

WO'SE COMMUNITY



PAN AFRICAN AFFAIRS

This newsletter includes selected information and websites to check for Pan-African events and resources; and it is compiled by the WO'SE Council Elder for Pan African Affairs. You may view current and past monthly issues if you log on to the WO'SE Community website <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> and click on "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" under Latest News. You may also click on the Subscribe link to receive the monthly digital copy.

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

8924 Holly Street, Oakland, CA 94621 / Call 510-632-8230

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/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/WoseCommunity/>

For the WO'SE Community in Sacramento: <http://www.wosesacramento.com/>

"WHAT IS WO'SE THEOLOGY?"

A Discussion by Baba Jahi

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

"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!"

AUGUST 2017 / 6258 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

"When you embark on the Lake of MAAT (truth, justice and righteousness): May you sail on it with a good wind;
May no storm tear away your sail nor your boat lag behind; May no misfortune fall on your mast and
May your mainstays not snap; May you not run aground nor the current carry you away;
May you not taste the evils of the river nor see a face of fear...
And may the fish come quickly to you and plump birds gather around you"

From: The Husia / The Book of Amenomope (p. 31, #1), c1984 by Maulana Karenga

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

IN THE WORDS OF MARCUS GARVEY:

“Chance has never yet satisfied the hope of a suffering people. Action, self-reliance, the vision of self and the future have been the only means by which the oppressed have seen and realized the light of their own freedom.”

From: “Famous Black Quotations: And Some Not So Famous”; compiled by Janet Cheatham Bell, 1986.

PAN AFRICAN MISSIONS 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 for events and other info: <http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/upcoming-events.shtml>

AND http://www.un.org/pga/101214_launch-international-decade-people-african-descent/ AND

<http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/index.shtml>

STATE OF THE BLACK WORLD CONFERENCE (SOBWC) IV

Held November 2016, and includes Conference summary, program, declaration and more. Special workshops on reparations, the Afro family, Afro economic issues and implications for the Pan African world.

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

THE KILIMANJARO DECLARATION

Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity

On 23-24 August 2016, two hundred and seventy two representatives from civil society, trade unions, women, young people, men, people living with disabilities, parliamentarians, media organizations and faith-based groups, from across Africa and the African Diaspora gathered in Arusha, Tanzania and committed to build a pan-African movement that recognizes these rights and freedoms of our People. Read (and sign) the Declaration on the website below.

<http://www.africans-rising.org/2016/08/24/the-kilimanjaro-declaration/>

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

28TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NCobra CONFERENCE (JUNE 22 - 25, 2017): RESULTS TO BE INCLUDED ASAP

<http://www.ncobraonline.org/events-page/28th-annual-national-ncobra-conference/>

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

The 10-Point Reparations Plan developed by NAARC 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 OR Visit the websites:

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

For WO'SE: <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/WoseCommunity/>

NOTE: The WO'SE Oakland website is currently "under construction"

For the WO'SE Community in Sacramento: <http://www.wosesacramento.com/>

**NOTE: WO'SE 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 (NLS) CLASSES FOR "NEW & OLD" MEMBERS

Sundays: August 27th + September 3rd + September 10th, from 9 – 10:15 am

**This 3-week class will be facilitated by Baba Tyehimba. Each session will include an in-depth discussion about the
"African Origins of Judaism, Christianity and Islam".**

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

August 6th and August 20th (Sundays), part of the 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

August 13th and August 24th (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service

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

ILE OMODE 2017 SUMMER CAMP SESSION

Until August 11th, 7:30am – 5:30pm, Monday – Friday

For enrollment, please contact Ile Omode ASAP (510-632-8230)

**The Ile Omode Summer Program offers a comprehensive camp with daily activities including, music, arts, sports,
swimming, dancing, technology, fun Friday fieldtrips and school readiness (Language arts and math).**

Camp Goers are Kindergarten to 8th grade. Check for the fieldtrips and other optional programs.

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2017

**NOTE: Check page 13 for the August Complementary Health Events
with the Rafiki Coalition for Health**

AUGUST 1 (Tuesday), 5 - 8 pm; No Fee!

“NIGHT OUT FOR SAFETY & LIBERATION – OAKLAND”

Join the BLOCK PARTY at DeFremery Park (the historic Black Panther Party organizing park) in West Oakland. This will be Oakland's 5th annual “Night Out for Safety and Liberation” to: redefine what safety means to us with a different conversation about public safety beyond policing; and ways to focus on how we can build equity, power, and opportunity in our communities. There will be free food, games, family-friendly activities, a DJ, dance & spoken word performances, healing practitioners, arts activities, and screen printing.

DeFremery Park (Little Bobby Hutton Park) 1651 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1981867698755336/>

AUGUST 3 – 6 (Thursday - Sunday), 7:30 pm; \$25+

“SUN RA ARKESTRA”

The enduring legacy of jazz visionary, Sun Ra has been kept by Marshall Allen, Arkestra veterans and a new generation of musicians who will perform. Sun Ra, an alto saxophonist, is the composer and keyboardist who created pioneering Afro-futurist concepts in music and philosophy. He integrated Ellington-influenced big band swing with free jazz, the blues, electronics, and African musical traditions while establishing a singular visual style that combined futuristic concepts with ancient Egyptian iconography. He released over a hundred full-length albums and innumerable singles during his career. His Arkestra appeared on “Saturday Night Live”; and was named Best Big Band in DownBeat’s Critics Poll five times. Since his death in 1993, the Arkestra has continued to record and perform under the direction of Marshall Allen. Sun Ra claimed to have come from the planet Saturn to bring peace to Earth, and his Arkestra continues this mission. “Watching Sun Ra Arkestra is akin to seeing a group of people have a religious experience...” from The Guardian.

SFJAZZ Center (Miner Auditorium), 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 866-920-5299 OR <https://www.sfjazz.org/events/sessions/2017/0803/sun-ra-arkestra>

AUGUST 5 (Saturday), 11 am – 4 pm; No Fee!

“NATURAL: 3RD ANNUAL NATURAL HAIR, SKIN, BEAUTY AND WELLNESS EXPO”

This event celebrates the natural beauty of Afro People & Culture, and aims to: promote Bay Area Afro-owned/operated businesses, entrepreneurs and artists; and to serve as a platform to educate, inspire, support, and empower the community as a whole. "Natural" will include a vendor's showcase representing a collection of Bay Area hair care stylists, skin-care specialists and mixologists, barbers, make-up artists, jewelry designers, clothing designers and stylists, holistic health practitioners, authors, artists, and more. The event will also host: live natural hair demonstrations; onsite beauty, lash, and massage services; product demos; a hair braiding bar; lifestyle and holistic healing activities; a free raffle; music entertainment; and more! Ayodele & Tiarra, the organizers and hostesses, created this event with you in mind, so they plan to see you there!

Youth UpRising Center, 8711 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland 94605

More info / RSVP: 510-777-9909 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/natural-hair-skin-beauty-wellness-expo-shopping-affair-tickets-36418037330>

AUGUST 5 (Saturday), 12 noon – 4 pm; No Fee!

“AFRICAN ANCESTRAL REUNION – CELEBRATION”

The Executive Management Team of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Black Family Life and Culture (IASBFLC) invite you to this special gathering to discuss African Ancestry DNA test results. The IASBFLC is committed to reunification of the African American family; the Revitalization of African American Communities; and a Cultural Realignment. Please RSVP with the number of guests you are bringing, and check for details about the location.

Location in the Bay Area will be finalized

More info: 510-836-3245 OR <http://www.iasbflc.org/>

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/save-the-date-african-ancestral-reunion-celebration-tickets-35731589145>

AUGUST 5 (Saturday), 9 – 11:59 pm (doors open at 8:30 pm); \$18+

“AFRIQUE SOGUE”

Afrique Sogue is a traditional West African performing arts company based in the East Bay. Under artistic director Mohamed Lamine Bangoura, Afrique Sogue (meaning “the Sun of Africa”) presents an evening filled with the musical culture of the Manding and Mandinka people of West Africa. This concert features vocalists and dancers with an ensemble playing the traditional percussion instruments: djembe drums, balafon, doudoun and kenkeni. Director Lamine says, “We invite all to sing, dance, and participate in an evening of celebration.”

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR <http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2017/8/5/afrique-sogue-1>

AUGUST 5 – AUGUST 17 (Check days + times below); No Fee! (donations welcomed)

“YERBA BUENA GARDENS FESTIVAL”

AfroSolo in the Gardens / August 5 (Saturday, 1 – 3 pm)

“Lovin’ the Horns” with Charles Hamilton, an internationally known jazz trombonist and his musicians; and Dr. David Hardiman, Sr., an acclaimed trumpet, flugelhorn player and pianist with his musicians.

More info: <https://ybgfestival.org/event/afrosolo-2017/>

Jazz Herstory Collective / August 17 (Thursday, 12:30 – 1:30 pm)

The Jazz Herstory Collective (JHC) is a project celebrating the legacy of Bay Area’s history of extraordinary women playing jazz, funk, rock and soul. Performers include: the award-winning Viveca Hawkins; Kimiko Joy singing reggae; and the rhythm section including drummer Ruth Price, bassist/vocalist Aneesa Strings and pianist Sundra Manning.

