Come celebrate the Wing Luke Asian Museum's *Year of New Beginnings* 2009 Annual Dinner and Auction featuring the Art of Cuisine with celebrity emcee Mark Dacascos, Chairman of *Iron Chef America*.

Taste your way through a selection of art-inspired appetizers created by local chefs, learn about their inspirations, and vote for your favorite! Culinary creations will be presented by Gerold Castro of Kawali Grill, Gian Jaswal of India Bistro, Alex Nguyen of Saigon Bistro, Alan Quan of Four Seas, Christina Scholz of ATA Farms, and Rachel Yang of Joule.


The event starts at 5pm with the VIP reception beginning at 4pm. Don't miss it!

**Deporting Cambodians: How Immigration Policy Shapes Our Communities**

*An Exhibit of the New Dialogue Initiative* | **ON DISPLAY** through October 18, 2009


The recent deportations of Cambodian refugees are just one point in a long line of immigration policies that have shaped the lives of immigrants to the U.S. This poignant exhibit explores how immigration and refugee policies have formed communities by impacting where people live and work, causing long-lasting effects on families, and influencing sense of identity.

The New Dialogue Initiative is a multi-strategy program that address concerns and urgent needs about contemporary social issues and news events affecting the Asian Pacific American community.

See more special exhibits on page 3
MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are halfway into the Wing Luke Asian Museum's Year of New Beginnings, and what a year it has been, on so many levels.

- Many hundreds of you have helped develop and open twelve new exhibits since our June 2008 Grand Opening, covering a wide range of issues and Asian Pacific American ethnic stories, including Ho‘omau ka Huaka‘i, The Voyage Continues: Native Hawaiians in the Pacific Northwest and Still Present Pasts: Korean Americans and the “Forgotten War”;
- Museum staff reinvented our business operations, enabling us to welcome 25,000 visitors by 2008 year-end;

- Thanks to all for your generous donations and charter memberships, for taking one of the three kinds of tours we offer: Gallery Tours, Historic Immersion Tours (of the “secret rooms”) and Neighborhood Tours. For your enthusiastic shopping in our Marketplace, a popular hybrid of APA trading companies with Asian street markets, crammed with a distinctive assortment of products. For locating your group events in our sparkling 100-year old building. For helping respond to popular demand for the reprise of our signature dinner auction event, this year on Saturday April 4, 2009: Year of New Beginnings featuring the Art of Cuisine;
- Our new customer levels help boost the economic health of a unique historic ethnic neighborhood, a tremendous achievement in the face of deep recession and the snowpocalypse, and provide the singular setting for public exposure and dialogue with the pan-Asian Pacific American communities.

Congratulations and thank you to all for your part in being named among the Seattle Times’ Best of Puget Sound 2008. At the risk of sounding like a movie ad, here are excerpts from the Times:

…(a) cultural triumph deserving recognition
…a dazzling arena of clever art installations and art objects paying homage to the broad umbrella of Asian cultures
…Wing Luke’s storied presence is a major driver of revitalization of the International District…

We’re learning new things every day as our community stories and voices reach unprecedented new audiences. Thank you for helping us reach new heights in 2009!

Thank you and Welcome

Welcome to our newest Board of Trustees member Sai Chaleunphonh. Sai is a partner at Marpac Construction, LLC and has more than 14 years of experience in construction project management as well as community involvement work with SCIDPDA, Inter*Im, Nikkei Concerns, KinOn and the Seattle Library.

Please welcome Nari Baker, our new Grants Associate. Nari is a graduate of Hampshire College with a focus in Race, Identity and Transnational Migration and has studied in Korea on a research grant from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. She is also a former volunteer at the Museum’s front desk, as a docent and at the auction.

Welcome to Sean Espero, our new Visitor Services Lead/Interpretive Lead and Walton Huynh, our new Marketplace Sales Associate. Sean is a graduate of Seattle University with a B.A. in History, a minor in Asian Studies and experience at the Museum as a former intern and docent. Walton is currently a student at the University of Washington and has volunteered with the Chinese Post and the City of Seattle Planning Department.

Congratulations to Janet Aviado for stepping up to a new challenge as Librarian and Community Programs Coordinator.
Ho‘omau Ka Huaka‘i, The Voyage Continues: Native Hawai‘ians in the Pacific Northwest
Through August 16, 2009 | Safeco Insurance Foundation Special Exhibition Gallery

A groundbreaking exhibit for both the Wing Luke Asian Museum and the Asian Pacific Islander American community, *Ho‘omau ka Huaka‘i*, *The Voyage Continues* explores the experiences of Native Hawai‘ians in the Pacific Northwest from past to present day. The exhibit highlights the Native Hawai‘ians’ pioneer history as the first Asian Pacific Islander group in the Pacific Northwest, the rich contributions of Native Hawai‘ians in Washington State for the past 200 years, the community formed to preserve their rich cultural traditions and the legacies they leave for future generations.

*Sponsored by:* Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation, 4Culture, Humanities Washington, Women’s History Consortium.  *Media sponsor:* Comcast

Still Present Pasts: Korean Americans and the “Forgotten War”
a multimedia exhibit about the legacies of war
Through May 17, 2009 | George Tsutakawa Art Gallery

*Still Present Pasts* features video, installation and performance art by ten Korean American artists in conversation with the first systematically recorded oral histories of Korean American survivors of the US-Korean War and their families.  *Featuring artwork by* Yul-san Liem, Injoo Whang, Ji-Young Yoo, film by Deann Borshay Liem, artistic contributions from Erica Cho, Sukjong Hong, and Yong Soon Min, and oral histories and historical background from Ramsay Liem and Ji-Yeon Yuh. Technical assistance provided by Young Sul.


