 6 – 7 pm; No Fee

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH - 16 MM FILM FEST!”

Celebrate Black History Month with children's films! There will be screenings of some classic 16 mm films from the vault. Some of these films are based on books by African American authors and some tell the stories of famous African Americans. Popcorn will be served! Bring the family for this very special film night!

San Francisco Public Library / Potrero Branch, 1616 20th Street, San Francisco 94107

More info: 415-355-2822 OR <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1025280101>

FEBRUARY 24 (Friday), 7:30 – 9:30 pm (arrive on time); No fee (donations appreciated)

“MINDFUL DRUMMING CIRCLE”

Mindful Drumming is an ancient indigenous technology that uses the twin realities of rhythm and sound to bring about an alignment of body, mind and spirit. Mindful drumming is a path to evoke joy of our ancestors and their timeless wisdom. Experience the twin concepts of rhythm and sound-wave vibration as a way of meditation. Mindful Drumming is an expedient way of tapping into our natural African rhythms. It brings us in the now, and into our joy and happiness. The instructor is Kokomon Clotey, MBA and Executive Director of the Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc. He is from Ghana, West Africa, and he fuses the wisdom of the Ga people for healing and happiness. He is the author of Mindful Drumming: Ancient Wisdom for Unleashing the Human Spirit. Bring your drums or drums are available!

Attitudinal Healing Connection, 3278 West Street, Oakland 94608

More info / (RSVP recommended): 510-652-5530 OR <http://www.ahc-oakland.org/events/>

FEBRUARY 25 (Saturday), 9:30 am – 12:30 pm & 12:30 – 3:30 pm; No Fee (registration required)

“THE CRISIS IN BLACK EDUCATION – PORT CHICAGO NAVAL MAGAZINE NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRIP”

Choose one of the two sessions for this tour that will take you to the site where 320 Black naval men lost their lives during World War II in a munitions explosion. The tour will depart from the John Muir National Historic Site. The Naval Base requires that each participant provide: full name, date of birth and ID/driver's license (ID not required under age 18).

The event is facilitated by the San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society (SFAAHCS).

John Muir National Historic Site, 4202 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez 94553

More info / Reservations (leave name & phone # at): 415-292-6172

FEBRUARY 25 (Saturday), 11 am; \$5 (youth + seniors) / \$15 (adults)

“SONGS OF FREEDOM: MARCUS SHELBY ORCHESTRA”

You are invited to join this special Black History Month Family Matinee with Marcus Shelby who found inspiration in a Harriet Tubman biography and created his critically-acclaimed jazz oratorio, “Bound for the Promised Land”. The bassist and Bay Area bandleader reignites Tubman's mission, highlighting the Negro Spirituals that served as coded messages to runaway slaves and the Underground Railroad. He honors the memory of an important champions of freedom.

SFJAZZ Center / Miner Auditorium, 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 866-920-5299 OR

<https://www.sfjazz.org/events/2016-17/0225/family-matinee-marcus-shelby-orchestra>

FEBRUARY 25 (Saturday), 1 – 4 pm; No Fee

“AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILT GUILD OF OAKLAND'S ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION”

Celebrate African American History Month with the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland's “Annual Demonstration and Workshop”. Supplies will be provided so that you can make your own quilt. An event for all levels and ages.

Oakland Public Library / West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-238-7352 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/african-american-quilt-guild-oaklands-annual-demonstration>

FEBRUARY 25 (Saturday), 1:30 – 2:30 pm; No Fee

“JAZZ PERFORMANCE BY SIX ROSES”

Six Roses, David Boyce & Michael Cavaseno, will take the audience on a musical journey with a solid performance of Jazz renditions representative of Black-American music. This is a Performance program from the San Francisco Public Library in Celebration of Black History Month.

San Francisco Public Library / Portola Branch, 380 Bacon Street, San Francisco 94134

More info: 415-355-5660 OR <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1026385501>

FEBRUARY 28 (Tuesday), 5 pm +; No Fee (donations appreciated)

“MARDI GRAS SAN FRANCISCO STYLE”

The Event opens with a free blues concert at the Fillmore Center Plaza and featuring blues ensembles such as Fillmore Slim and Soul Mechanix. A second line band leads a New Orleans style procession through the neighborhood enlivening the Fillmore's commercial corridor, bringing awareness and revenue to community businesses.

NOTE: Call to check prices for The Masquerade Ball that begins at 8pm at the West Bay Conference Center
1290 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 94115

The Fillmore Center Plaza, 1475 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 94115

More info: 415-424-2980 OR http://thevillageprojectsf.org/vp/?page_id=93

PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

NOTE: worldwide carnivals and pre-carnivals are scheduled in many nations on February 27th (Carnival Monday) and February 28th (Carnival Tuesday). Some nations with formal carnival holidays are: Angola, Aruba, Bonaire/St. Eustatius/Saba, Brazil Cape Verde, Curacao, Dominica, Guyane (French Guiana), Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Martinique, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin and Trinidad & Tobago. You can do a Google search with the name for any nation and include carnival 2017 for links that provide details (example: "Aruba carnival 2017").

