

# 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](mailto: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!"**

# **NOVEMBER 2017 / 6258 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)**

## **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ORISHA URBAN WORLD FESTIVAL: OAKLAND BAY AREA**

Check website below for events currently scheduled for November 2, 2017 – March 12, 2018

Opening Night on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 – 9 pm

<http://www.orisaurbanworldfestival.com/schedule.php>

## 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 (soul) nor your boat lag behind...  
May you not run aground nor the current carry you away.”

From: The Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt /  
The Book of Khun-Anup, Section I, p. 31 / c1984 by Maulana Karenga

## PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

**NOTE:** African proverbs are for the wise man/woman to contemplate and find their real meanings.

“LAK LYEC PE LOYO RWODE” (Acholi language of Uganda and South Sudan)

“AN ELEPHANT IS NOT OVERBURDENED BY ITS TUSKS” (English Translation)

**NOTE:** This is said of a person who is determined to complete a difficult task.

From: “Acholi Proverbs”, page 18 / c1985 by Okot p’ Bitek

## 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](mailto: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/](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](mailto:cjyatestt@yahoo.com)

### RESULTS OF THE "INTERNATIONAL REPARATIONS SUMMIT"

Check this website for the summary of the summit that was held April 9 – 11, 2015 and for follow-up events:

<http://ibw21.org/promotion/final-communique-click-here-to-read/> OR 410-844-1031

### NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS COMMISSION (NAARC) PRELIMINARY

### 10-POINT REPARATIONS PLAN: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CONFERENCE, 2015

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**

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**Need more information for any event at WO'SE / Ile Omode?**

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

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

**PLEASE 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**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) from 9am – 10:15 am**

**"THE AFRICAN ORIGIN OF JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM"**

Brother Tyehimba will facilitate the last session of his 3-part special series. The updated and corrected history will be shared plus a follow-up assessment of Jesus and the Bible.

**November 19<sup>th</sup> + 26<sup>th</sup> (Sundays) from 9am – 10:15 am**

**"AFRICAN WISDOM FOR OUR TIMES: THE HUSIA IN THE TRUMP ERA"**

WO'SE Minister Greg Hodge will begin a 4-part series of intensive discussions on this very important assessment of how African culture, history and wisdom impacts the times we currently live in.

### **WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup> (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 26<sup>th</sup> (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service**

These two special monthly services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

**NOVEMBER 2 - 30 (Check website below for: details on venues, dates, times, and fees for events)**

**NOTE: Tickets Free, Donations Accepted**

### **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ORISHA URBAN WORLD FESTIVAL: OAKLAND BAY AREA**

The theme for this year's festival is "PROTECTION SHIELDS", and is presented by the Prosperity Movement. In this time of great crisis, Protection Shields offer a unique medicine of spiritual opportunity for individuals, families, organizations, and populations worldwide to create tangible healing tools grounded in values and time tested traditions.

#### **NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>: OPENING NIGHT**

Come enjoy and view Gale Madyun's traveling 16 Protection Shields Show; listen to the vocal blessings of Sula Spirit; watch Daktari Dance Medicine Collective liberate and illuminate spirit; and embrace the teachings of Dr Wade Nobles!

**UC BERKELEY: Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, 103 Kroeber Hall, Berkeley 94720**

**(the building is near the intersection of Bancroft Way and College Avenue)**

**Complete listing & updates of events / Tickets: <http://www.orisaurbanworldfestival.com/schedule.php>**

**NOVEMBER 3 – 25 (Gallery Hours: Wed - Fri: 11-6pm / Sat: 1-5pm / Sun: by appointment): No Fee !**

#### **"MYGRATION EXHIBIT"**

**Opening Reception: Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-9 pm with DJ Elijah Manolo**

**Poetry Reading: Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 - 5:30 pm**

**Artist Talk: Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm**

The Joyce Gordon Gallery presents the "Mygration" exhibit and performances by artistic talents that will be hosted by Maya Khosla in the Front Gallery. The event will include Poets; a performance by Kalinda Wang da Silva; and exhibits of event finalists that include: Ana Guadalupe Aviles, Ellen Bepp, Lorraine Bonner, Suzanne Cerny, Melinda deSessa, Monjett Graham, David Graves, Idris Hassan, Niambi Kee, J. Lafaye, Carl Lantz, Teresa "Trajan" Martin, Susan Matthews, Janice Nakashima, Wanda Sabir, Adele Seltzer, Aishwarya Vardhana, Kevin Woodson, and Pamela Ybanez.

**Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612**

**More info: 510-465-8928 OR [www.joycegordongallery.com](http://www.joycegordongallery.com)**

**NOVEMBER 3 – 28 (Gallery Hours: Wed - Fri: 11-6pm / Sat: 1-5pm / Sun: by appointment): No Fee !**

#### **"DHYANA (MEDITATION) NEW ARTWORK BY SAMANTHA CHUNDUR: SOLO EXHIBIT"**

**Opening Reception: November 3rd 6-9pm**

**Artist Talk: November 11th 4 pm**

The Joyce Gordon Gallery presents "Dhyāna" (Meditation), an exhibit focusing on "contemplation, reflection and abstract meditation" by Bay Area artist, Samantha Chundur. The Dhyāna series is a meditative exploration of the basic elements of art: line and color. The line, the primary building block, sets the tone of the series' simple yet powerful compositions: a single line framed within a square or rectangle. The compositions lend an architectural feel to the series, wherein the viewer is invited to meditate on its main structural element which is exposed in its true form.

**Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612**

**More info: 510-465-8928 OR [www.joycegordongallery.com](http://www.joycegordongallery.com)**

**NOVEMBER 4 (Saturday), 10 am - 5 pm: No Fee! (RSVP requested)**

**“ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF BLACK DOLL SHOW”**

Join the African American Museum & Library at Oakland for this annual “Festival of Black Dolls”, a cultural celebration that showcases the craft of black (Afro) doll making. The one-day collectibles event features the handiwork of local doll makers and shines a spotlight on African American dolls. This year's festival will also feature dolls and an exhibit on Ruby Bridges, the iconic girl that desegregated the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana in 1960.

**The Oakland Public Library, African American Museum & Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street, Oakland 94612**

**More info / RSVP: 510-637-0200 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/american-black-beauty-doll-artists-annual-festival-bl>**

**NOVEMBER 4 (Saturday), 3:30 – 5:30 pm: \$25 (pay at door)**

**“SOUTHERN AFRICAN DANCE WORKSHOP”**

Kanukai Chigamba from the Chinyakare Ensemble Dance Troupe will be teaching a traditional Zimbabwean dance class, and will be joined by Moeketsi Gibe who will be teaching Gumboot dance from South Africa. This 2-hour workshop will be an exciting adventure to dance in Southern African. All ages and levels are welcome!

**The Mahea Uchiyama Center for International Dance, 729 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley 94710**

**More info: [https://www.facebook.com/events/1593720870689268/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/1593720870689268/?active_tab=about)**

**NOVEMBER 4 - 26 (Check website for event details and tickets)**

**“SELECTED EVENTS AT YOSHI’S OAKLAND”**

November 4-5: THE OHIO PLAYERS, pioneers of street funk and underground R&B; \$39+

November 9-10: THE DELFONICS featuring GREG HILL, smooth harmony and legendary choreography; \$34+

November 14-15: ROBERT CRAY, blues + guitar and 5x GRAMMY winner; \$72

November 16-17: RAHSAAN PATTERSON, soulful meditation with a voice from another world; \$29+

November 18-19: DIGIBLE PLANETS, open Dance Floor with jazzy hip hop; \$39+

November 20: KEVIN MAHAGONY, a standard setter for jazz vocalists; \$21+

November 24-26: THE SPINNERS, legendary R&B vocal group; \$39+

**Yoshi's Oakland, 510 Embarcadero West, Jack London Square, Oakland 94607**

**More info / Tickets: 510.238.9200 OR <https://www.yoshis.com/>**

**NOVEMBER 5 (Sunday), 2 – 9:30 pm: \$0 - \$25**

**“MAKING ART - FREEING MINDS / PRISON ARTS PROJECT: 40TH ANNIVERSARY”**

In 1997, the William James Association established the Prison Arts Project, which was adopted by the California Department of Corrections as “Arts in Corrections”. The Founder, Eloise Smith’s vision was “to provide an opportunity where a man can gain the satisfaction of creation rather than destruction...and to offer the professional artist as a model of creative self-discipline.” You are invited to join the celebration of Eloise’s vision and all the amazing artists

who brought her vision to life. There will be an afternoon reunion with alumni and teaching artists

of the Project from 2 – 5pm; followed by an art reception from 6:30 – 7:30pm; and

an evening program of music, special recognitions and festivities from 7:30 – 9:30!

**Peace United Church 900 High Street, Santa Cruz 95060**

**More info / Tickets: 831-607-8952 (Margot) OR**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prison-arts-project-40th-anniversary-tickets-38151113006>**

**RSVP / Assistance with travel and/or lodging:**

**<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7t48UqaNnYFUjqYm5enR3xiUPMjnFRLWgulYNAKtnUoIsIA/viewform>**

**NOVEMBER 6 (Monday), 7 pm (doors open at 6:30pm): No Fee !**

**“VERY SMART BROTHAS: RACE, CULTURE & POLITICS IN THE AGE OF NEW MEDIA”**

Join Stanford University's African & African American Studies for an interactive public “curated conversation” event featuring Damon Young and Panama Jackson, founders of “Very Smart Brothas” – a daily digital magazine offering commentary, essay, and humor about news, pop culture, and race. No tickets or RSVPs are required.

**Tresidder Oak Room, 459 Lagunita Drive, Stanford**

**More info: 650-723-3782 OR**

**<http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/very-smart-brothas-race-culture-politics-in-the-age-of-new-media/>**

**NOVEMBER 6 - 12 (Monday - Sunday), Check website for event times and fees (some events are free)**

**“MATATU FESTIVAL OF STORIES, 2017”**

The series of events began in October and includes community workshops, performances, music, parties and more. For November, featured performances include: “Aja Monet (an internationally established poet, performer, and educator)”;

“Alonzo King LINES Ballet Dancers”; and “Ballet for Black and Brown Bodies”.

Workshops / Classes / Seminars include: “Surrogates: Emotional Labor & the Black Woman”;

“Fanon: Decolonizing the Psyche – From Theory to practice(Part 2)”; and “Octavia at 70”.