More info: <https://ybgfestival.org/event/jazz-herstory-collective/>

Bobi Céspedes / August 17 (Thursday), 6 – 7:30 pm)

This Cuban-born vocalist, cultural conduit, provides authentic Afro-Cuban roots music with a passionate hunger for clave. She has made an enduring impression with the celebrated band Conjunto Céspedes, and Bembé Orisha projects. Céspedes is a direct link between the new world and the old, belting out son, rumba, boleros and Yoruba incantations.

More info: <https://ybgfestival.org/event/bobi-cespedes/>

ALL EVENTS: Yerba Buena Gardens Esplanade, Mission St. between 3rd & 4th Streets, San Francisco 94103

More info / Additional Events: 415-543-1718 OR <https://ybgfestival.org/events/>

AUGUST 6 (Sunday), 11 am - 6 pm; No Fee!

“OYAE! (OAKLAND YOUTH ART EXPLOSION)”

This first annual OYAE! is a Youth Festival featured / organized by youth and young adults; and will be hosted by the Joyce Gordon Foundation of the Arts. The Youth Art Events will include: Hip Hop and Jazz Band Performances; an Urban Youth Farmers Market; Live Painting Mural Projects; OYAE Youth Cinema; Dance Group Performances; Spoken Word/Open Mic; Painting Workshops with Professional Artists; a Youth Art Exhibit; Martial Arts and more! Event organizers include: Youth Urban Farm Project, Eastside Art Alliance, Joyce Gordon Foundation of the Arts, Attitudinal Healing Center, Downtown TAY, HHREC, Oakland Unite and You!

Downtown Merchants Parking, 1316 Franklin Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Sponsorship / Donations: 510-465-8928 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/1653549828018794>

AUGUST 6 (Sunday), 2 pm; No Fee!

“AMADOU & MARIAM | IBIBIO SOUND MACHINE”

Amadou & Mariam are a GRAMMY-nominated duo from Mali whose unique “Afro-blues” sound has landed them with many superstars. Fronted by London-born Nigerian singer Eno Williams, Ibibio Sound Machine is a clash of African and electronic elements inspired by the golden era of West African funk, disco, modern post-punk, and electro. For the past forty-odd years, Amadou & Mariam have managed to joyfully combine their love story with a musical career while becoming ambassadors for Malian music, and African music, all around the world. Arrive early and bring a seat.

Sigmund Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, San Francisco 94132

More info: 415-252-6252 OR <https://www.sterngrove.org/amadou-and-mariam.html>

AUGUST 6 (Sunday), 7 pm (doors open 6:30); \$15+

“A CELEBRATION OF MABIBA BAEGNE'S CONTRIBUTION TO BAY AREA AFRICAN DANCE”

A fundraiser for Mabiba Baegne, the Queen of Congolese Dance. After wrestling with breast cancer a few years ago, she is still dealing with the aftermath of her treatments in the form of permanent nerve damage and ongoing pain. Salt Lake City has a community of students waiting to help her, and she needs our financial and spiritual support to accomplish the move. All proceeds go toward helping Mabiba move.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR <http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2017/8/6/a-celebration-of-mabiba-baegnes-contribution-to-bay-area-african-dance>

AUGUST 8 (Tuesday), 7:30 pm (doors open 6:30 pm); \$40+

“YOUSSEU N'DOUR”

Yousseu N'Dour is an international icon and prime innovator of “Mbalax” – a blend of Senegal's traditional music with Cuban rumba, calypso, and funk. Since forming “Etoile de Dakar” in 1979, the Grammy award-winning Yousseu N'Dour has been a staunch advocate for human rights in Africa and around the world through his music and political involvement. Rolling Stone magazine praises him as, “perhaps the most famous singer alive.” This special performance is facilitated by Kuumba Jazz, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of jazz through concerts by regional, national and international musicians; and through education programs for all ages.

Rio Theatre, 1205 Soquel Avenue Santa Cruz 95062

More info / Tickets: 831-427-2227 OR <http://kuumbwajazz.ticketfly.com/event/1501184-yousseu-n-dour-rio-theatre-santa-cruz/>

AUGUST 9 – SEPTEMBER 3, Check website for performance days and times; \$21+

“BLACK ODYSSEY”

Praised as a thrilling and music-infused new play written by Oakland native Marcus Gardley that mashes up Greek mythology and African-American folklore. After he is lost at sea and presumed dead, American soldier Ulysses Lincoln struggles to find his way home to his wife and son. But manipulating his journey are a host of gods: the dignified Deus and the scheming Paw Sidin, and the radiant Aunt Tina, who has her own reasons for setting her sights on the wandering warrior. A fable about confronting the burdens of one’s past before you can truly find “home,” this electric epic from one of the shining new voices of theater comes to the Bruns stage helmed by Cal Shakes Artistic Director Eric Ting.

Bruns Amphitheater, 100 California Shakespeare Theater Way, Orinda 94563

More info / Tickets: 510548-3422 OR <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/black-odyssey/>

AUGUST 10 (Thursday), 6:30 – 10 pm; \$15 members / \$25 general for panel, party and performance

“PSYCHEDELIC SOUL ENCOUNTER #3 - OUTCOMES

BLACK CULTURAL AWAKENING DURING SAN FRANCISCO'S SUMMER OF LOVE”

Rickey Vincent will moderate the third of a three speaker series presented by MoAD and The California Historical Society to discuss the outcomes of the period of radical counter-culture, and how Afro American artists and free-thinkers applied their craft, and exercised their ideals, imbibed with the liberating lessons of the “Summer of Love.” Panelists will be Linda Tillery, William Calhoun, and Faye Carol; with a live performance by Johnny Talbot & De Thangs.

MoAD / Museum Of The African Diaspora, 685 Mission Street (at Third Street), San Francisco 94105

More info: 415-358-7200 OR http://www.moadsf.org/event/psychedelic-soul-black-cultural-awakening-during-the-summer-of-love-encounter-3-outcomes/?instance_id=14037

AUGUST 11 (Friday), 3 – 7 pm; No Fee! (Registration requested)

NOTE: Stakeholder Meeting 3 – 5 pm / Town Hall Meeting 5 – 7 pm

“LET’S BUILD A BLACK HEALTH AGENDA”

The California Black Health Network (CBHN) is hosting a series of town hall meetings throughout California on Building the Black Health Agenda to document the concerns of Afro Americans in the new era of political upheaval. Your experience is needed as well as your input and your voice. Your contribution will result in a legislative guide that will promote issues that improve the health and wellbeing of Black people. At the Stakeholder Meeting from 3 – 5 pm legislators, organizations, health providers, holistic healers, and advocates will voice their concerns, experience, and suggestions to support legislation to improve the wellbeing of Black folks. From 5-7 pm is the Town Hall meeting for community members, which stakeholders will attend. Food and drinks will be provided.

Youth Uprising Center, 8711 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland 94605

More info / Registration: 916-333-0613 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bay-area-black-health-agenda-tickets-33739959126>

AUGUST 11 – 13 (Friday - Sunday), Check website for each day's events and times);

\$15+ adults, \$5 under 13 / Donations appreciated

“SAN JOSE JAZZ SUMMER FEST”

You are welcomed to one of the hottest events of the summer featuring a lineup on 10 stages of international stars, emerging artists and regional favorites playing jazz, blues, salsa, Latin and R&B. The Whispers, Chris Botti, Angelique Kidjo, Maceo Parker, Dmitri Matheny Jazz Noir, and the Brian Andres Afro Cuban Cartel are just a few of the amazing, soul-inspiring performers. It's more than the biggest live music event in Silicon Valley—it's the perfect summer experience with tasty food, wine and microbrews; family fun and an after-hours club crawl.

Centered on Plaza de César Chavez Park, 1 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose 95113 + indoor and outdoor venues

More info: 408-288-7557 OR <https://summerfest.sanjosejazz.org/>

AUGUST 12 (Saturday), 9:30 – 11:59 pm (doors open at 9 pm); \$30+

“THE ABYSSINIANS FEATURING BERNARD COLLINS”

The roots harmony vocals trio “The Abyssinians” was formed in 1968 by founding members Donald Manning, Bernard Collins and Linford Manning. In 1969 they released “Satta Massagana”, a Rastafarian hymn based on the Ethiopian Amharic language that launched them into the ranks of Reggae music greats. The Abyssinians return to Ashkenaz tonight for the first time since 2007 making this a once in a decade event!

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2017/8/12/the-abyssinians-featuring-bernard-collins>

AUGUST 12 + 13 (Saturday + Sunday), 10 am – 4 pm; \$125 per day (class + materials)

“FOUNDATIONS AND THERAPEUTICS OF HERBAL BODY CARE”

The science of cosmetology is said to have originated in ancient Egyptian civilization. In this two day intensive, Instructors Maya Blow and Tanya Henderson will explore the ancient to present world of home-made natural bath and body care. The weekend will be filled with lectures, hands on medicine making, aromatherapy basics, and glorious applications. You will receive a list of herbs and oils that best feed and nourish your skin type and a bounty of treats, as well as a handful of tried and true recipes. *Herbal tea and homemade vegetarian lunch are included. Youth ages 10 and up are welcome. Bring a basket to transport your homemade goodies, as well as a notebook and pencil.