FEBRUARY 1: "Abolition of Slavery" in Mauritius; and "National Heroes' Day" in Rwanda. **FEBRUARY 3:** "Heroes' Day" in Mozambique and "Martyrs' Day" in Sao Tome and Principe. **FEBRUARY 4:** "Liberation Day" in Angola (in memory of the Baixa de Cassanje revolt). **FEBRUARY 5:** "Unity Day" in Burundi. **FEBRUARY 7:** "Independence Day" in Grenada. **FEBRUARY 11:** "Youth Day" in Cameroon; and "Armed Forces Day" in Liberia. **FEBRUARY 18:** "Independence Day" in The Gambia. **FEBRUARY 22:** "Independence Day" in Saint Lucia. **FEBRUARY 23:** "Republic Day" in Guyana. **FEBRUARY 25:** "Day of Liberation and Innovation" in Suriname. **FEBRUARY 27:** "Independence Day" in The Dominican Republic. **FEBRUARY 28:** "Carnival" in Angola.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR FEBRUARY

- February 1:**
- 1865 – John S. Rock became the first Afro-Descendent attorney to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.
 - 1870 - Jonathan Jasper Wright became the first Afro-Descendent judge elected to the South Carolina Supreme Court.
 - 1902 – Langston Hughes, social activist, play writer, novelist (and more), was born in Joplin Missouri.
 - 1926 - Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," initiated the first celebration of "Negro History Week". In 1976 it was expanded to "Black History Month."
 - 1960 - Three African American students from North Carolina A&T staged a sit-in against segregation at the Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro. They were honored on a U.S. Postage Stamp. The sit-in also led to the formation of SNCC (Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee).
 - 1978 - Harriet Tubman, abolitionist and engineer of the Underground Railroad, was honored on the first of the U.S. Black History Month stamps series.
 - 1982 - The Gambia and Senegal united as Senegambia. The union was dissolved in 1989.
 - 1990 - Ida B. Wells-Barnett, reformer who gathered the first statistical records on lynchings in the United States, was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
- February 2:**
- 1866 - Samuel R. Lowery was the first Afro-Descendent lawyer to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.
 - 1915 - Ernest E. Just, Biologist and Professor at Howard University Medical School, received the NAACP's Spingarn Medal for his pioneering work in fertilization.
 - 1988 - James Weldon Johnson, the first Field Secretary of the NAACP / co-composer of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (Black National Anthem), was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
 - 2009 - Eric Holder was sworn in as the first Afro-Descendent Attorney General under the Obama Presidency.

- February 3:** 1870 - The 15th Amendment, giving Afro-Descendents the right to vote, was ratified.
 1956 - Autherine Juanita Lucy became the first Afro-Descendent student at the University of Alabama.
 1961 - Angolan independence struggle against Portugal began with an attack on a Lusaka prison.
 1964 - Boycott of New York City schools in order to protest segregated education.
 1969 - Eduardo Mondlane, leader of FRELIMO (Mozambique Liberation Front) was assassinated.
- February 4:** 1913 – Rosa Parks (initiator of the Montgomery Bus Boycott) was born in Tuskegee Alabama.
 1969 – Angola’s MPLA (People's Movement for Liberation Labour Party / Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola – Partido do Trabalho) launched its armed struggle.
 1920 – Andrew “Rube” Foster organized the Negro National League for baseball.
 1959 – Congolese Nationalist Party (MNC), led by Patrice Lumumba, ousted Belgian colonialism.
 1964 - 24th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ended imposition of the poll tax as a voting requirement in Federal Elections.
- February 5:** 1884 - W. Johnson, inventor, patented the Egg Beater (U.S. Patent # 292,821).
 1934 - Henry "Hank" Aaron, baseball legend, was born in Mobile, Alabama. He played for the Milwaukee Braves over a 20-year span, and hit a record 755 homeruns in one season.
 1958 - Clifton Reginald Wharton, Sr. became the first Afro-Descendent person to head a U.S. embassy in Europe. He was confirmed as Ambassador to Rumania (Romania).
 1967 - President Nyerere of Tanzania made the Arusha Declaration on African socialism.
- February 6:** 1820 - The Mayflower of Liberia, the ship used for the first organized emigration of Africans back to Africa, left New York for Sierra Leone with 86 Africans / African Descendents.
 1945 - Bob Marley, the "King of Reggae Music," was born in Saint Ann’s, Jamaica.
 1969 - Anguilla declared its independence from St. Kitts following a referendum.
- February 7:** 1791 - Benjamin Banneker (inventor, surveyor, mathematician, and astronomer), helped the layout of Washington, D.C.
 1926 – “Negro History Week”, initiated by Carter G. Woodson, was observed for the first time.
 1986 - Cheikh Anta Diop, Egyptologist and author of “Civilization or Barbarism” and the “General History of Africa”, made his passage to the next life. Diop proved Egyptians were black and their culture predated and directly influenced Greek and Roman culture.
- February 8:** 1925 - Marcus Garvey was placed in the Atlanta federal prison. The Supreme Court refused to review his mail fraud conviction. Garvey was a “Black Nationalist”, Pan Africanist, and founder of the “United Negro Improvement Association” (UNIA) and the "Back to Africa" movement.
 1968 - Three South Carolina State students were murdered by police during segregation protests in Orangeburg, South Carolina. It became known as “The Orangeburg Massacre”.
 1986 - Debi Thomas, became the first Afro-Descendent person to win the Senior U.S. Singles Figure Skating Championship.
- February 9:** 1961 - Patrice Lumumba, Congolese Prime Minister, was murdered (assassinated?).
 1971 - Leroy "Satchel" Paige was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.
 1995 - Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. became the first Afro-Descendent astronaut to take a spacewalk.
- February 10:** 1780 – Captain Paul Cuffee and others petitioned the Massachusetts Legislature for the right to vote.
 1989 - Ronald (Ron) H. Brown was elected Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Brown was the first Afro-Descendent person to head a major political party.
 2008 - Barack Obama won his 2nd Grammy for the Best Spoken Word Album (Audacity of Hope).