**CHECK WEBSITE BELOW FOR DETAILS ABOUT PERFORMERS + EVENT DATES AND LOCATIONS**

**More info / RSVP / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/matatu-4681260033>**

**NOVEMBER 7 (Tuesday), 7:30 – 9:30 pm: \$20 (includes a dinner and refreshment)**

**“FIRST TUESDAYS SPOKEN WORD AT RADIO AFRICA & KITCHEN”**

This Spoken Word event is a platform for community members of all ages to share their stories, recite spoken word or perform conscious music and poetry as a means to express their emotions with an abundance of positive energy and with great people. Big Mouth Productions and the Radio Africa & Kitchen restaurant (both Afro owned) hope to rebuild togetherness and peace within the community with a great night of entertainment.

**Radio Africa & Kitchen, 4800 3rd Street, San Francisco 94124**

**More info / 415-826-9660 OR <http://www.radioafricakitchen.com/events/>**

**NOVEMBER 8 (Wednesday), 9 am – 7 pm: No Fee ! (registration requested)**

**“AAEN DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM”**

The African American Employee Network (AAEN) invites you to participate in the San Francisco Bay Area / Silicon Valley Diversity Career Fair & Professional Development Forum. Job Seekers can find their next employment opportunity in tech, financial services, consumer products, healthcare, municipal and government agencies and many other industries. Employers can connect and make hires from a talented pool of diverse business professionals; and Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) Forums will share best practices among peers throughout Northern California. And...everyone can participate in high caliber discussions with recognized and respected industry leading executives!

**Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway, Oakland 94607**

**More info / Register: 510-817-AAEN OR <http://www.aaenbayarea.org/career-fair-prof-dev-forum>**



**NOVEMBER 9 (Thursday), 6:30 – 9 pm: \$5+ (free for MoAD members)**

**“JUMP UP: THE EN MAS FILM SERIES / TOOTIE’S LAST SUIT”**

This feature-length documentary, explores the complex relationships, rituals, history, and music of New Orleans’ vibrant Mardi Gras Indian culture while telling the story of Allison “Tootie” Montana, former Chief of the Yellow Pocahontas Hunters. Celebrated throughout the New Orleans as “the prettiest”, for the beauty and inventiveness of his elaborately beaded Mardi Gras costumes, Tootie Montana masked for 52 years, longer than any other Mardi Gras Indian. This film is in conjunction with the current exhibition “En Mas’: Carnival and Performance Art of the Caribbean” at the Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD); and is the last of six weeks of documentaries and features portraying the magical impact of Carnival in various places in the African Diaspora.

**MoAD Museum of the African Diaspora, 685 Mission Street, San Francisco 94105**

**More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR**

**[https://www.moadsf.org/event/jump-up-the-en-mas-film-series-tooties-last-suit-2/?instance\\_id=14179](https://www.moadsf.org/event/jump-up-the-en-mas-film-series-tooties-last-suit-2/?instance_id=14179)**

**NOVEMBER 9 - 12 (Thursday - Sunday), Check website for schedule of events: \$20+ (pay at the door)**

**“LAHYDI DANCE FESTIVAL”**

WONGAI! It is time for the Lahydi Dance Festival, and an opportunity to learn African dances from Senegal and Guinea with well known choreographers and drummers. KHADY MALAL BADJI attended the National School of the Arts in Senegal and was initiated into traditional dance of the Ivory Coast. She now teaches dance to adults and children and has performed widely in Senegal, the U.S., Middle East and Europe. OUMOU FAYE is from Senegal, and is a highly-acclaimed dancer and teacher who lives in Santa Cruz with her husband and their children. Her classes are a high-energy, joyful exploration of traditional Senegalese dance and incredibly uplifting. With the accompaniment of Mbor and other drummers, Oumou's classes are full of the power, beauty and community. Many other teachers and drummers will participate. Sessions are from 5:30 – 8 pm on Thursday and Friday; and from 9:15 am to 7 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

**Oakland Technical High School, 4351 Broadway, Oakland 94611**

**More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/216451308864504/>**

**NOVEMBER 10 (Friday), 6:30 - 9 pm: No Fee**

**“EVOLUTIONARY BLUES: WEST OAKLAND’S MUSIC LEGACY”**

Join the African American Museum & Library at Oakland for a screening of the new documentary feature, “Evolutionary Blues: West Oakland’s Music Legacy”! The documentary film traces the long musical history of blues music in West Oakland and features photographs and video footage taken from the historical collections at Oakland Public Library’s African American Museum & Library at Oakland and the Oakland History Room.

The film screening will be followed by a panel discussion on the historic legacy of blues in Oakland.

**African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland Public Library), 659 14th Street, Oakland 94612**

**More info / RSVP: 510-637-0200 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/evolutionary-blues-west-oakland-s-music-legacy>**



**NOVEMBER 10 (Friday), 7 pm: No Fee**

**“FILM SCREENING: WHOSE STREETS?”**

The MAAFA Commemoration will host the screening of the film “Whose Streets” that provides details by activists and leaders about the Ferguson Uprising for the police killing of teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson Missouri. Michael was left lying in the street for hours. The grief and long-standing racial tensions brought residents together to hold vigil and protest the tragedy. Empowered parents, artists and teachers from around the U.S. come together as freedom fighters.

Refreshments and a panel discussion with political activists will follow the screening.

**Bayview Opera House (Ruth Williams Memorial House), 4705 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, San Francisco 94124**

**More info: 510-255-5579 OR <https://www.facebook.com/maafabayarea>**

**NOVEMBER 10 – 12 (Friday - Sunday), 7 pm: \$15**

**“MBONGUI SQUARE FESTIVAL”**

The Festival is an annual event that celebrates the performing and visual arts. Organized by Kiandanda Dance Theater, the festival gathers dance, music, visual arts and spoken word artists of varied styles and artistic choices from the Bay Area and across the world. Mbongui is a word originated in the Congo and refers to togetherness. It refers to a place where family, neighbors, passers-by and foreigners from different ethnicities come together to share meals, stories, and knowledge, and receive assistance from the community. Now is the time to return to the Mbongui!