Location: at the Soul Flower Farm in El Sobrante / directions provided with confirmed registration

More info / Registration: <http://soulflowerfarm.com/summer.html> + <http://soulflowerfarm.com/registration.html>

AUGUST 13 (Sunday), 2 - 4 pm; No Fee!

“JAMES FORMAN, JR.”

Brother Forman is the author of “Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America” that tells the heartbreaking stories of youth whose life prospects are diminished through tough-on-crime policies that leaders in the Afro community whose limited choices led to support for harsh punishments. “Locking Up Our Own” helps to understand what we need to do to create a more compassionate approach to crime and justice. Brother Forman is professor of law at Yale; a former Clerk for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; a former Public Defender in Washington DC; and co-founder of the Maya Angelou Public Charter School. This event is co-sponsored by Marcus Books and BWOPA.

Marcus Books-Oakland, 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609

More info: 510-652-2344 OR <http://www.bwopatitleads.org/>

AUGUST 13 (Sunday), Two shows 3 pm & 4:30 pm; \$20

“ALICE COLTRANE: CELEBRATING A SONIC LEGACY”

The Destiny Muhammad Project invites you to a celebration of the “Sonic Legacy of Alice Turiyasatchidanada Coltrane”. Featured musicians include: Destiny Muhammad, Frederick Harris, Ranzel Merrit, Ruth Price, Rebecca Kleinmann and Giulio Xavier Cetto. Space is classed as “Intimate”, so purchase your tickets early!

Malonga Casquelord Center for the Arts , 1428 Alice Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: <http://www.destinymuhammadproject.com/>

AUGUST 17 - 19 (Thursday, 8 am – Saturday, 7:30 pm), Check contact below for schedule and fees

“RON BROWN BUSINESS & ECONOMIC SUMMIT”

The California Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation invites you to this year’s Ron Brown Business & Economic Summit. The theme of the Summit, “Small and Medium Business in a Global Market,” represents an array of topics the Summit will offer to support capacity building and economic sustainability in a global economy for small and minority owned businesses. The Summit will also offer a Women’s Symposium on August 17 and a Youth Summit on August 19.

Hilton Airport Hotel, One Hegenberger Road, Oakland 94621

More info / Registration: 916-463-0178 OR <http://www.calbcc.org/ron-brown-business-economic-summit>

AUGUST 19 – SEPTEMBER 3 (8pm Fridays + Saturdays / 2pm Saturdays + Sundays); \$20+

NOTE: Group rates and VIP private receptions with Artists are available. All Sunday Shows have Post Show Talk Backs.

“BEYOND THE BARS: GROWING HOME”

In this performance, the “Lower Bottom Playaz” traverse a brutal and dehumanizing system to unravel the truth of crime and punishment in America. They will take you “behind the bars” to better imagine what might lie “beyond the bars” and how we “grow home” for those who have been touched by incarceration. There has never been freedom of movement for Afro bodies in America; and that in every way imaginable, the carceral system is an extension of the system of chattel slavery in this Country. The performance is directed by Ayodele “Wordslanger” Nzinga, MFA, PhD.

The Flight Deck, 1540 Broadway, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: 510-332-1319 OR 510-457-8999 OR <http://www.lowerbottomplayaz.com/box-office.php>

AUGUST 19 (Saturday), 9 – 11:59 pm; \$12+

“THE CARIBBEAN ALLSTARS”

“The Caribbean Allstars” are pioneers in the Bay Area reggae scene and longtime regulars at Ashkenaz. The ensemble started in the early 1970s, guided by its director Trinidad-born drummer Hugh “Sweetfoot” Maynard. The group has geographical roots ranging from Jamaica and South America to West Africa and the U.S. Over the years the band has performed with an array of talented performers, including Taj Mahal, Narada Michael Walden, and Carlos Santana who introduced them as “my favorite band” at the 1987 Bay Area Music Awards (Bammies).

The Allstars were featured on Ashkenaz’s 30th anniversary CD.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR <http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2017/8/19/caribbean-allstars>

AUGUST 19 & 20 (Saturday & Sunday), 12 noon - 6 pm;

Admission Prices at the Gate: \$12 Adults, \$7 Seniors (65+) & Youth (13-17), 12 & under free

“17th ART & SOUL OAKLAND FESTIVAL”

This two-day Festival will host: National Recording Artists + Hot Local Bands; Blues & Gospel Showcases; an Urban Dance Stage; a Turf Dance Battle; an Artisan Marketplace; a Kinetic Arts Circus Stage; Beer + Wine + Food; Street Performers; a Family Fun Zone; AND MORE! The event is sponsored by: The City of Oakland, KBLX Radio; The Eastbay Express newspaper; and others. The “Throwdown BBQ” competition will be on Saturday and the Bay Area Blues Society continues its rousing showcase featuring veteran Oakland blues artists and Bay Area blues legend Tommy Castro and The Painkillers. Blues, R&B, Soul, Funk, Gospel, Rock, Latin, Turf and Urban/World Dance will take place on four stages.

Check website for the lineup of artists and performers and other details.

Oakland City Center (adjacent to the 12th Street/City Center BART station). Entrances at: 14th Street & Broadway / 16th Street & San Pablo Avenue / Promenade beside City Center West Garage (between 12th and 14th streets).

More info: <http://artandsouloakland.com/map.htm>

AUGUST 20 (Sunday), 12:30 – 3:30 pm; No Fee!

“ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE HONORABLE MARCUS GARVEY’S BIRTHDAY”

This year’s tribute to Marcus Garvey will be hosted by internationally renowned artist, Brother Jaharahara Alkebulan-Maat, former co-chair of N’COBRA, and author of “Afrikans Deserve Reparations!”

Attendees/Participants will receive a 10% discount on all book purchases.

Marcus Books - Oakland, 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609

More info: 510-652-2344 OR <http://marcusbooksoakland.com/> OR <http://www.bwopatitleads.org/>

AUGUST 22 (Tuesday), 6:30 - 9 pm; No Fee! (Registration requested)

“NON-ENGINEERING CAREERS AT BAY AREA TECH COMPANIES”

100 Black Men of the Bay Area, in collaboration with the Berkeley-Haas School of Business, are hosting a series of panel discussions on “Non-Engineering Careers at Bay Area Tech Companies”. The discussion will be led by top recruiters, diversity professionals and directors from cutting edge technology companies; and will focus on: non-engineering positions that need to be filled; what makes an ideal candidate for those positions; interview pitfalls to avoid; and trends. There will also be questions from the audience. This is the final panel of a 3 part series focused on increasing access and improving economics in Black and Brown Bay Area communities.

Impact Hub Oakland, 2323 Broadway, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-763-3661 OR <http://100blackmen.publishpath.com/economic-empowerment>

Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/non-engineering-careers-at-bay-area-tech-companies-tickets-35544170571>

AUGUST 24 (Thursday), 6 pm; No Fee!

“CULTURAL RECONSTRUCTS”

The opening reception for a new exhibition featuring jazz sketches by Tarika Lewis and mixed media by Josh Whitaker. Come and enjoy the exhibit with some refreshments and live music! This is part of a series co-sponsored by the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, EastSide Arts Alliance, and Coalition for a Black Cultural Zone.

Asian Resource Gallery, 317 9th Street (at Harrison), Oakland 94607

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

AUGUST 25 (Friday), 7:30 – 9 pm (no admissions after 7:30 pm); No Fee! Donations appreciated

“MINDFUL DRUMMING MEDITATION”

Experience the twin concepts of rhythm and sound-wave vibration as a way of meditation. Mindful Drumming is an expedient way of tapping into one’s natural rhythm; it brings one into the now; and into one’s joy and happiness.

Sessions are facilitated by Baba Kokomon Clottey who has a MBA; and is a master drummer, storyteller, record producer, author and teacher. He is also the cofounder and Executive Director of the Attitudinal Healing Connection Inc., in Oakland, California and in Ghana, West Africa. He was born to the Ga Adagbe group in Accra that is rich with ancient codes of conduct, deep spiritual beliefs, and rituals of power. Baba Kokomon has produced two compact disks, and has co-authored / authored 3 books. He is cherished for his contributions to development of Afro cultures.

Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC), 3278 West Street, Oakland 94608

More info / Registration: 510-652-5530 OR <http://www.ahc-oakland.org/mindful-drumming-1>

AUGUST 26 (Saturday), 11 am – 7 pm; No Fee!

“THE UMOJA FESTIVAL 2017”

The Umoja (Unity) Festival is the Bay Area’s largest free outdoor celebration of the African Diaspora. The annual music and culture festival is a full day of live local and internationally renowned musicians and dancers, interactive and experiential artists, a pan-African soccer tournament, and a marketplace of curated artisan and food booths representing a wide array of different regions of Africa. In addition to celebrating unity, the “Umoja Festival” promotes the advancement of Afro communities and families by inspiring connection, well being and economic growth.

Lowell Park, 1180 14th Street, Oakland 94607

More info: <http://www.theumojafestival.com/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/theumojafestival/>

AUGUST 26 (Saturday), 1 – 6 pm; No Fee!

“BAY AREA BLACK MARKET PRESENTS DASHIKI DAY”

Come to recycle “Black Dollars” at Dashiki Day! There will be 40 Black Owned Businesses under 1 Roof providing: FREE Airbrush Art, Photos, Hosted Happy Hour, Bubble Station, Dancing, VIP Section, Networking, Swag Bags and More! Vendor opportunities are available and local artists are welcomed for performances! The Bay Area Black Market is a community organization committed to helping local Black Owned Businesses grow by Marketing, Advertising, Workshops, Marketplace Events and Promotions.

Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland 94610

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/bayareablackmarket/>

AUGUST 26 (Saturday), 6:30 pm; \$90 (reduction for tables of 10+ persons)

“JAMAICA’S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION GALA”

Join the Jamaican American Association of Northern California (JAANC) in celebrating the 55th anniversary of Jamaica’s independence as a Nation. The Keynote speaker will be Her Excellency Audrey P. Marks, Jamaican Ambassador to the U.S.A. The MC will be Carlos Watson, Jr., ESQ. and rhythms for music and dancing hosted by DJs TNT & Young Fyah.

Hs. Lordship’s Restaurant, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley (Marina) 94710

More info / Tickets: 510-854-6413 OR <http://www.jaanc.org/>

AUGUST 27 (Sunday), 2 pm; No Fee!

“MAVIS STAPLES | KEV CHOICE ENSEMBLE”

Powerhouse vocalist, Mavis Staples, crosses easily between gospel, soul, folk, pop, R&B, blues, rock, and hip-hop. From the Delta-inflected gospel sound she helped create with her father and The Staples Singers, to her recent Kennedy Center Honor and collaborations with Arcade Fire and Gorillaz, Staples is a truly iconic American artist. With 60+ years as a soul-singer, she has embraced her evolution, absorbing new sounds and ideas, rising to meet the challenges of longevity and bringing her message of hope and positivity to new listeners, song after song, show after show.

The Kev Choice Ensemble is a jazz/hip-hop/funk band led by Oakland-based pianist, emcee, producer, and music historian Kev Choice. Arrive early and bring a seat.

Sigmund Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, San Francisco 94132

More info: 415-252-6252 OR <http://www.sterngrove.org/2017-concerts/#august-27>

AUGUST COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH EVENTS WITH THE RAFIKI COALITION

NOTE:

All events are FREE unless otherwise noted and are held at
THE RAFIKI WELLNESS CENTER, 601 Cesar Chavez Street (between 3rd Street and Pier 80), San Francisco

CONTACT / MORE INFO:

415-615-9945, ext 100 (Mark) OR www.rafikicoalition.org OR mmatthews@rafikicoalition.org

The Rafiki Coalition / Rafiki Wellness Center is committed to promoting and supporting a healthy and vibrant community in a culturally affirming, safe and fun space; and to help you reach and maintain your health goals. You can participate in various movement activities; sample delicious and healthy foods; learn about health in our community; and take part in relaxing activities, such as massage, yoga and acupuncture offered in the Complementary Medicine Clinic.

EXERCISE, NUTRITION & WELLNESS

More info: Julie Harris 415-615-9945, extension 101, OR jharris@rafikicoalition.org

NOTE: all classes with a (*) will be held at George W. Davis Senior Center, 1753 Carroll Ave, San Francisco

They WILL NOT be at the Rafiki Wellness Center,

August 10 + 17, 5:30 to 6:30 pm: Eat Well, Live Well / Healthy food demonstration

August 12 + 19 + 26, 9:30 to 10:30 am: Cardio Soul and Strength Training with Tiffany

August 3 + 10 + 17 + 24 + 31, 6:30 to 7:30 pm: *Yoga with Armando Luna

August 5, 9:30 to 10:30 am: *Tai Chi with Zochi

MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH PROMOTION

Resilience Film Screenings and Discussions (discussion follows film)

August 8, 5:30 – 8:30 pm = “Fences” (Viola Davis, 2016 Best Actress award) +

August 29, 5:30 – 8:30 pm = “Moonlight” (1st Afro American film to win Best Picture award)

LIFT: We shall not be moved! Discussions on ancestral strength and the fortifying of our community.

August 15, 5:30 – 7:00 pm with Janine Greer. The August session will be devoted to our 23andMe results.

Black Coalition on AIDS Real Talk - HIV Health Education & Prevention

August – September, Every Wednesday, 12 noon - 1:00 pm

ONGOING:

(Check each website for current activities / programs / resources)

NOW UNTIL APRIL 1, 2018, check website below for details on days, hours, fees and events

“REVELATIONS: ART FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUTH”

The exhibit features the acquisition from the Souls Grown Deep Foundation in Atlanta, of 62 works by contemporary African American artists from the Southern United States. The cultural origins of these artworks can be traced back to the African Diaspora, slavery, and the Jim Crow era of institutionalized racism. Included in the current acquisition are paintings, sculptures, drawings, and quilts by 22 acclaimed artists.

De Young Museum / Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, San Francisco 94118

More info / Tickets: 415-750-3600 OR <https://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/revelations-art-african-american-south>

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

BLACK GIRLS PLAY

Black Girls Play (BGP) is a holistic program sponsored by the Oakland Public Conservatory of Music that combines music education, mentoring, entrepreneurship and leadership development for aspiring Black Girl musicians (age 11 – 18) in Oakland. The program provides: Private lessons, Performance Ensembles, Mentorship, Business of Music/Entrepreneurship and Production. To register, applicants should have: a minimum of one year private or group instruction in music; and the ability to read and to learn music.

More info / Registration: 510-836-4649 OR <http://www.opcmusic.org/BlackGirlsPlay.php>

FILHOS DE BIMBA BAY AREA: CAPOEIRA INSTITUTE

Filhos de Bimba Bay Area was founded on June 10, 1986 by Manoel Nascimento Machado (Mestre Nenel), 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. 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, with its effective method of teaching, character building, and rituals.

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

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS

(Check website for details on future tours and special events)

The tour company conducts ultimate journeys to the motherland to experience a vibrant Africa with a mix of roots, culture, paradise, night life, shopping, networking, business and investment opportunities. Upcoming tours are: Ghana, Togo & Benin Roots Tour Nov 17-Dec 1, 2017 for \$3,800; Ethiopia Roots & Culture Tour October 7-16, 2017 for \$3,300; and Brazil Roots & Culture Tour July 21-30, 2017 for \$3,300. These are all inclusive packages that include full accommodations and round trip flights on Delta Airlines from Atlanta, Georgia.

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

SPECIAL FREE VIDEOS / FILMS TO WATCH

NOTE: This is a new section and your suggestions for more free listings will be appreciated

1. **The Ringshout & the Birth of African-American Religion** (watch on YouTube)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmmTMg3e5Uo>
2. **"The Black Panther Party in San Francisco: Impact, Legacy, and Continued Inspiration"** (Black Panther Party Program by the California Historical Society, April 21, 2016)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aS9ip138MBo>
3. **McIntosh County Shouters: Gullah-Geechee Ring Shout from Georgia** (performance)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxPU5517u8c>
4. **Roots 2016 Series Previously Shown on the History Channel**
<http://roots.history.com/episodes>
5. **Film: "Untold Legacy" by Dr. Leslie Brown** (watch online or download)
<http://mandamushow.top/downloads/download-free-untold-legacy-2006-leslie-k-brown.html>
6. **"Afropop Caribbean Films"** (watch now until further notice!)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop-caribbean-shorts/>

PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2017

AUGUST 1: "Independence Day" in Benin; "Parents' Day" in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Zaire); "Emancipation Day" in Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & The Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, and Turks & Caicos Islands. **AUGUST 3:** "Emancipation Day" in Bermuda; "Freedom Day" in Equatorial Guinea; "Pidjiguiti Day (Battle)" in Guinea Bissau; and "Independence Day" in Niger. **AUGUST 5:** "Independence Day" in Burkina Faso; and "Umuganura/Thanksgiving Harvest" in Rwanda. **AUGUST 6:** "Independence Day" in Jamaica. **AUGUST 7:** "Carnival Day/Jouvert" in Anguilla, and Antigua & Barbuda; "Kadooment Day / Crop Over" in Barbados; "Emancipation Day" in The Bahamas, Grenada and Montserrat; "Independence Day" in Cote d' Ivoire (Ivory Coast); "August Monday/Independence Day" in Dominica; "August Monday/Culturama" in St Kitts & Nevis; and "Farmers' Day" in Zambia. **AUGUST 8:** "Carnival Tuesday/Last Lap" in Antigua & Barbuda; "August Monday/Culturama" in St Kitts & Nevis; and "Wakulima Ya Nane Nane (Peasants' Day)" in Tanzania. **AUGUST 9:** "Women's Day" in South Africa; and "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in Suriname. **AUGUST 10:** "August Thursday in Anguilla". **AUGUST 11:** "Constitution Day" in Anguilla; and "Independence Day" in Chad. **AUGUST 13:** "Independence Day" in Central African Republic; and "Women's Day" in Tunisia. **AUGUST 14:** "Carnival Monday" in Grenada; and "Heroes' Day" in Zimbabwe. **AUGUST 15:** "Assumption Day" in Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Cote d' Ivoire (Ivory Coast), French Guiana, Gabon, The Gambia, Guadeloupe, Guinea, Haiti, Madagascar, Martinique, Reunion, Rwanda, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin, Senegal, Seychelles and Togo; "National Day" in the Republic of Congo; "Carnival Tuesday" in Grenada; "Defense Forces Day" in Zimbabwe; and "Constitution Day" in Equatorial Guinea. **AUGUST 16:** "Fete de l' Independence/National Day" in Gabon; and "Restoration Day" in Dominican Republic. **AUGUST 19:** "Independence Day" in St Kitts & Nevis. **AUGUST 23:** "General Elections" in Angola. **AUGUST 24:** "National Flag Day" in Liberia. **AUGUST 26:** "Heroes' Day" in Namibia; and "National Day of Repentance" in Papua New Guinea. **AUGUST 31:** "Independence Day" in Trinidad & Tobago.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR AUGUST