- February 11:** 1990 – Nelson Mandela was released after 27 years as a political prisoner in South Africa.
2008 – Morgan Tsvangirai was sworn in as Prime Minister of Zimbabwe following a power-sharing deal with President Robert Mugabe.
- February 12:** 1793 - The “Fugitive Slave Law” was enacted by the U.S. Congress. It became an offence to harbour a fugitive slave.
1865 - Henry Highland Garnet, first Afro-Descendent to speak in the Capitol, delivered a memorial sermon on the abolition of slavery. Garnet served as a pastor in Jamaica (1853-56) but returned to the United States during the Civil War and demanded that Abraham Lincoln permit the enlistment of Afro-Descendent soldiers. In 1881 Garnet was appointed minister to Liberia, and he died two months later on 13th February, 1882.
1909 – The NAACP was founded by W.E.B. DuBois, Ida B. Wells and others. The group originally fought to abolish forced segregation and to enforce the 14th and 15th Amendments.
1962 - Beginning of the boycott of segregated buses in Macon, Georgia.
- February 13:** 1923 - The Renaissance, the first Black pro basketball team, was organized.
1970 - Joseph Searles became the first Afro-Descendent member of the New York Stock Exchange.
1973 - Gertrude E. Downing and William Desjardin patented the Corner Cleaner Attachment (U.S. Patent No. 3,715,772).
1991 - The Opposition National Democratic Party was formed in Kenya by Oginga Odinga.
- February 14:** 1817 – Frederick Douglass, “The Great Emancipator” was born as an enslaved person in Tuckahoe Maryland. A U.S. postage stamp was issued on his birthday 150 years later in 1967.
1867 – Morehouse College was founded in Augusta Georgia (it was later moved to Atlanta).
1936 - The National Negro Congress was formed with 817 delegates from over 500 organizations.
1957 - The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was formed with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as its President.
- February 15:** 1851 - African anti-slavery activists stormed a Boston court and liberated enslaved Africans.
1897 - Dr. George Washington Carver, the “peanut scientist”, established a Branch Agricultural Experiment Station and Agricultural School at Tuskegee Normal School.
1957 - The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was organized.
1961 – U.S. activists and African nationalists disrupted UN sessions to protest the slaying of Patrice Lumumba.
1965 - The home of Malcolm X was bombed on this date - just days before his assassination.
- February 16:** 1826 - “The Liberia Herald” was the first newspaper published in Africa.
1874 - Frederick Douglass was appointed President of the Freedman’s Bank & Trust Company.
1898 - R. Hearness, inventor, patented the Sealing Attachment for Bottles (Patent # 598,929).
1970 - Joe Frazier became the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion after knocking out Jimmy Ellis.
1972 - Wilt Chamberlain became the first NBA player to score 30,000 points (in 941 games).
1996 - South Africa Supreme Court ordered admission of Afro-Descendent students to Potgietersrus Primary Scholl in a landmark post-apartheid ruling.
- February 18:** 1688 – The Quakers of Pennsylvania adopted the first formal anti-slavery resolution.
1965 - The Gambia became independent, with David K. Jawara as its Prime Minister. It had been the last British colony in West Africa.
- February 19:** 1919 – W.E.B. DuBois organized the second Pan African Congress in Paris. 57 representatives met, 14 from Africa and 16 from U.S.A. The first conference was held in 1900.

- February 20:** 1885 - The town of Princeville, North Carolina was incorporated by Afro-Descendents and is the oldest in the U.S.
 1895 - Frederick Douglass made his passage from this life.
 1900 - JF Pickering patented his airship (Patent # US643975).
 1987 - Jean Baptist Pointe Du Sable, the Afro-Descendent founder of Chicago, Illinois, was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
 1993 - The First Afro-Descendent members of the South African cabinet were appointed.
- February 21:** 1965 - Omowale Malcolm X / El-Hajj Malik el-Shabazz was assassinated in New York City.
 1993 - Abou Diouf was re-elected as President of Senegal.
- February 22:** 1832 - The Female Antislavery Society of Salem was formed with Mary A. Battys as its first president.
 1962 - Wilt Chamberlain set a new NBA record with 34 attempted free throws.
- February 23:** 1868 - W.E.B. DuBois was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.
 1870 - Hiram Revels took his seat as the first Afro-Descendent U.S. Senator.
 1890 - Africans in Dahomey (present nation of Benin) defeated the French at Cottonou.
 1965 - Black Muslim headquarters in New York and San Francisco were burnt down.
 1965 - Constance Baker Motley was elected President of the Manhattan Borough. The highest elected office held by a black woman in a major U.S. city at this time.
- February 24:** 1966 - Kwame Nkrumah was overthrown by imperialists while he was in Beijing on a mission to end the Vietnam war.
 1992 - Edward Perkins, the first Afro-Descendent Ambassador to South Africa (1986), was nominated as UN Ambassador.
 1999 - Lauryn Hill, hip-hop and R&B diva, won five Grammy Awards, the most ever by a woman.
- February 25:** 1870 - Hiram Rhodes Revels, of Mississippi, was sworn in as the first Afro-Descendent U.S. Senator.
 1975 - Elijah Muhammed, leader of the Nation of Islam, made his passage to the next life.
 1996 - President Teodoro Obiang Nguema of Equatorial Guinea was re-elected.
- February 26:** 1870 - Wyatt Outlaw, leader of the Union League in Alamance County, North Carolina, was lynched.
 1926 - Theodore Flowers (aka "Tiger" and "The Georgia Deacon") became the first Afro-Descendent person to win the world middleweight championship.
 1965 - Jimmie Lee Jackson, civil rights activist, died of injuries inflicted by police officers in Marion, Alabama. Jackson was shot while defending his mother while leaving a voting-rights meeting.
 1974 - The Government of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia resigned following capture of Asmara.
- February 27:** 1872 - Charlotte Ray became the first Afro-Descendent female lawyer after graduating from Howard University's Law School.
 1883 - W. B. Purvis, inventor, patented the Hand Stamp (Patent # 273,149).
 1978 - Death of Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, South African political dissident and Founder of the Pan Africanist Congress to oppose the apartheid regime.
 1988 - Debi Thomas, figure skater, became the first Afro-Descendent American to win a medal (Bronze) at the Winter Olympics.
- February 28:** 1948 - Sargent Cornelius Adjetey became the first martyr for Ghana's independence.
 1975 - The Lome Convention for economic co-operation between African states and the European Community was signed in Togo.

SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

NOTE: Check the following website for national and international festivals and conferences:

<http://www.soulofamerica.com/events/>

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED:

FEBRUARY 1 - 26, 2017

“HILTON HEAD ISLAND GULLAH CELEBRATION”

The Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration is a showcase for the arts, crafts, foods and history of the island’s Gullah people whose heritage is from West Africa. Celebration events include a month long art exhibit, Taste of Gullah, Gullah Gospel Night, Ol' Fashioned Gullah Breakfast, Variety Show at Sea Pines, Sweetheart Ball with Deas Guyz , an Arts/Crafts /Food Expo and Gullah Music Concerts. The Gullah Community invite you to “Come jine we on we island home!”

539 William Hilton PKWY, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29926

More info / Tickets / Event details: 843-255-7303/7304 OR <http://gullahcelebration.com/>

Gullah Traditions & History: <http://www.hiltonheadisland.org/gullah/>

FEBRUARY 9 - 20, 2017

“PAN AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL – LOS ANGELES: CELEBRATING 25 YEARS”

Established in 1992, The Pan African Film Festival (PAFF) is a non-profit 501(c)(b) corporation dedicated to the promotion of cultural understanding among peoples of African descent. PAFF is dedicated to racial tolerance through the exhibition of film, art and creative expression. It is PAFF’s goal to present and showcase the broad spectrum of Black creative works, particularly those that reinforce positive images and help destroy negative stereotypes. PAFF organizers believe film and art can lead to better understanding and foster communication between peoples of diverse cultures, races, and lifestyles; while also serving as a vehicle to initiate dialogue on the important issues of our times. Events will include family events for all ages, a fashion show, musical performances, an after-party and many special workshops and events for professionals. PAFF has global participants and is the largest Black film festival in the U.S.

All PAFF Screenings, Conversations and Panels (unless otherwise indicated)

RAVE Cinemas 15 Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw, 4020 Marlon Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90008

More info / Tickets: <https://www.paff.org/festivals/paff-la/> OR 310-337-4737

FEBRUARY 22 - 26, 2017

“14TH EDITION OF THE HOLLYWOOD BLACK FILM FESTIVAL IN MARINA DEL REY, CA”

The HBFF festival’s goal is to play an integral role in discovering and launching independent films and filmmakers by bringing them to the attention of the industry, media and public. Check the website and join the mailing list to receive announcements of the HBFF 2017 Host Hotel, the Film Festival Lineup, Special Events, and more!

More info: <http://www.hbff.org/>

FEBRUARY 25 (Saturday), 2017 / 12:30 pm; \$50

“91ST ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY LUNCHEON”

ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History) facilitates the themes for each year’s Black History Month; and also facilitates this annual luncheon for the 2017 theme: “The Crisis in Black Education” will feature

Ms. Andrea Roane, WUSA9 EMMY and GRACIE award winning news anchor;

and the Honorable James E. Clyburn, U.S. House of Representatives from South Carolina.

NOTE: Prior to the luncheon will be a “Featured Authors” event with dozens of authors on hand to sell and sign their books, from 10 a.m. – Noon. This event is free and open to the public.

Washington Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

More info / Tickets: 202-238-5910 OR <https://asalh100.org/black-history-luncheon/3/>

APRIL 1 – MAY 31, 2017

“EXOTIC ADVENTURE WELLNESS HOMESTAY TRAVEL SPECIAL: 7 DAYS - 6 NIGHTS!”

This special tour package to the Caribbean nation of Belize includes: Pick up at Belize International Airport; Drop off at domestic Air Line in Punta Gorda Town; Lodging and Wholesome Meals; Morning Qigong; Swim in the Sea; and more.

There will also be guided outings with Baratunde & Kayah that include but are not limited to: River Tubing; a Pyramid Excursion; Rainforest Trek & Plant Walk; Fishing and/or Snorkeling; Private Island Excursion; Boat Ride and more !

More info /Tour details / Pricing / Reservations: 404-663-2572 OR

<http://exoticadventurewellnessjourney.com/homestay-package-pricing/>

APRIL 5 – 19, 2017

“HAITI 2017 - CULTURAL EXCHANGE TRIP”

You are invited to experience and enjoy a Cultural Immersion in Haitian Dance, Music & Song!

The tour will be in Port-au-Prince (capital city) and surrounding provinces. Activities include: a celebrated Vodou Ceremony at Lakou Souvenance; Daily Kreyol; Classes at ENARTS for Folkloric Dance, Song and Drum; Beach excursions;

Museum visits; Performances; Shopping...and more !!! The cost is \$3000 with \$1000 deposit due upon registration.