**Zaccho Center For Dance and Aerial Arts, 1777 Yosemite Avenue, San Francisco 94124**

**More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mbongui-square-festival-tickets-37430269945>**

**NOVEMBER 10 – 12 (Friday, 8pm / Saturday, 3pm + 8pm / Sunday, 5pm): \$25 general**

**NOTE: special rates for VIP, Youth, Seniors, Military, Students and groups of 10 persons+**

**“BLACK REPERTORY GROUP PRESENTS: FEELING GOOD: A TRIBUTE TO NINA SIMONE”**

An evening with the dynamic Miss Faye Carol in celebration of the Black Repertory Group’s 53rd Mainstage Season. Don’t miss the powerful one woman show spanning a musical catalog that includes: classical, jazz, blues, folk, R&B, Gospel and Pop. This will be a legendary evening that will lead the audience through a lifetime of music.

**Black Repertory Group (Birel L. Vaughn Theater), 3201 Adeline Street, Berkeley 94703 (near Ashby BART Station)**

**More info / Tickets: 510-652-2120 OR <http://www.blackrepertorygroup.com/dynamic-miss-faye-carol.html>**

**NOVEMBER 11 (Saturday), 2 pm: No Fee!**

**“MEET AEESHAN & KOKOMON CLOTTEY: AUTHORS OF ETERNAL QUEST FOR HAPPINESS”**

Join Aeshan and Kokomon Clottey, authors of the book entitled “Eternal Quest for Happiness: A practical Guide to Fulfilling Dreams”, for a book launching and discussion . The Clotteys are much appreciated facilitators and supporters of African and African American cultural and healing events at their African Healing Center (AHC) in West Oakland.

**Barnes & Noble, 5604 Bay Street, Emeryville 94608**

**More info: 510-547-0905 OR**

**<https://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2072?view=list&month=November&day=Saturday&type=all#>**

**NOVEMBER 11 - 12 (Saturday, 10 am+ / Sunday, 2 pm+): Check contact info below for fees**

**“MATATU FESTIVAL OF STORIES 2017”**

The Kenyan “MATATU”, the Thai tuk-tuk, and the Brooklyn dollar van are radically accessible share taxis that get you from wherever you are to wherever you’re going. Almost every ride is a shoulder to shoulder experience with avant-garde music and animated conversation. The MATATU Festival is celebrating five years of bringing peoples together via music, film, and live performance experiences. It’s where people and stories from all over the world intersect. Call it a cultural clash-up! So if you want to know what’s going on all around you, hop on! Festival partners are: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, KQED, East Bay Express, Amoeba Music and Intersection for the Arts.

**Starline Social Club, 2236 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland 94612**

**More info: 510-593-2109 OR <http://www.matatu.co/event-calendar/2017/11/11/matatu-festival-of-stories-2017>**

**NOVEMBER 12 (Sunday), 10 am – 1 pm: \$0 - \$10 (WOBO Members ride for free)**

**NOTE: Advance Registration Required**

**“BIKE TOUR: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN OAKLAND”**

Explore African American History in Oakland on a special bike tour, held in collaboration with Walk Oakland, Bike Oakland (WOBO). Hear vivid stories illustrating African-American life in Oakland over the last 150 years; hear about the Pullman Porters Union; see historical Black Panthers’ sites; and visit other significant landmarks of African American History in Oakland. Meet in front of the Museum’s Oak Street entrance at 10 am. Bring your own bikes, helmets, repair kits, and water. NOTE: This event was rescheduled from October 15 due to air quality conditions.

**Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland 94607**

**More info / Registration: 510-318-8470 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wobo-weekend-african-american-hx-ride-with-oakland-museum-of-ca-tickets-39132205480?aff=omcanews>**

**NOVEMBER 12 (Sunday), 1 – 4 pm: \$60+**

**“ADAPTOGENIC HERBS FOR IMMUNITY, STRESS RELIEF AND LONGEVITY”**

Adaptogens are remarkable herbs that help the body adapt to: stress; support normal metabolic functions; and help restore balance. In this class you will learn about the world of these amazing plants, focusing on several specific adaptogens and how they can be used as food and medicine in our daily routines to increase our body's resistance to physical, biological, emotional, and environmental stressors. The Instructor, Maya Blow, will also craft some medicine to provide a defense to acute and chronic stress. Herbal tea and snacks provided.

**Soul Flower Farm (located in the Berkeley Hills); Directions provided when you register**

**More info / Registration: <http://www.soulflowerfarm.com/fall.html>**

**NOTE: To REGISTER, go to above website, chose event for Nov 12 and then Register**

**NOVEMBER 12 (Sunday), 3 – 4:30 pm: \$25+**

**“DESTINY MUHAMMAD’S STORYTIME”**

This is a “Jazz Inspired Experience” fusing Great Jazz with Captivating Stories featuring: Destiny Muhammad on Harp & Vocals; Leon Joyce, Jr. on Drums; Frederick Harris on Piano; Chico Lopez on Bass; Ranzel Merritt on Saxophone; Achebe Hoskins as StoryTeller; and Ann Mack as Songstress. Come and enjoy the rhythm and the wisdom!

**Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street, Oakland**

**Moe info / Tickets: <http://www.destinymuhammadproject.com/>**

**NOVEMBER 12 (Sunday), 7 pm: \$30+**

**“FESTIVAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN DANCE”**

From the diamond mines and townships of Johannesburg come two spirited dance troupes, the Gumboots and Pantsula Dance Companies, whose art forms speak volumes about black (Afro) South African culture. Gumboot dancing, performed in rubber Wellington boots, was developed by black Afro miners to accompany work songs and served as a form of communication when talking and drumming were prohibited. Pantsula, an energetic urban street dance with precise and technical footwork, originated in the black (Afro) townships during Apartheid. Both dances are grounded in social movements and have evolved over decades, along with the country’s shifting political climate.

**Zellerbach Hall, University of California Berkeley, 2425 Bancroft Avenue, Berkeley 94720**

**More info / Tickets: 510-642-9988 OR <https://calperformances.org/performances/2017-18/world-stage/festival-of-south-african-dance-featuring-the-gumboots-and-pantsula-dance-companies.php>**

**NOVEMBER 15 - 19 (Wed-Sat, 7:30 pm / Sun, 2pm + 6pm): \$35+ (+ discount tickets)**

**“THE PROPELLED HEART”**

In celebration of Alonzo King LINES Ballet’s thirty-five years of groundbreaking art-making in the SF Bay Area and around the world, Alonzo King and Lisa Fischer will team up for the return of “The Propelled Heart”. This highly acclaimed collaboration premiered to record-breaking audiences in 2015, and this return season promises to sell quickly.

On Thursday night there will be a post-performance talk with Alonzo King and Ms. Lisa Fischer.

**Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission Street, San Francisco 94103**

**More info / Tickets: 415-978-2787 OR 415-978-2700 OR <https://ybca.org/whats-on/lines-fall-2017>**

**NOVEMBER 16 - 19 (Thu – Sat, 8 pm / Sun, 3 pm): \$5 - \$20**

**“SKETCHES OF OAKLAND: THE TOWN EXPLORED THROUGH DANCE”**

In its new offering, Savage Jazz Dance Company pays tribute to The Town! Brought to life and developed in Oakland, the performance contains the same intensity, creativity and diversity of life experiences that only a city like Oakland can provide. Sketches of Oakland paints a portrait of what it is to not only be human but truly be alive in The Town. The performance features: world premiere choreography by Artistic Director Reginald Ray-Savage; and original compositions by Leslie La Barre with lead musicians Emily Tian (piano) and Justin Ouellet (strings).

**Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts Theater, 1428 Alice Street, Oakland 94612**

**More info / Tickets: 800-838-3006 OR <http://www.savagejazz.org/sketches-of-oakland.html>**

**NOVEMBER 17 (Friday), 5:30 – 10:30 pm: \$150**

**“2017 CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONS OF MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY AWARDS DINNER AND JAZZ CONCERT”**

To celebrate the achievements of California's mental health leadership, you are invited to participate in an elegant evening of the recognition of accomplishments in mental health and wellness in the Golden State. Award recipients have demonstrated success in helping to resolve complex community mental health concerns through advocacy, research, public policy, outreach, clinical work, or direct services. Award recipients will be: Rusty Selix, the co-Author of Proposition 63, the California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA); the One Mind Institute for "Brain Science & Research"; Senator Holly J. Mitchell for her dedication to California's health and wellness; and Dr. Karen L. Smith, Director of the California Department of Public Health for her excellence in "Cultural Outreach" for the department's California Reducing Disparities Project. There will be prominent guest speakers and a silent auction. Entertainment will be provided by Cal State University, Sacramento's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble, Vox Now; and capped-off with a dynamic performance by saxophonist, composer, producer, and vocalist Eric Darius, an international smooth jazz superstar. Event sponsors include UC Davis Health, the California Black Chamber of Commerce and others. The Jazz Cocktail Reception will be at 5:30, and the Awards Dinner and Jazz Concert will be from 6:30 – 10:30 pm.

Attire is Dressy / Semi-Formal; and your support and attendance will enhance the event!

**Crowne Plaza Hotel Sacramento Northeast, 5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento 95841**

More info / Tickets: <https://www.mentalhealthca.org/awardsdinner/>

**NOVEMBER 17 - 19 (Fri + Sat, 8 pm / Sun, 2 pm + 7 pm): \$40+ (series tickets available)**

**“19<sup>th</sup> SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL HIP HOP DANCEFEST (SFIHHDF)”**

The SFIHHDF is the first ever festival of its kind that honors the inspiring, electrifying and thought provoking works of art through hip hop dance forms in a non-competitive environment. In one spectacular weekend, the SFIHHDF will present groundbreaking performances from the most exceptional professional dance companies from all over the globe. Award winning and critically acclaimed, the SFIHHDF is a Bay Area legend that is not to be missed! Presented by MICAYA.

**Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon St, San Francisco 94123**

More info / Tickets: 415-392-4400 OR <https://www.sfhiphopdancefest.com/#home>

**NOVEMBER 18 (Saturday), 1 – 4 pm: No Fee !**

**“CREATING YOUR HERBAL MEDICINE CABINET”**

Join the African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO) and master gardener Claudia Noble for a workshop to help create your own herbal medicine cabinet. The workshop will walk you through growing and preparing herbs that can be used to treat a variety of medical conditions, including herbs to help you through the cold and flu season.