- August 1:**
- 1834 - Slavery was outlawed in countries colonized by the British. Over 700,000 persons were freed.
 - 1867 - Afro Americans in Tennessee voted for the first time in a southern state election.
 - 1879 - Mary Eliza Mahoney was the first Afro to graduate from a nursing school (program at the New England Hospital for Women and Children).
 - 1920 - UNIA (United Negro Improvement Association) held its first convention in New York.
 - 1925 - National Bar Association established for Afro lawyers.
 - 1943 - Race riot in Harlem, New York.
 - 1944 - Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. from New York, was elected as the first Afro American Congressman for the Eastern States.
 - 1960 - Dahomey (Benin) became an independent African nation.
 - 1961 - Whitney Moore Young, Jr. was named Executive Director of the National Urban League.
 - 1964 - Arthur Ashe was first Afro to win the Wimbledon; and the first Afro named to the US Davis Cup team.
 - 1993 - Dr. Barbara Rose-Lee was first Afro woman named as head of a Medical School (Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine).
 - 1996 - Michael Johnson became the only male athlete in history to win both the 200 meter dash and 400 meter dash events at the same Olympics.
- August 2:**
- 1847 - William A. Leidesdorff launched the first steamboat in the San Francisco Bay.
 - 1850 - William Still started the Underground Railroad.
 - 1920 - Marcus Garvey presented his "Back To Africa" program at the UNIA convention in New York.
 - 1920 - William Leidesdorff launched the first steamboat in the San Francisco Bay.
 - 1956 - British Parliament passed act to establish the Federation of the West Indies.
 - 1966 - The Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science was chartered in Los Angeles, California. The school was named for Dr. Charles Richard Drew, a pioneer in blood plasma research.
 - 1980 - Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns won the World Boxing Association's welterweight title. He was the first Afro American to win titles in five boxing weight classes.
 - 1987 - Jackie Robinson, the first baseball player of Afro descent in the major leagues, was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp (the fifth in its Black Heritage USA series).
 - 1997 - Fela Kuti, Nigerian musician and political activist died of AIDS (maybe???) in Lagos.
- August 3:**
- 1865 - The provisional governor of Florida abolished enslavement by a proclamation.
 - 1897 - L. P. Ray, inventor, patented the Dust Pan (Patent # 587,607).
 - 1908 - Allensworth Township was organized for Afro Americans in California (Tulare County).
 - 1928 - William A. Scott, III founded the "Atlanta Daily World", the first Afro modern daily newspaper.
 - 1960 - Niger became an independent African nation.
 - 1970 - African People's Congress met in Atlanta, Georgia; and was attended by over 2,000 delegates.
 - 1992 - A 2-day strike by 4 million native South Africans against the "white" government was called by the Congress of South African Trade Unions.
 - 1996 - Josia Thugwane became the first South African to win an Olympic Gold Medal for the marathon.

- August 4:**
- 1936 - "Long" John Woodruff won an Olympic gold medal in the 800-meter run.
 - 1953 - Movement of Afro families into Trumbull Park housing project in Chicago triggered a riot for over 3 years.
 - 1961 - Barack Obama, the first U.S. president with African descent, was born in Honolulu, Hawaii.
 - 1964 - Bodies of 3 murdered civil rights workers were found near Philadelphia, Mississippi.
- August 5:**
- 1864 - President Andrew Johnson moved to reverse the policy of distributing abandoned land to freedmen.
 - 1914 - The first electric lights, invented by Garret Morgan, were installed in Cleveland, Ohio.
 - 1928 - William A. Scott, III founded the "Atlanta Daily World", the first contemporary Afro daily newspaper.
 - 1960 - Burkina Faso became an independent African nation.
 - 1962 - Nelson Mandela was arrested in South Africa, and charged with 5 years imprisonment.
 - 1984 - Edwin Moses and Evelyn Ashford won gold medals for track & field in the World Olympics.
- August 6:**
- 1965 - President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act, that outlawed the literacy test for voting eligibility in the South.
- August 7:**
- 1904 - Ralph Bunche, the first Afro American Nobel Peace prize winner, was born in Detroit, Michigan.
 - 1925 - West African Students Union was founded in London.
 - 1948 - Alice Coachman, Tuskegee track star, was the first U.S. woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal. She was inducted into the National Track & Field Hall of Fame in 1975.
 - 1954 - Charles H. Mahoney, was confirmed as the first Afro American delegate to the UN.
 - 1960 - Cote D' Ivoire (Ivory Coast) became an independent African nation.
 - 1968 - Hundreds were injured and three murdered in the Miami, Florida race riot.
 - 1989 - George Thomas "Mickey" Leland, Congressman who chaired the House Select Committee on World Hunger, died in a plane crash (planned???) while observing Ethiopian refugee camps.
 - 1991 - The African National Congress (ANC) ended the 30-year armed struggle against the South African apartheid regime.
 - 1992 - The Mozambique civil war truce was called between the government and the National Resistance Movement (RENAMO) forces.
- August 8:**
- 1796 - Boston African Society was established with 44 members.
 - 1805 - The African Baptist Church was organized in Boston, Massachusetts.
 - 1865 - Matthew Henson, the first explorer to reach the North Pole, was born in Charles County, Maryland. In 1986, Henson was commemorated on a postage stamp.
 - 1885 - Afro William C. Carter, patented an umbrella stand (U.S. patent#323,397).
 - 1964 - Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party led by Fannie Lou Hammer challenged Democratic Party racism.
 - 1997 - Robert L. Curbeam, astronaut, began an 11-day mission aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery, flight STS-85, to study the Earth's ozone layer.

- August 9:**
- 1848 - The Free Soil party organized at Buffalo, NY convention was attended by Black abolitionists.
 - 1936 - Jesse Owens won 4 gold medals in track and field at the Berlin Olympics.
 - 1956 - 20,000 women marched against pass laws in Pretoria, South Africa.
 - 1960 - Race riot in Jacksonville, Florida; 50 were reported injured after 10-day sit-in demonstrations.
 - 1961 - James B. Parsons became the first Afro appointed to Federal District Court in the U.S.
 - 1987 - The TLC Group, headed by Reginald Lewis, purchased Beatrice Foods International. This was the largest contemporary business acquisition obtained by a person of Afro Descent.
- August 10:**
- 1829 - Race riot in Cincinnati, Ohio forced over 1,000 African Americans to leave the city.
 - 1981 - The Coca-Cola Bottling Company agreed to pump \$34 million into Afro businesses and the Afro community, in order to end a national boycott called by PUSH.
 - 1984 - Carl Lewis duplicated Jesse Owens' 1936 Olympic record-setting performance of four Gold Medals.
- August 11:**
- 1960 - Chad became an independent African nation.
 - 1965 - Watts Rebellion began in Los Angeles, California and continued through August 17; with over 1,000 injuries + 4,000 arrests.
 - 1965 - U.S. Senate confirmed nomination of Thurgood Marshall as U.S. Solicitor General.
- August 12:**
- 1922 - Frederick Douglass' home in Washington, D.C. was declared a national shrine.
 - 1965 - Race riot in West Side of Chicago, Illinois.
 - 1977 - Stephen Biko, leader of the Black Consciousness Movement In South Africa, was arrested.
 - 1990 - August Wilson won his second Pulitzer Prize for his play, "The Piano Lesson".
- August 13:**
- 1881 - The first nursing school for Afros opened at Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia.
 - 1892 - First issue of "Afro American" newspaper was published in Baltimore, Maryland.
 - 1906 - Black (Afro) soldiers raided Brownsville, Texas, in retaliation for racial insults.
 - 1960 - The Central African Republic became an independent African nation.
 - 1965 - General strike and demonstrations forced the resignation of the Congo Republic President, Fulbert Youlou.
 - 1989 - Wreckage of plane with U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland and others on a humanitarian mission, was found on an Ethiopian mountainside. There were no survivors.
 - 2007 - Asa Hilliard III, educator and historian, made his "passage to the next life" in Cairo, Egypt.
- August 14:**
- 1876 - Prairie View A&M State University in Texas (Historically Black College) was founded.
 - 1908 - Race riot in Springfield, Illinois led to the founding of NAACP.
 - 1961 - Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya independence leader was released by the British colonial authority.
 - 1989 - The first National Black Theater Festival was held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- August 15:**
- 1824 - African Nation of Liberia was established by enslaved Africans who returned from the U.S.
 - 1843 - 70 delegates from 12 states met in Buffalo, New York for the National Black Convention and made plans for a strike by enslaved Africans.
 - 1960 - The Congo became an independent African nation.
 - 1973 - The National Black Feminist Organization (NBFO) was formed in New York City, with Michele Wallace, Faith Ringgold, and Eleanor Holmes-Norton among the co-founders.
 - 1979 - Andrew Young resigned as UN ambassador after an unauthorized meeting with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