Cost includes: round-trip airfare; room accommodations (double occupancy); ground transportation; daily dance, drum and kreyol language classes; and home-cooked meals. The tour is a project by Rara Tou Limen (RTL), an Afro Haitian

Dance & Drum Performing Company in the Bay Area that is much appreciated and respected worldwide.

Daniel Brevil, RTL’s Musical Director, will host the tour.

More info / Tour details / Pricing / Reservations: brevilartlive@gmail OR 510-967-1760 OR

<http://www.raratoulimen.com/haiti-2017---cultural-exchange-trip.html>

JUNE 16 - 18, 2017

“2ND ANNUAL HOUSTON CARIBBEAN FILM FESTIVAL”

This new cultural event will take place in Downtown Houston (Mid-Town). Check website for updates on activities and the listing of films to be screened at the Festival. NOTE: June is National Caribbean American Heritage Month in the U.S.

SCREENINGS: Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston (MATCH), 3400 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002

More info / updates: 713-783-5779 OR http://www.houstoncaribbeanfilmfestival.org/HCCF_Schedule.htm

ONGOING:

SAVE NUBIA PROJECT

A special project coordinated by Bay Area's Professor Manu Ampim to document that the areas designated for dam construction in northern and central Sudan should be preserved. The areas are valuable UNESCO World Heritage Sites in danger of being destroyed, and are homelands of the Nubians who have occupied the area for millennia.

More info / to assist with the project: 510-273-2456 OR info@savenubia.org OR www.SaveNubia.org

AT THE CROSSROADS: FINDING YOUR PURPOSE

A special ongoing online program with Luisah Teish, a Yoruba Priestess Chief, that is designed to help each participant to: "Harness the Power of Ancestral Gifts"; "Address Ancestral Wounds and Oppression"; "Break Free of Limiting Beliefs and Trauma"; "Replenish Through Nature"; "Strengthen Intuition"; and "Remember Purpose". Priestess Teish has achieved one of the highest orders of chieftancy in the Yoruba tradition and is the author of many books, including the famous and revered "Jambalaya: The Natural Woman's Book of Personal Charms and Practical Rituals".

More info / Registration: <http://www.balade.black/at-the-crossroads-finding-your-purpose-chief-luisah-teish>

FILHOS DE BIMBA BAY AREA: CAPOEIRA INSTITUTE

Filhos de Bimba Bay Area was founded on June 10, 1986 by Manoel Nascimento Machado (Mestre Nene), the son of Mestre Bimba, the creator of Capoeira Regional, and one of the most influential masters of Capoeira. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines music, dance, acrobatics, and self-defense. The attack and defense movements are very rhythmic due to its African roots. Music and song accompanied by percussion is an inherent part of Capoeira, and an integral part of what is taught at Filhos de Bimba Bay Area. The school preserves the cultural legacy of Africa, Mestre Bimba and the essence of Capoeira Regional including its effective methodology of teaching, character building principles, rich traditions and rituals. Check the website for the full schedule of events and ongoing classes.

More info / Registration: <http://capoeirabayarea.com/>

"GHANA REPATRIATION & INVESTMENT WITH BOMANI TYEHIMBA":

A TOUR PRESENTED BY AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS

Check website for future tours and special events

Tour includes: Ghana accommodations & flights on Delta Airlines from designated U.S. cities to Accra, Ghana; transportation & tours throughout Ghana; daily exercise and meditation sessions; daily continental breakfast & gourmet dinner; naming ceremony & Ancestral celebration; hotel accommodations (double occupancy); Business & Investment Conference/Networking; and entrance and access to all tour sites & activities.

<http://www.africafortheafricans.org/>

"ONE AFRICA HEALTH RESORT, RESTAURANT & WELLNESS CENTER"

Tours or retreats to this healing retreat, at the One Africa Health Resort in Ghana, provide rejuvenation in a quaint Afrikan village style environment. Fourteen day tours are priced from \$2,500 and include roundtrip airfare from New York City. Tour sites included in the itinerary are the: W.E.B. DuBois Centre, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial, Cultural Art Center, Makola Market, Elmina and Cape Coast Slave Dungeons; and more.

More info / Tickets: 011-233-20-750-1221 OR <http://www.oneafricaghana.com/>

LINKS FOR LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION / RESOURCES / EVENTS