New Years All Year Round
Through July 12, 2009 | Uwajimaya-Moriguchi Family KidPLACE

Asian Pacific Islander Americans come from many communities, each with its own New Year celebrations. Many Asian celebrations are based on the lunar calendar, which follows the phases of the moon. This annual New Year’s exhibit features the Cambodian, Korean and Chinese celebrations.

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My Place or Yours: Embracing Mixed Identities
Through June 14, 2009 | The Boeing Company Community Portrait Gallery

A poignant exhibit examining the diversity and complexity of community and identity from a mixed Asian Pacific Islander American perspective.

All-Day Free Events on Saturday, February 21
General admission is free every third Saturday and first Thursday of the month

Family Day at the Wing sponsored by Vietnamese calligraphy with Huong Viet Performing Arts Group
1pm-3pm | Community Hall
Create and learn the history of Vietnamese calligraphy and create with Hai Hong from the Huong Viet Performing Arts Group.

Seattle Ukulele Players Association performance
4pm-6pm | Tateuchi Story Theatre
Listen to the Seattle Ukulele Players Association (SUPA) play hapa haole and Hawaiian tunes. SUPA promotes fellowship, entertainment, performance and education among ukulele enthusiasts in the Puget Sound region. The players are multi-generational and multicultural— the performers scheduled are a small representative of their over 100 members from around the Puget Sound area.

“Asian Voices,” YouthCAN exhibit opening
4pm-5pm | Community Hall
Join YouthCAN members as they open their new exhibit, Asian Voices. YouthCAN is a community-based leadership program for Asian Pacific American youth (ages 15-19) that works to connect youth with and take pride in their heritage. Through the High School Exhibits Contest, Summer Cultural Arts Experience, and Ambassador Program, Asian Pacific American youth learn how to use advocacy, arts, and cultural programming to take action on issues that affect the community.

All-Day Free Events on Saturday, March 21
General admission is free every third Saturday and first Thursday of the month

Family Day at the Wing sponsored by Weaving with Na Lei O Manu’akepa
1pm-3pm | Community Hall
Learn how to weave using leaves with Na Lei O Manu’akepa, a traditional hula academy that presents migration stories and traditions of Hawaii.

Kite making with Greg Kono and Nobohiko Yoshizumi
4pm-6pm | Community Hall

For calendar updates, visit http://wingluke.org/events/upcoming.htm
Saturday, April 18, 1pm-3pm
Family Day at the Wing sponsored by 
Create with natural dyes with Na Lei O Manu’akepa
Community Hall | During free third Saturday
Learn how to use Native Hawaiian natural dyes on cloth with Na Lei O Manu’akepa, a traditional hula academy that presents migration stories and traditions of Hawaii.

Thursday, May 7, 5:30 pm
Korean history lecture by Dr. Seung-Hee Jeon
Presented by the Korean American Historical Society | Free

Dr. Seung-Hee Jeon will discuss the issue of the role of art and literature in representation of collective historical memory focusing on Pak Wan-so’s autobiographical literature on her Korean War experience. This event is a community program for the exhibit “Still Present Pasts: Korean Americans and the “Forgotten War,” now on view in the Tsutakawa Art Gallery through May 17.

Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers:


COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
All programs are located inside the new Wing Luke Asian Museum unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, April 4, 2009
Year of New Beginnings
Bell Harbor International Conference Center
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Wing Luke Asian Museum Receives First Realized Bequest from Long-time Supporter

The Wing Luke Asian Museum is a source of inspiration for long-time supporter Helen Lew Lang. A native of Seattle, she is the founder of Crane House, The Asia Institute, Inc., in Louisville, Kentucky, a non-profit organization which is the region’s premier Asian hub facilitating cultural understanding, diversity and education. She credits the Museum’s pan-Asian American inclusiveness for inspiring her to incorporate programs about a variety of Asian cultures at Crane House. Her lifelong interest in her heritage and history led her and her husband, the late Dr. Calvin Lang, to become supporters of the Museum more than 16 years ago, and more recently, to include the Museum as a beneficiary in his will.

“I knew Wing Luke in high school; we were both in leadership roles in the community. We (Calvin and I) began supporting the Wing Luke Asian Museum because we believed, and continue to believe in it and like the direction it’s going,” recalls Helen.

Dr. Lang, a retired biochemistry professor at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, passed away in early 2008. He left a legacy that will always be remembered. As one of several organizations named in his will, the Museum credits his thoughtful and visionary gift as being one of the first to help set up our permanent endowment, as well as supporting key museum programs and our new building.

Helen is a strong supporter of education. Recently, she helped initiate a Mandarin language program for preschoolers in Louisville. In her spare time, she enjoys playing the piano, reading and learning new things. She continues to inspire and encourage us with her dedication and continuing leadership in the community.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Langs for including the Wing Luke Asian Museum in Dr. Lang's estate plans. If you have done the same or are interested in doing so, please let us know so we can thank you or provide you with more information. For more information about our endowment or ways to support the Museum through your estate and/or financial plans, please contact Donna Ma at (206) 623-5124 ext. 138.
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