- August 16:** 1972 - The Rev. Phillip A. Potter, a Methodist minister from Dominica, was named General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.
- August 17:** 1887 - Marcus Garvey, founder of the United Negro Improvement Association and the "Back to Africa" movement, was born in Jamaica.
 1897 - W.B. Purvis, inventor, patented the electric railway switch (Patent # 588,176).
 1938 - Boxer Henry Armstrong won the World Lightweight title.
 1960 - Gabon became an independent African nation.
 1993 - Jackie Joyner-Kersey won the 17th consecutive heptathlon at the World Track and Field Championships in Stuttgart, Germany.
- August 18:** 1859 - Harriet Wilson's "Our Nig" was the first novel published by an Afro writer in the U.S.
 1950 - Edith Sampson was the first Afro American appointed as a representative to the UN.
 1963 - James Meredith became the first Afro American to graduate from the University of Mississippi.
 1964 - South Africa was banned from the Olympic Games because of its apartheid policies.
 1971 - Police raided the Republic of New Africa headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi.
- August 19:** 1791 - Benjamin Banneker, one of the planners of Washington, DC, published his first Almanac.
 1884 - M.C. Harvey's lantern was patented.
 1926 - Theodore Flowers won the world middleweight boxing title in New York City.
 1954 - Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, diplomat and the first Afro American winner of the "Nobel Peace Prize", was named Under-Secretary of United Nations.
 1963 - NAACP Youth Council began sit-ins at lunch counters in Oklahoma City.
 1989 - Bishop Desmond Tutu defied apartheid laws by walking alone on the beach in South Africa.
 1992 - The Free National Movement won elections in The Bahamas ending 19 years of rule by the Progressive Liberal Party.
 1995 - The Abuja Accord brought temporary cessation of the Liberian civil war.
- August 20:** 1619 - The first group of 20 enslaved Africans were brought to Jamestown, Virginia by the Dutch.
 1856 - Wilberforce University, a Historically Black College, was established in Ohio.
 1944 - The SS Frederick Douglass (the first ship named in honor of a man of Afro descent), was lost (?) at sea near Europe.
 1944 - Spingarn Medal was presented to Charles R. Drew who set up and ran the blood plasma bank in the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.
 1960 - Senegal became an independent African nation.
 1983 - The anti-apartheid organization, United Democratic Front, was launched in Cape Town.
 1993 - Dr. David Satcher, genetic researcher, became the first Afro American Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the U.S.
 1999 - Tiger Woods was named PGA Player of the Year for golf and the Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year.
- August 21:** 1831 - Nat Turner led the 3-day revolt that killed over 60 caucasians and 250 enslaved Africans.
 1927 - The Fourth Pan African Congress was held in New York City, August 21 – 24.
 1971 - George Jackson, member of the Black Panther Party, was murdered in the San Quentin Prison.

- August 22:**
- 1791 - Haitian Revolution began.
 - 1843 - Henry Highland Garnet made the call for "Return to Africa", a general slave strike and armed struggle against slavery, at the National Convention of Black Men in Buffalo, New York.
 - 1867 - Fisk University, Historically Black College was incorporated.
 - 1910 - The famous Howard Theater in Washington, DC, opened for Broadway shows and musical entertainment.
 - 1978 - Jomo Kenyatta, Kenyan president and revolutionary, "passed to the next life" in Mombasa, Kenya.
 - 1989 - Huey P. Newton, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, was killed in Oakland, California.
 - 1995 - The Republic of Ethiopia was formally proclaimed.
- August 23:**
- 1796 - AME (African Methodist Episcopalian) Zion Church was formed.
 - 1900 - Booker T. Washington formed the National Negro Business League in Boston, Massachusetts.
 - 1908 - National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, was formed and lead by Martha M. Franklin to improve the status of Afro American nurses.
 - 1926 - Carter Woodson, historian and author, inaugurated the Negro History Week.
 - 1958 - A week of race riots began in the Notting Hill area of London, England.
 - 1976 - 200,000 African workers went on strike in solidarity with Soweto people in South Africa.
- August 24:**
- 1831 - Nat Turner led an armed struggle against enslavement in Virginia.
 - 1836 - Henry Blair's cotton picking machine was patented.
 - 1854 - 100 delegates met in Cleveland, Ohio for the National Emigration Convention, an Afro organization advocating emigration back to Africa.
 - 1950 - Judge Edith Sampson was named as the first Afro descent delegate to the United Nations.
 - 1990 - 4,000 ECOWAS peacekeeping force (from Ghana, Nigeria, Guinea, Sierra Leone and The Gambia) was deployed in Liberia.
- August 25:**
- 1886 - Kentucky State College founded as the State Normal School for Colored (Afro) Persons.
 - 1908 - National Association of Colored Nurses was founded.
 - 1925 - A. Phillip Randolph founded the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.
 - 1965 - James Madison Nabrit, Jr. was named Ambassador to the United Nations delegation.
 - 1968 - Arthur Ashe won the U.S. Amateur Men's Singles Championship.
 - 1976 - The COINTELPRO operation was revealed in a letter. The program aimed to neutralize the Black Panthers, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the NAACP and other similar organizations
- August 26:**
- 1943 - William L. Dawson was elected as the first Afro Democratic Party Vice Presidential candidate.
 - 1947 - Dan Bankhead became the first Negro (Afro) League pitcher in Major League Baseball.
 - 1966 - Namibia's armed struggle was launched by SWAPO against South Africa's occupation.
 - 1989 - Over 25,000 people re-enacted the 1917 NAACP march in Washington D.C. to protest the U.S. Supreme Court's undermining of affirmative action.
- August 27:**
- 1963 - W.E.B. DuBois, scholar, civil rights activist and founder of the NAACP, died in Accra, Ghana.
 - 1966 - Riots in Waukegan, Illinois.
 - 1975 - Haile Selassie, the deposed emperor of Ethiopia, made his passage to the next life at age 83.
 - 1988 - Over 50,000 people marched in Washington D.C. to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington.

- August 28:**
- 1921 - Second Pan-African Congress met in London, Brussels and Paris. Of the 113 delegates, 39 were from Africa and 36 were from the U.S.
 - 1955 - 14-year old Emmett Till was kidnapped in Money, Mississippi after being accused of whistling at a "white" woman. His body was found four days later. He had been brutally murdered.
 - 1963 - March on Washington event, the largest civil rights demonstration to date in U.S. history. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered the "I Have A Dream" speech.
 - 1964 - Riots in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 - 1988 - Beah Richards, poet, playwright and author won an Emmy Award for her outstanding guest performance in "Frank's Place".
 - 1989 - Riots in Vineland, New Jersey following the police murder of an Afro American man.
 - 1997 - Proposition 209, a California statute that virtually eliminated Affirmative Action, went into effect. This was the 34th anniversary of the "March on Washington." The Reverend Jesse Jackson led nearly 7,000 people in a "Save the Dream March" across the San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge in protest of the Proposition.
 - 1997 - Thousands of Haitians marched from Brooklyn to Manhattan, to protest the savage beating and sexual assault of Abner Louima, a 30-year-old Haitian immigrant who was tortured by New York City police officers.
 - 2008 - Barack Obama officially accepted the Democratic Presidential Nomination.
- August 29:**
- 1957 - The Civil Rights (Voting Rights) Act of 1957 was passed. The Act established a civil rights commission division within the Justice Department and allowed the Justice Department to litigate against violations of voting rights.
 - 1962 - Mal Goode, the first Afro American news commentator, began broadcasting on ABC.
 - 1970 - Black Panthers had an armed clash with police in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 - 1979 - Sheridan Broadcasting Corp purchased the Mutual Black Network, making it the first completely Afro American owned radio network in the world.
- August 30:**
- 1800 - Gabriel Prosser, an enslaved African, organized a slave revolt in Virginia.
 - 1838 - The first Afro American magazine, "Mirror of Freedom", began publication in New York City.
 - 1854 - John C. Fremont issued a proclamation freeing the enslaved of Missouri. President Lincoln revoked the proclamation.
 - 1856 - Wilberforce University in Ohio, was established by the AME Church.
 - 1966 - African nations of Burundi, Rwanda and Zaire signed a mutual security pact.
 - 1966 - Constance Baker Motley was confirmed as U.S. District Judge and became the first Afro woman on the federal bench.
 - 1967 - Thurgood Marshall became the first U.S. Supreme Court Justice of Afro Descent.
 - 1969 - Riots in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
 - 1983 - Lieutenant Colonel Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first Afro American Astronaut in space.
- August 31:**
- 1800 - Revolt of enslaved persons in Virginia.
 - 1836 - Henry Blair patented the Cotton Planter.
 - 1979 - Donald McHenry succeeded Andrew Jackson Young, Jr. as UN Ambassador.
 - 1989 - Demonstrations in Brooklyn, New York following the murder of a 16 year old African American.

SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 2017:

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

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

NOW THROUGH AUGUST 28, 2017

“XTRA AFRICAN HISTORY & REASONING SESSIONS”

A series supported by The International Decade for People of African Descent

The weekly sessions in the United Kingdom (England) are presented by Akoben Awards in association with BTWSC/African Histories Revisited and Harrow Mencap; and facilitated/curated by music industry and history consultant Kwaku. The sessions are free, intergenerational and take place on occasional Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Topics to be covered include: “Highlighting African History Across London”; “African British Civil Rights”; Reframing Marcus Garvey in History”; “Remembering Aug. 23: International Day of African Resistance against Enslavement”; “Highlighting African Herstory” and much more!