BAY AREA

1. **AFRICA TODAY WITH WALTER TURNER:** check updates on contemporary developments in Africa, the Caribbean, South America, the United States, and more. Mondays, 7 – 8 pm on KPFA Radio, 94.1 FM. Listen online to current and past programs.
<https://kpfa.org/program/africa-today/>
2. **AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AAGSNC):** check details and dates for Bay Area monthly study groups and weekly assistance with African Heritage / Genealogy research.
<http://www.aagsnc.org/> OR 510-531-3905
3. **AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY COUNCIL:** an independent community group in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health's African American Health Initiative. Committed to close the gap of negative health disparities affecting people of African descent by sharing e-health information and resources that promote effective health policies, community action and well being.
<http://www.bcoa.org/> OR <http://rafikicoalition.org/news.html#events>
4. **AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS -- BAY AREA**
 - San Francisco BayView (online): <http://sfbayview.com/>
 - The Sun Reporter + California Voice (subscription info only):
<http://www.sunreporter.com/tosubscribe.html>
 - The Oakland Post and Post Newspaper Group Online. Includes news for Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, San Francisco, Marin, South County and Vallejo.
<http://postnewsgroup.com/>
5. **AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAPAC)**
<http://www.sfusd.edu/en/councils-committees/african-american-parent-advisory-council.html>
The mission of the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) is to provide a forum to hear the ideas of the San Francisco Unified School District's African American parent community, and respond to those ideas by educating and informing parents of district resources, policies, and programs. The AAPAC works to develop resources that allow parents to more actively support the academic instruction that their children receive, and to engage with educators and administrators in the San Francisco Unified School District.
6. **AFRICANA STUDIES COMMUNITY RESEARCH CENTER AT MERRITT COLLEGE:** The Department of African American Studies provides curriculum for African American history to be used on ipads and/or computers that is fully ADA compliant for hearing and visually impaired learners and accessible in Spanish. It also includes a Black Family Research Specialist who works 2 days a week to train persons on genealogy processes.
510-434-3935 OR 510-531-4911 OR <http://postnewsgroup.com/> OR <http://www.merritt.edu/wp/afam/>
OR https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E_9UJQ0UJg&feature=youtu.be
7. **AFRICANA STUDIES / PROFESSOR MANU AMPIM:** check his Save Nubia Project, African studies / radio program, educational tours, e-store, publications, special events, lectures and more.
<http://www.manuampim.com/>
8. **AFROCENTRIC OAKLAND:** promote individual and community rejuvenation and cultural pride through art.
<http://www.afrocentricoakland.com/>

9. **AKILI DADA:** check details and activities of the Africa and San Francisco Branches coordinate transformative leadership for young women from underprivileged backgrounds in Africa and the U.S.
<http://www.akilidada.org/#home>
10. **AUSAR AUSET SOCIETY---WEST COAST:** check details for the West Coast chapter that carries on the mission of Ausar Auset Society International by: offering monthly classes on the material created by Ra Un Nefer Amen I; providing an outlet for the supplies and materials of AASI; and by creating a community environment through which one can live out the Kamitic spiritual system with others.
<http://www.ausarasetwestcoast.com/>
11. **AVOTCJA:** check info and links to Avotcja's activities as a D.J., poet, musician with Modupe; and more.
<http://www.avotcja.org/>
12. **BARBARA LEE'S CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #13:** keep up-to-date on international /national / regional / local issues and events that impact on the Bay Area represented by Congresswoman Barbara Lee.
<http://lee.house.gov/>
13. **BAY AREA BLACK UNITED FUND (BABUF):** strives to improve Bay Area African-American wellness by: putting needed resources into the community; compiling a Health Conductors list; and by engaging the community in leading healthier lives. Check info and more.
<http://www.babuf.org/>
14. **BAY AREA PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTIVE:** Established in 1987, the organization writes, directs and produces quality production throughout the Bay Area; and is based at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts.
<http://bayareapac.wix.com/bapac>
15. **BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP):** working for racial, social and economic justice through grassroots community organizing and policy-change.
<http://blackorganizingproject.org/>
16. **DIAMANO COURA WEST AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY:** provides classes / workshops for West African dance and music at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts in Oakland. The Company has professional performances locally, nationally and internationally.
<http://www.diamanocoura.org/>
17. **DOWNTOWN TAY:** Empowering the young adult community (16-24 years old) in Alameda County. Connecting to culture; inspiring hope; cultivating creativity; supporting wellness and promoting critical thinking.
<http://www.downtowntay.org/>
18. **EAST OAKLAND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (EOYDC):** EOYDC develops the social, higher education and leadership capacities of youth and young adults (ages 6 – 24).
<http://eoydc.org/>
19. **ELLA BAKER CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS:** advances racial and economic justice to ensure dignity and opportunity for low-income people and people of color.
<http://ellabakercenter.org/>
20. **FREEDOM FARMERS' MARKET:** check the African American farmer's site for ordering your "Harvest Box" and to learn about farming or assist those wishing to maintain or create sustainable farms.
<http://freedomfarmersmarket.com/>

21. HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA: check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
22. HUNTERS POINT FAMILY: grass-roots, community-based organization providing holistic programs supporting at-risk youth and young adults living in BayView Hunters Point, San Francisco.
<http://hunterspointfamily.org/>
23. IJO ADULAWO ORISA TEMPLE OF OAKLAND: Ijo Adulawo means the temple of Black Theology. Main objective is to promote spiritual development in the Bay Area through the study and practice of the Orisa Lifestyle. Online products and services available.
<http://ijoadulawo.weebly.com/> + <http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
24. JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC): check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.jaanc.org/>
25. NATURAL HEALING TREE WELLNESS CENTER: “Granny’s Kitchen” with raw food counseling, cooking classes, meeting and event space rental and more.
<http://www.naturalhealingtree.info/home.html>
26. ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY: organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
27. OUSD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: Oakland Unified School Districts program that pilots a three-tiered model of prevention/ intervention/ supported reentry in response to conflict/harm.
<http://www.ousd.org/Page/12324>
28. OUTDOOR AFRO: reconnects African-Americans with natural spaces and one another through camping, hiking, biking, fishing, gardening and more.
<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Afro/>
29. PAN AFRICAN CITY ALIVE: check the online store and Resource Center in Sunnyvale, CA for African art, clothing, books, culture, etc.
<http://www.panafricanstore.com/default.aspx>
30. PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK: check the Oral History Project (“I Hear, I Keep: Stories From Oakland’s Griots”). Wednesdays – Sundays, 2465 34th Avenue, Oakland, 510-532-9142
www.peraltahacienda.org
31. PRIORITY AFRICA NETWORK (PAN): check the Bay Area’s website for Pan African affairs, resources, organizations, events, news and updates, African Immigration, African restaurants, etc.
<http://www.priorityafrica.org/index.html>
32. QILOMBO: a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.
<http://qilombo.org/>
33. SWEET UNITY FARMS: a family and cooperative of coffee farmers based in Tanzania.
www.redbaycoffee.com