**The Oakland Public Library, African American Museum & Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street, Oakland 94612**

More info / RSVP: 510-637-0200 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/creating-your-herbal-medicine-cabinet>

**NOVEMBER 19 (Sunday), 12 - 2 pm; \$10**

**“ACHIEVING LONGEVITY THROUGH LOVE AND BALANCE”**

12 Noon – 1 pm: Workshop: “LOVE---Maat Meditation”

A discussion for the “love that flows from the DIVINE part of who we are...” with instructor Jamila

1 – 2 pm: Optimal Techniques: “Balancing Your Energy for Everyday Success”

A focus on balancing techniques aimed at the 12 meridians of Traditional Chinese Medical Science to promote emotional well-being and longevity, with instructor Marcus.

The Ausar Auset Society International (AASI) is a 40+ year old organization with global chapters in the U.S., Canada, Bermuda, Trinidad, Virgin Islands, London, South Africa, Ghana and other locations. Since its inception, the AASI has provided the public with a full modern translation of Ancient Kamitic Spirituality and I Ching. It has also developed modern applications. The West Coast chapter of Ausar Auset was founded in 1991; and is headquartered in Oakland.

**Health & Human Resource Education Center (HHREC), 1905 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland 94612**

**More info / Register: 510-866-6644 (Marcus) OR 510-410-0337 (Jamila) OR <http://www.ausarasetwestcoast.com/>**

**NOVEMBER 25 (Saturday), 8 pm; \$17 - \$35**

**“AFRICA RISING”**

Diamano Coura West African Dance Company commemorates its 42nd Anniversary with public performances to honor the company's long-standing dedication to the preservation, education, and appreciation of traditional West African music, dance, theater, and culture. Since its inception in 1975 Diamano Coura, under the direction of Emmy Award winner Dr. Zak Diouf and Artistic Director Naomi Diouf, has implemented its mission through ongoing workshops, performances, youth programs, touring engagements, lecture demonstrations, community outreach, and creative partnership programs with renowned artists and performing companies.

Diamano Coura in the Senegalese Wolof language means "those who bring the message."

**Malonga Casquelord Theater, 1428 Alice Street, Oakland 94612**

**More info / Tickets: 510-508-3444 OR <http://www.diamanocoura.org/> OR**

**<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2939251>**

**NOVEMBER 29 (Wednesday), 6 – 8 pm: No Fee**

**“RESILIENCE ARTIST RECEPTION: AFROSolo ART EXHIBIT”**

Meet the artists featured in this year's 16th Annual AfroSolo exhibition entitled “Resilience”. This exhibit asked artists to “share their perspective on resilience and what resilience means to them.” The AfroSolo Theatre Company's mission is to nurture, promote, and present African American and African Diaspora art and culture through solo performances and the visual arts. Through art, different ethnicities come together to explore and share the human spirit that binds us all.

**San Francisco Public Main Library (Latino/Hispanic Rooms A & B), 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco 94102**

**More info: <https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1029838201> OR <http://events.afrosolo.org/>**

**NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 16, 2017: Every Saturday from 10 am – 3 pm**

**“FREEDOM FARMERS’ MARKET”**

Come and bring your wallet every Saturday for some affordable, culturally relevant, non-GMO, organic produce grown by Afro Farmers and other socially disadvantaged farmers. LIKE IT FRESH, BUY IT FRESH, COOK IT FRESH !

**5316 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland 94609**

**More info: <http://www.freedomfarmersmarket.com/>**

**NOW UNTIL DECEMBER, 2017, check website below for details on days, hours, and events; \$5 +**

**GORDON PARKS: THE MAKING OF AN ARGUMENT"**

This special exhibit pulls together more than eighty items from the Gordon Parks Foundation archives to offer a comprehensive investigation into the African American photographer's first Life magazine photo-essay, "Harlem Gang Leader" (1948). The multidimensionality of this collection softens the portrayal of the young gang leader, wrestling with common stereotypes of black inner-city youth.

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

**More info / Tickets: 510-642-0808 OR <https://bampfa.org/program/gordon-parks-making-argument>**

**NOW UNTIL JANUARY 10, 2018 (Tuesdays – Fridays, 12 – 6 pm / Saturdays, 12 – 5 pm): No Fee !**

**"THE BLUE PERIOD: THE ART OF MALIK SENEFERU"**

**"HOMECOMING: LEGACY. LEGENDARY"**

The exhibit "BLUE PERIOD: THE ART OF MALIK SENEFERU" covers the periods of his life. Malik is a self-taught poet, painter, draughtsman, muralist, and illustrator; and the founder of the "Aesthetic Ascension" art social network.

The "HOMECOMING: LEGACY.LEGENDARY" exhibit has contributions from other local artists.

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

**More info: 415-921-1750 OR <http://aaacc.org/events/?cat=exhibitions>**

**NOW UNTIL FEBRUARY 25, 2018, Check website below for details on days, hours, fees and events**

**"QUESTION BRIDGE: BLACK MALES"**

Hailed as one of the Bay Area's Top Exhibitions in 2012 by the San Francisco Chronicle, "Question Bridge: Black Males" returns to the Oakland Museum of California. You may immerse yourself in intimate videos—woven together and arranged to simulate face-to-face conversations between participants—among a diverse group of over 160 black men across the US. Hear these men answer each other's questions with exceptional honesty and vulnerability, and share stories, beliefs, and values in a personal portrayal of their lives. "Question Bridge: Black Males" is sponsored by the Bay

Area Video Coalition and supported in part by a grant from the Open Society Institute: Campaign for Black Male Achievement, The Tribeca Film Institute, the Sundance Film Institute's New Frontier Story Lab, and other organizations.