Harrow Mencap, 1st Floor, 3 Jardine House, Harrow Business Village, Bessborough Road, Harrow, London HA1 3EX, United Kingdom.

Free / To register visit www.HarrowBHM.eventbrite.com (click on “Xtra History & Reasoning” photo link)

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 21, 2018

“SENSES OF TIME: VIDEO AND FILM-BASED WORKS OF AFRICA”

Our hearts beat to the rhythms of biological time and continents drift in geological time, while we set our watches to the precision of naval time. Time may seem easy to measure, but it can be challenging to understand. The six African artists featured in “Senses of Time” explore how time is experienced and produced by the body. Bodies stand, climb, dance, and dissolve in seven works of video and film or “time-based” art. Characters and the actions they depict repeat, resist, and reverse the expectation that time must move relentlessly forward. “Senses of Time” invites viewers to consider tensions between: personal and political time; ritual and technological time; and bodily and mechanical time. Through pacing, sequencing, looping, layering, and mirroring, diverse perceptions of time are embodied and expressed.

Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Avenue - SW, Washington, D.C. 20560

More info: 202-633-4600 OR

<https://africa.si.edu/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/senses-of-timevideo-and-film-based-works-of-africa/>

AUGUST 1, 2017 (10:30 am – 2:30 pm); \$65

“THE SECOND ANNUAL BLACK AND WHITE BRUNCH FUNDRAISER”

The Martha’s Vineyard Branch of ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History) will host this event with Guest Speaker, Khalil Gibran Muhammad, professor of History, Race and Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School and the Suzanne Young Murray Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies. Professor Muhammad is also the former Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture; and the author of “The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America” (Harvard), which won the 2011 John Hope Franklin Best Book award in American Studies. Attendees are asked to wear Black & White!

TO REGISTER: mail \$65 check payable to Martha’s Vineyard Branch of ASALH by deadline date JULY 20, 2017 to: Ms. Mycki Jennings, Treasurer, Martha’s Vineyard Branch of ASALH, Post Office Box 1761, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

AUGUST 3 - 7, 2017

“CARIBANA TORONTO 2017 WEEKEND”

(NOTE: events for the CARIBANA are scheduled over a 3-week period)

The “Official Festival Launch” and the Carnival will start during this big weekend. Thousands of people are expected to attend this Caribana event that will feature live music, an array of delicious Caribbean food (Jamaican, Trinidadian, Cuban and more), insightful art displays and theatrical performances that showcase Caribbean inspired life. There will also be over a hundred official and unofficial Caribbean events to see and experience such as “Pan Alive” (the steelpan competition), the “Junior Carnival Parade” and the “King & Queen Competition” (leaders of the mas/masquerade bands compete to win the title of King and Queen). Toronto Caribana’s signature event is still the Parade that will be held Saturday, August 5th. Over 10,000 masquerades will participate as they strut and dance in elaborate costumes, to the vibrant Caribbean beats of the famed mas bands. During the weekend you can also eat and dance aboard Festival Boat Cruises, check out live Soca, Calypso, dancehall, reggae performances and some of the pumping street parties !!!

More info / Tickets / Updates: <https://www.caribanatoronto.com/>

AUGUST 5 - 16, 2017

“FESTA DA BOA MORTE (FESTIVAL OF THE GOOD DEATH) TOUR”

“Festa da Nossa Senhora da Boa Morte” is one of the most fascinating annual festivals in the Africa Diaspora and it is worth a special trip to see it. It is organized by the Sisterhood of the Good Death (Senhora da Boa Morte), a secret society of African- Brazilian women (all descendants of enslaved Africans) that was organized during Brazil’s enslavement period in order to purchase a “Sister” from slavery so that she could die with dignity. The festival is held in the historical city of Cachoeira in Salvador Bahia, the most African of all the Brazilian cities. The local cuisine, musical traditions, dance forms and Bahia’s vibrant arts all permeate the African heritage. The Sisterhood of the Good Death is the oldest organization for women of African descent in the New World; and is heralded as the most important festival in the African Heritage calendar in Brazil and Latin American. The price of the tour includes: Seven nights hotel in Salvador; Three nights hotel in Cachoeira; Transfers in Salvador and Cachoeira; Welcome dinner in Salvador; Six lunches and three dinners; Afro Historical tour of Salvador; Meetings with local community leaders; Samba and drumming workshop; Culinary workshop of Afro-Brazilian cuisine; Shopping at the Mercado Modelo; Visit to the Island of Itaparica; Private meeting with the Sisters of Good Death and a Donation; Local tour guides; and a Tour Coordinator.

Tour Price (Land only): US \$1,750 (double occupancy) / US\$ 2,150 (single occupancy)

J. Carlos Desales: Tour Conductor/Tour Guide (Licence # 19.011040.96-0) at desales@americasconnect.com OR <http://americasconnect.com/-/destinations/> OR US: 917-231-3517 / Brazil: 55 21 9962209

AUGUST 12 & 13, 2017

“FESTAFRICAUSA”

“FestAfricaUSA” is the official annual African Festival for the State of Maryland, and will welcome 8,000 or more attendees from across the world. It will feature over 50 musical performances by international and local African bands and artists, cultural dances, fashion shows, games for children, African cuisine, vendors, arts & craft exhibits, FestAfrica Honors Award, and much more. The Afropolitan Youth Association, Inc is a host of FestAfrica and their objective is to: “Network, Unite & Empower Youth with African Heritage towards a Positive Future through Community Service.”

Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring Civic Center, 8523 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906

More info: www.FestAfricaUSA.com OR www.AfropolitanYouth.org

AUGUST 16 – 26 (Wednesday – Saturday / 10 days);
Check contact info below for pricing and registration options
“CAMP FARETA 2017”

Camp Fareta is a residential workshop hosted by Youssouf Koumbassa, a master dancer, choreographer, and teacher from Guinea, West Africa, and features other master dancers and drummers from Guinea, Mali, Senegal, the Congo, and other countries. It is an immersion in West African drum and dance that started in 2006 and is held at a beautiful setting in the southern Sierras of California each summer.

Camp Hye Sierra (Note: Camp Hye Sierra is a one-hour drive east of Fresno, California)
More info / Details / Registration: http://www.dancingvillage.com/camp_fareta.php

AUGUST 31 – September 3 (Thursday – Sunday / 4 days);
“MEN OF SPIRIT MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER”

During this 4-Day ritual intensive with Elder / Professor Malidoma Some, men will join together in brotherhood to journey into and through ancient indigenous Dagara wisdom. Elder / Professor Malidoma says: “...remembering that we are, each of us, going somewhere purposeful in life. Through the healing interaction of ritual with men in community combined with the power of indigenous technologies, there will be an opportunity to open ourselves to the release and reconciliation of those thoughts, emotions, issues, obstacles and energies that have created a numbness, tension, or paralysis for us. Through this process, we will invite and allow the life force and strength of our Purpose and Gift to, once again, flow through us- unobstructed.” NOTE: there is also a one-day event on the project. Check website for details.

Venue: Brittany’s Mountain Retreat / Asheville, North Carolina

More info / Registration: 407-574-5350 OR <http://malidoma.com/main/events/event/mens-intensive-2017/>

NOTE: Check the website below for divinations and other events with Baba Malidoma throughout the U.S.A.
<http://malidoma.com/main/events/event/>

SEPTEMBER 1 - 5, 2017
“NEW YORK CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL WEEK”

Caribbean Carnival is a colorful, creative, infectious and scintillating feature of Caribbean culture, which in the early days was celebrated as the last opportunity for the release of all the expressive and joyful emotions, before the beginning of the forty penitential days of Lent. Events include: “Stay in School Youth Fest & College Fair”; Panorama Steelband; Junior and Adult Carnival parades with traditional Carnival Characters; great food; special evening events and much more! This is one of the first and biggest Carnivals in the U.S.; and it is a real celebration for the Afro Diaspora and Afros from all over the world! The Carnival is organized by WIADCA / The West Indian American day Carnival Association.

Brooklyn Museum Grounds, 200 Eastern Parkway, New York

More info / Tickets: 718-467-1797 OR <http://www.etix.com/ticket/v/10546/wiadca-labor-day-concert-series-2016>

SEPTEMBER 15 - 17, 2017; \$20+ (check website for details)

“60TH MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL”

Artists / 100+ Shows / 8 Stages / 3 Nights & 2 Days

The Monterey Jazz Festival celebrates the legacy of jazz, expands its boundaries, and provides opportunities to experience jazz through the creative production of performances and educational programs. It is the longest-running jazz festival in the world. A few of the featured artists for this year are: Herbie Hancock, Roy Hargrove, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Regina Carter, Angelique Kidjo and the Kenny Barron Trio with a tribute to Dizzy Gillespie at 100. In addition to the 3-day best-in-jazz, there will be jazz conversations, panel discussions, workshops, exhibitions, clinics, and an international array of food, shopping, and festivities spread throughout the 20-acre Monterey County Fairgrounds.