34. USHIRIKA KENYA Inc.: check details and activities for the community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to building a strong, united and thriving Kenyan community in Northern California and throughout the U.S.
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ushirika-Kenya-Inc/119089438101741?hc_location=timeline
35. VILLAGE-CONNECT: the mission is to build the capacity of people to become more self-aware and self-directed, resulting in sustainable positive transformation. The Project has received many awards.
<http://www.village-connect.org/>
36. WANDA'S PICKS: check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
37. YOUTH SPEAKS: founded in 1996 in San Francisco, and champions a local, national, and increasingly global movement of young people picking up pens and stepping proudly onto stages, declaring themselves present.
<http://youthspeaks.org/#>

REGIONAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

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38. ALL AFRICA: online news for all of Africa.
<http://allafrica.com/>
39. AFRICA TIMES NEWS: THE AFRICAN NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER: comprehensive access in French and English to events in and about all countries in Africa. Organized by a group of young African journalists.
<http://www.africa-times-news.com/>
40. AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS—NATIONAL
 - The Final Call: <http://www.finalcall.com/>
 - National Newspaper Publishers Association—list of member newspapers:
http://www.nnpa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=45
41. AFRICA GREAT LAKES NETWORKING FOUNDATION (AGL): committed to transform communities in Kenya and the Diaspora through education, information dissemination for knowledge, skills and sustainability.
<http://africagreatlakesnetworkingfoundation.org/>
42. AFRICAN GLOBE: BLACK NEWS, POLITICS AND INFORMATION: dedicated to the propagation and the dissemination of news and information relating to, and of importance to African Peoples worldwide. Includes videos, biographies, etc.
<http://www.africanglobe.net/>
43. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
44. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET: provided by Stanford University.
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
45. AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>

46. **AFRICAN UNION (AU):** official organization for 53 member African nations and the African Diaspora, with the head office in Ethiopia. Formerly Organization of African Union (OAU).
- For info on each nation, and all AU programs and projects: <http://www.au.int/en/>
 - For info about “Agenda 2063” (50 year proposals / projects for Africa): <http://agenda2063.au.int/>
 - For live stream of important meetings: <http://summits.au.int/en/livestream?q=livestream>
47. **AFRICAN WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT FUND - USA:** a coalition of African women and their U.S. allies for various projects.
www.awdf.org/awdf-usa OR www.awdf.org (sister organization)
48. **AFROPOP: THE ULTIMATE CULTURAL EXCHANGE:** links to special worldwide Afro TV / Media presentations. A series on the present day realities and contemporary lifestyles of Africans, on the continent and the Diaspora.
<http://afropop.tv/>
49. **ALL AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP):** a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa. The All-African People’s Revolutionary Party recognizes that African People born and living in over 113 countries are one People, with one identity, one history, one culture, one Nation and one destiny.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
50. **AMERICA’S BLACK HOLOCAUST MUSEUM:** virtual galleries and links to resources to educate the public about the ongoing injustices endured by people of African heritage in America.
<http://www.abhmuseum.org/>
51. **ARISTIDE FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY:** community and internationally sponsored programs which include the new Medical School at UNIFA (University of the Aristide Foundation) in Ayiti (Haiti).
<http://www.aristidefoundationfordemocracy.org/>
52. **ATLANTA BLACK STAR:** online resource for global Pan African information on all topics (health, travel, politics, TV & film, lifestyle, parenting and more)
<http://atlantablackstar.com/>
53. **BLACK AGENDA REPORT:** e-newsletter, business news/networks/incentives, etc.
<http://www.blackagendareport.com/>
54. **BLACK BUSINESS NETWORK:** products sold from Black-owned businesses to Black consumers.
<http://www.blackbusinessnetwork.com/Home/>
55. **BLACK DOCTOR:** healthy living and tips for African Americans.
<http://blackdoctor.org/search/index.aspx>
56. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK:** magazine and official guide to events.
<http://officialblackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/>
57. **BLACK IN LA (LOS ANGELES):** news and listings of events in and around and originating from Los Angeles.
<http://www.blacknla.com/wp2/>
58. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>

59. **BLACK PUBLIC MEDIA / NATIONAL BLACK PROGRAMMING CONSORTIUM (NBPC):** founded in 1979, the NBPC develops, produces, distributes and funds media content about the Black experience for public media outlets. Content provided online at BlackPublicMedia.org and via broadcast through AfroPoP: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange documentary series.
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/>
60. **BLACK STAR PROJECT:** operates nationally with a belief in the strength of parental and community involvement in education to eliminate the racial academic achievement gap.
<http://blackstarproject.org/action/>
61. **BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS - LOS ANGELES (BWWLA):** is committed to the health and well-being of Black women and girls through health education, empowerment and advocacy.
<http://www.bwwla.org/>
62. **BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH IMPERATIVE:** dedicated to promoting optimum health for Black women across the life span - physically, mentally and spiritually.
<http://www.healthyblackwomen.org/>
63. **CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):**
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
64. **CARICOM / CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT:** partnership of Caribbean nations for regional projects and development. Represented in PAHO (Pan American Health Organization) and UN (United Nations).
<http://www.caricom.org>
65. **CENTER FOR THE RESTORATION OF MA'AT:** New York based organization providing courses, tours, TV and radio programs about the Kemetic legacy.
http://www.centerformaat.com/About_KLT.html
66. **THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT (CRRJ) – Northeastern University School of Law:** serves as a resource for scholars, policymakers, and organizers involved in initiatives seeking justice for crimes of the civil rights era.
<http://nuweb9.neu.edu/civilrights/>
67. **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS:** includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
68. **CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (COSAS):** international organization for free, compulsory and relevant education and training systems that embrace democracy and equity and quality for students.
<http://cosas.co.za/>
69. **FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS:** an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
70. **FAWOHODIE SUA:** Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>

71. **INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORD 21ST CENTURY:** for building the capacity of Black communities in the U.S. to work for the social, political, economic and cultural upliftment of the global Black community.
<http://ibw21.org>
72. **INTERNATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S CONGRESS:** an international, non-profit networking organization; setting exemplary models of womanhood for building up African people worldwide.
<http://www.ibwc.us/>
73. **THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION TO COMMEMORATE AFRICAN ANCESTORS OF THE MIDDLE PASSAGE (ICCAAMP):** organizes and lists international activities that are designed to remember the millions of Africans who were sold, kidnapped, shipped then died along the route from Africa to the Americas.
<http://www.remembertheancestors.com/>
74. **KNOWLEDGE FOR LIFE:** founded in 1997 to bring relevant news, information and life enhancing programs to the Black community via multimedia.
<http://www.know4life.org/> + News: <http://know4life.tumblr.com/>
75. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today's community issues.
<http://mxgm.org/>
76. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maatinstitude-aboutus.html>
77. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
78. **NAARVA.com:** the National African American RVer's Association, Inc. is a special RV Organization for "US" like no other RV Camping Organization.
<http://naarva.com/>
79. **NCOBRA / National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America:** a mass-based coalition organized for the sole purpose of obtaining reparations for African descendants in the United States.
<http://www.ncobraonline.org/>
80. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
81. **PAN AFRICAN NETWORK IN DEFENSE OF MIGRANTS RIGHTS (PANiDMR):** an Africa-led organization that promotes the well being and interests of migrants, refugees and stateless persons from Africa.
<http://www.panidmr.org/>
82. **RACIAL EQUALITY TOOLS:** this site offers tools, research, tips, curricula and ideas for those working toward racial equity and racial justice at every level – in systems, organizations, communities and the culture at large.
<http://racialequitytools.org/home>
83. **RACE FOR THE TIMES:** provides links to national and global projects for understanding racial issues. Includes in-depth interviews, conscious hip hop, radio archives and more.
<http://www.raceforthetimes.com/tags/african-internationalism>

84. **SISTA WORKS:** an organization to connect women and girls of African Descent worldwide to enrich one another and discover the resources to fulfill their dreams.
<http://www.sistaworks.org/>
85. **VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY** (monthly newsletter by WO'SE's Brother Mxolisi).
<http://hcvoice.wordpress.com>
86. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU):** Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
87. **YENOBA.COM:** free website featuring many major achievements and important dates for /by people of African Descent. It includes inventions, and leadership that have helped mankind world-wide.
<http://www.yenoba.com/>
88. **ZENVIBA CAPITAL CORPORATION:** a non-profit investment bank that makes direct measurable impacts in underserved urban and rural communities.
<http://www.zenviba.com/index.html>

BOOKS FOR AFRICAN / AFRODESCENDENT HISTORY & HERITAGE

A SHORT LIST OF SITES FOR AFRO-CENTRIC BOOKS (REVIEWS AND PURCHASE)

1. **AFRICA'S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 20TH CENTURY** - The ASC (African Studies Center) Leiden Library, compiled a dossier on Africa's 100 Best Books of the 20th Century project. It includes an introduction, the top twelve list, the top hundred list, and a selection of Web resources
<http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/webdossiers/africas-100-best-books-20th-century>
2. **ASHAY BY THE BAY – African American and Multi-Cultural Children's Books**
Online catalog with 600+ bi-lingual and picture books and products. Provides special reading lists online and online or onsite book fairs for fundraising. Orders may be taken online, by email, phone or fax.
www.ashaybythebay.com
3. **THE BLACK BOOK REVIEW ONLINE**
<http://www.qbr.com>
4. **BLACK BOOK PLUS - Knowledge Books**
NOTE: you may choose books from other categories such as Africa, Caribbean, etc.
Publisher + online bookstore: <http://www.blackbookplus.com/KNOWLEDGE%20BOOKS.asp>
5. **BLACK BOOKS DIRECT – African American History**
NOTE: you may choose books from other categories such as Africa, children's books, arts & media, bargain books, etc.
Online bookstore: <http://www.blackbooksdirect.com/history.html>
6. **MARCUS BOOK STORE - Home Library Must-Haves**

NOTE: you may choose from other categories such as art, history, elementary, middle School, high School, politics, science fiction, self-help, etc. Self-directed Book Clubs may meet at the Marcus Bookstore.

Oakland + online: <http://marcusbooksoakland.com/>

- 7. PAN AFRICAN CITY LIVE – Special collection of African and African American books.**

Culture and Bookstore in Sunnyvale + online: <http://panafricancity.com/product-category/books/>

- 8. PER ANKH PUBLISHERS (owned by AYI KWEI ARMAH - author of “Two Thousand Seasons”)**

Online bookstore (Bay Area distributor / facilitator): <http://www.perankhbooks.com/>