Monterey County Fairgrounds / 2004 Fairground Rd, Monterey, CA 93940

More info / Tickets: 831-373-0366 OR 831-626-0466 OR <http://www.montereyjazzfestival.org/>

SEPTEMBER 26 - 27, 2017

“2017 AWARDS DINNER FOR MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT UNDER 40 (MIPAD)”

Awardees will be selected from across Africa, USA, UK & Worldwide. Special Invited Guest Speakers include: Barack Obama, former US President; Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General; and Folorunsho Alakija, the Richest Black Woman in the World. The Award Ceremony will be hosted by Trevor Noah, Daily Show Host; and Isha Sesay, CNN, Journalist of Sierra Leonean descent. Event highlights will include Unveiling of “Destination Africa”; and the Launching of the “Invest in Africa Fund”. The event will be in New York City and will include a tour of the UN Headquarters and City of New York Roundtable. MIPAD identifies high achievers of African descent in public and private sectors world-wide as a progressive network of relevant actors to join together in the spirit of recognition, justice and development of Africa, it's people on the continent and across it's Diaspora.

More info: 917-541-8394 OR <http://www.mipad.org/#event>

OCTOBER 9 - 12, 2017

“THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT - SUMMIT IDPAD-S 2017”

The four-day Summit “IDPAD-S 2017” will audit where we are as a people, rationalize where we ought to be as a people and set goals for 2024. “IDPAD-S 2017” will bring African Descendants from around the world to focus on eradicating the plight of African descendants through the implementation of possible solutions to issues affecting the Race. The conference will encourage delegates to: collaborate more fully across disciplines; and share working models that can assist in the development of African descendants and their communities. It will also be a venue for delegates to openly discuss the serious issues facing them as well as the solutions they envision to address the problems, and ways of implementing these solutions. Speakers will include Dr. Julius Garvey, Professor Verene Shephard, Dr. Anthony Browder, and other well-known and much-respected Pan Africanists. The conference will be based at the Marriott Hotel in Georgetown Guyana. Check website for the program, info for travel + visas, special events and other details / updates.

More info: <https://www.idpadsummit.com/> (for Registration; click on “Call for Applications” link)

OCTOBER 9 - 12, 2017; \$75+
“BLACK ENTERPRISE TECHCONNEXT SUMMIT”

Black Enterprise will facilitate two days of collaboration and forward thinking at this special “Hi-Tec” event. This summit will feature nationally recognized leaders in the technology community, showcase new technologies, and provide attendees with access, relationships, and resources necessary to excel in the tech industry.

There will be: Top-of-the-Tech speakers, awards, workshops, exhibits and special events.

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, California 94010

More info / Tickets: 212-242-8000 OR 312-664-8667 OR <http://www.blackenterprise.com/techconnext/>

OCTOBER 21, 2017; No Fee!
“ART IN NATURE FEST”

Join the second annual “Art In Nature Fest” in Tuskegee and be enlivened by: visual and spoken-word artists; the Afro-Brazilian martial art-dance form of Capoeira; and spirit-mind-body balancing work demonstrated by certified practitioners. There will also be healthy food and drink, nature walks, an artist village, and uplifting music. There are still openings for artists and vendors. This special event is coordinated by “Nature’s Garden for Victory & Peace” with Vision

Keepers: Muhjah Shakir, Nashid "Baba Koleoso" Fakhri- Deen and Norma "Iyabode" Jackson.

More info: 334-421-7160 OR naturesgardenvp@gmail.com OR <https://www.naturesgardenvp.org/>

ONGOING:

(Check each website for current activities / programs / resources)

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

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS
(Check website for details on future tours and special events)

Consider the ultimate journey to the motherland to experience a vibrant Africa with a mix of roots, culture, paradise, night life, shopping, networking, business and investment opportunities. Upcoming tours are:

- ETHIOPIA ROOTS & CULTURE TOUR: October 7-16, 2017 for \$3,300;
- GHANA REPATRIATION & INVESTMENT TOUR: May 23-Jun 5, 2018 for \$3,600; and
- GHANA, TOGO & BENIN ROOTS TOUR: Nov 17-Dec 1, 2017 for \$3,800.

NOTE: These tours are all inclusive packages that include full accommodations and round trip flights on Delta Airlines from Atlanta, Georgia. Tours also include: transportation & tours; daily exercise and meditation sessions; daily continental breakfast & gourmet dinner; hotel accommodations (double occupancy); business & investment networking; and entrance; and access to all tour sites & activities.

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

INSPIRE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC!

Inspire Health Solutions, LLC provides services, products and resources to minority women that are designed to motivate, innovate, invent and inspire! Encouragement and inspiration is offered through some of the featured motivational books written by Dr. J. Nwando Olayiwola (including “Minority Women Professionals (MWP) are MVPs”); as well as customized workshops, training, consultation and coaching. Scholarships are available for participants. Inspire Health Solutions, LLC was founded in 2014 by Professor J. Nwando Olayiwola, MD, MPH, PhD, FAAFP (@DrNwando), a world renowned thinker, leader, author and change agent in healthcare innovation and transformation.

More info / Event registration: <http://inspirehealthllc.com/>

“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/>

UPCOMING EVENTS SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

<http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/upcoming-events.shtml>

LINKS FOR LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION / RESOURCES / EVENTS

BAY AREA

New: #34 (Red Bay Coffee)

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.
 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. **CENTER FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION:** a Bay Area group building powerful movements from below and the left through education, analysis, theory, and dialogue.
<http://www.politicaleducation.org/>
17. **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/>
18. **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/>
19. **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/>
20. **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/>
21. **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/>
22. **HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA:** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
23. **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/>
24. **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/>
25. **JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC):** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.jaanc.org/>

26. **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SACRED WOMAN CIRCLE:** receive and provide Sisterhood support through the Gateways and beyond! Services include Kemetic & Womb Yoga; and products include holistic teas, tonics, elixars, soaking salts and more.
<http://www.holisticpsr.org/>
27. **ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY:** organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
28. **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>
29. **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/>
30. **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>
31. **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
32. **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>
33. **QILOMBO:** a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.
<http://qilombo.org/>
34. **RED BAY COFFEE:** Check the website to purchase coffee and gifts in Oakland or San Francisco, at some Farmer's Markets or online. Fosters single origin, fair trade, direct trade, organic and sustainable coffees.
www.redbaycoffee.com
35. **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
36. **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/>
37. **WANDA'S PICKS:** check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>

38. 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

39. ALL AFRICA: online news for all of Africa.
<http://allafrica.com/>
40. ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP): a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
41. 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/>
42. 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
43. 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/>
44. 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/>
45. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
46. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET: provided by Stanford University.
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
47. AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>
48. 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>

49. **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)
50. **AFRICANS RISING:** a growing and self-selecting collective of social movements, NGOs, peoples and popular social justice movements, intellectuals, artists, sports people, cultural activists and others, across the continent and Diaspora.
<http://www.africans-rising.org/>
51. **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/>
52. **AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS:** Coordinated by Baba Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma'at, Life Member & Past National Co-Chair of N'COBRA (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America), and Founder of Foundations for Our New Alkebulan/Afrikan Millennium (FONAMI) and AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS Campaign.
<http://www.africansdeservereparations.com/index.html>
53. **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/>
54. **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/>
55. **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/>
56. **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/>
57. **BLACK AGENDA REPORT:** e-newsletter, business news/networks/incentives, etc.
<http://www.blackagendareport.com/>
58. **BLACK ALLIANCE FOR JUST IMMIGRATION (BAJI):** educates and engages African American and black immigrant communities to organize and advocate for racial, social and economic justice. Has a Bay Area branch.
<http://blackalliance.org/>
59. **BLACK BUSINESS NETWORK:** products sold from Black-owned businesses to Black consumers.
<http://www.blackbusinessnetwork.com/Home/>

60. **BLACK DOCTOR:** healthy living and tips for African Americans.
<http://blackdoctor.org/search/index.aspx>
61. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK:** magazine and official guide to events.
<http://officialblackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/>
62. **BLACK IN LA (LOS ANGELES):** news and listings of events in and around and originating from Los Angeles.
<http://www.blacknla.com/wp2/>
63. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>
64. **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/>
65. **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/>
66. **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/>
67. **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/>
68. **CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):**
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
69. **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>
70. **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
71. **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/>

72. **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS:** includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
73. **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/>
74. **COLORED CONVENTIONS:** info for conventions of African Descendents from 1830, organized by educators. Includes links, videos and other important info.
<http://coloredconventions.org/conventions>
75. **FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS:** an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
76. **FAWOHODIE SUA:** Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>
77. **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>
78. **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/>
79. **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/>
80. **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/>
81. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today’s community issues.
<http://mxgm.org/>
82. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maat institute-aboutus.html>
83. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
84. **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/>

85. 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/>
86. PAMBAZUKA NEWS: Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
87. 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/>
88. RACE FOR THE TIMES (RFT): 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>
89. 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>
90. RESTITUTION STUDY GROUP (RSG): a non-profit institute based in New York City to examine and execute innovative approaches to healing the injuries of exploited and oppressed people. The RSG partners with community advocates to bring about litigation, legislation, genealogy and DNA research.
<http://www.rsgincorp.com/index.html>
91. 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/>
92. VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY (monthly newsletter by WO'SE's Brother Mxolisi).
<http://hcvoice.wordpress.com>
93. WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU): Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
94. 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/>
95. 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/>