**Oakland Museum of California (OMCA), 1000 Oak Street (at 10th Street), Oakland 94607**

**More info / Tickets: 510-318-8400/318-8505 OR <http://museumca.org/exhibit/question-bridge-black-males-2017>**

**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 early 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>**

## **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](mailto:info@savenubia.org) OR [www.SaveNubia.org](http://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 Repatriation & Investment tour May 23-June 5, 2018 for \$3,600; Ghana, Togo & Benin Roots Tour Nov 17-Dec 1, 2017 for \$3,800; The Ethiopia Roots & Culture Tour (this was rescheduled with optional tour to Tanzania Nov 16-30, 2018 for \$3,600 Ethiopia & \$1,000 Tanzania; Brazil Roots & Culture Tour July 20-29, 2018 for \$3,600. These are all inclusive packages that includes full accommodations and round trip flights on Delta Airlines from Atlanta, Georgia.

**More info / Registration: <https://www.africafortheafricans.org/>**



## **SPECIAL FREE VIDEOS / FILMS TO WATCH**

**NOTE: Your suggestions for more free listings will be appreciated**

1. “KOJO”: a short documentary on gifted 12-year-old jazz drummer Kojo Odu Roney. The film and the film maker have received numerous awards. The film was funded by the National Black Programming Consortium and screened in the 2017 PBS Online Film Festival.  
<http://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/2017-festival/kojo/>
2. The Ringshout & the Birth of African-American Religion (watch on YouTube)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmmTMg3e5Uo>
3. “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>
4. McIntosh County Shouters: Gullah-Geechee Ring Shout from Georgia (performance)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxPU5517u8c>
5. Roots 2016 Series Previously Shown on the History Channel  
<http://roots.history.com/episodes>
6. Film: “Untold Legacy” by Dr. Leslie Brown (watch online or download)  
<http://mandamushow.top/downloads/download-free-untold-legacy-2006-leslie-k-brown.html>
7. “Afropop Caribbean Films” (watch now until further notice!)  
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop-caribbean-shorts/>

## PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

**NOVEMBER 1:** "REVOLUTION DAY" in Algeria; "ALL SAINTS' DAY" in Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Gabon, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti (Ayiti), Madagascar, Martinique, Mauritius, Peru, Republic of the Congo, Reunion, Saint Barthélemy, Senegal, Seychelles and Togo; "INDEPENDENCE DAY" in Antigua & Barbuda. **NOVEMBER 2:** "ALL SOUL'S DAY" in Angola, Brazil, Haiti (Ayiti); and "THANKSGIVING DAY" in Liberia. **NOVEMBER 3:** "INDEPENDENCE DAY" in Dominica. **NOVEMBER 4:** "COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY" in Dominica; and "NATIONAL CHILDRENS' DAY" in South Africa. **NOVEMBER 6:** "CONSTITUTION DAY" in The Dominican Republic. **NOVEMBER 8:** "MAGAL DE TOUBA" in Senegal. **NOVEMBER 10:** "LOS SANTOS UPRISING DAY" in Panama. **NOVEMBER 11:** "INDEPENDENCE DAY" in Angola; and "SINT MAARTEN DAY" in Sint Maarten. **NOVEMBER 13:** "REMEMBRANCE DAY" in Cayman Islands; and "ARMISTICE DAY" in Guadeloupe, Martinique, Reunion and Saint Barthélemy. **NOVEMBER 14:** "READJUSTMENT MOVEMENT DAY" in Guinea-Bissau. **NOVEMBER 15:** "NATIONAL PEACE DAY" in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast); and "REPUBLIC DAY" in Brazil. **NOVEMBER 16:** "STATIA DAY (FLAG DAY)" in Sint Eustatius. **NOVEMBER 18:** "INDEPENDENCE DAY" in Morocco; "VERTIERES BATTLE AND ARMED FORCES DAY" in Haiti (Ayiti). **NOVEMBER 19:** "GARIFUNA SETTLEMENT DAY" in Belize; and "FLAG DAY" in Brazil. **NOVEMBER 20:** "BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS DAY" IN BRAZIL"; and "AFRICA INDUSTRIALIZATION DAY" in all United Nations affiliates. **NOVEMBER 24:** "NATIONAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING" in Turks & Caicos Islands. **NOVEMBER 25:** "REPUBLIC DAY (INDEPENDENCE DAY)" in Suriname. **NOVEMBER 28:** "INDEPENDENCE DAY" in Mauritania and Panama; and "REPUBLIC DAY" in Burundi, Chad and Republic of the Congo. **NOVEMBER 29:** "WILLIAM V.S. TUBMAN'S BIRTHDAY" in Liberia. **NOVEMBER 30:** "MAOULOUD (PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S BIRTHDAY)" in Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea, Libya, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania and Tunisia; "INDEPENDENCE DAY" in Barbados; and "REGINA MUNDI DAY" in South Africa.

## SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

- November 1:** 1787 – The African Free School opened in New York City. The school expanded to seven schools by 1834 and was eventually incorporated into the New York Public School System.
- 1898 - C.W. Allen patented the self-leveling table (Patent # 613436)
- 1910 – The NAACP published the first issue of "Crisis" magazine.
- 1929 – Grambling State University, a Historically Black College, was founded in Grambling, Louisiana.
- 1942 – John H. Johnson published the first issue of "Negro Digest".
- 1945 – John H. Johnson published the first issue of "Ebony" magazine.
- 1951 – John H. Johnson published the first issue of "Jet" magazine.
- 1995 - South Africans voted in their first all-race local government elections that ended apartheid.
- November 2:** 1889 - Menelik II was crowned Negusa-Nagast (King of Kings) of Abyssinia, Ethiopia. He led Ethiopia's defeat of the Italian colonizers and devoted much of his time to the building of railroads, schools, hospitals and industries.
- 1930 – Haile Selassie became Emperor of Ethiopia.
- 1979 – Assata Shakur, member of the Black Panther Party, was liberated from prison.
- 1983 – The Third Monday of January was declared as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- 2000 – Venus Williams was named "Sportswoman of the Year" for Sports Illustrated.
- 2004 – Barack Obama was elected to the U.S. Senate.

- November 3:** 1896 – South Carolina State College was established.  
                   - JH Hunter patented the Portable Weighing Scales (Patent # 570533)  
 1945 – Irvin Charles Mollison, the first African American federal judge in the U.S., was appointed the U.S. Customs Court Judge in New York City.  
 1970 – Twelve Afros were elected to the 92<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Congress, including Ronald Dellums (California).
- November 4:** 1992 – Carol Moseley was the first African American female elected as a U.S. Senator.  
 1992 – Pam Carter, African American woman, was elected as State Attorney General in Indiana.  
 2008 – Barack Obama was elected as the first African American President of the U.S.
- November 5:** 1841 – Madison Washington led a revolt of enslaved Africans aboard the slave ship “Creole”.  
 1974 – Shirley Chisholm of New York, became the first African American woman elected to Congress.  
 1974 – Walter Washington was elected as the first African American Mayor of Washington D.C.  
 1990 – The Freedom National Bank in Harlem, NY, closed. The bank was a major depository for African Americans and may have fallen victim to a double standard by federal regulators.
- November 6:** 1920 – James Weldon Johnson became the first African American Executive Secretary of the NAACP.  
 1928 – Oscar DePriest, from Chicago, Illinois, was elected to the 71st U.S. Congress. DePriest was the first African American Congressman from the North and the first in Congress since 1901.  
 1973 – Coleman Young was elected as the first African American Mayor of Detroit, Michigan.
- November 7:** 1955 – The U.S. Supreme Court outlawed recreational facility segregation.  
 1967 – Richard Hatcher was elected as the first African American Mayor of Gary, Indiana.  
 1967 – Carl Stokes was elected as the first African American Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio.  
 1972 – Barbara Jordan became the first African American elected to Congress from Texas.  
 1989 – Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the first African American Governor since Reconstruction.  
 1989 – David Dinkins was elected as the first African American mayor of New York City.
- November 8:** 1938 – Crystal Bird Fauset of Pennsylvania became the first African American woman elected to a state legislature.  
 1966 – Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts became the first African American elected to the U.S. Senate since Reconstruction.  
 1983 – Harvey Grant was elected as the first African American mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina; W. Wilson Goode was elected as the first African American mayor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and James a. Sharp Jr. was elected as the first African American mayor of Flint, Michigan.
- November 9:** 1731 – Benjamin Banneker, scientist and inventor, was born in Ellicott City, Maryland.  
 1868 – The Howard University Medical School opened with eight students.  
 1901 – William Monroe Trotter founded the “Boston Guardian” newspaper.  
 1993 – Sharon Sayles-Belton was elected as the first woman and the first African American for Mayor of Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- November 10:** 1934 – Bishop George Alexander McGurie, founder of the African Orthodox Church, made his transition to the next life.  
 1957 – Charlie Sifford became the first African American to win a PGA (golf) championship.  
 1960 – Andrew Hatcher was named as Associate Press Secretary in the Kennedy administration.  
 1995 – Ken Saro-Wiwa, Nigerian author and poet, was executed in Port Harcourt.  
 2008 – Zensi Miriam Makemba, “Empress of African Song” from South Africa, made her transition to the next life.

- November 11:** 1831 – Nat Turner was tortured and hanged.  
 1890 – D. McCree patented the Portable Fire Escape (U.S. Patent # US992902).  
 1969 – Dr. George R. Carruthers patented an Image Converter for detecting electromagnetic radiation.  
 1989 – The Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama was dedicated.
- November 12:** 1882 – Lane College, a Historically Black College, was founded in Jackson, Tennessee.  
 1941 – The National Negro Opera Company was established by Lillian Evans Evarianti and Mary Cardwell Dawson in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (it existed until 1962).  
 1977 – Ernest Nathan "Dutch" Morial was elected as the first African American mayor of New Orleans.
- November 13:** 1839 – The first anti-slavery political party was formed in the U.S.  
 1940 – U.S. Supreme Court ruled that African Americans could not be barred from white neighborhoods (Hansberry vs. Lee).
- November 14:** 1900 – The Washington Society of Colored Dentists was organized.
- November 15:** 218BC- Hannibal crossed the Alps with 37 elephants and 26,000 men and defeated Roman armies at the Ticino and Trebbia rivers.  
 1787 – The African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded.  
 1887 – Granville T. Woods patented the Synchronous Multiplier Railway (U.S. Patent # 373,383).  
 1894 – Dr. Daniel Hale Williams founded Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing. It was transferred to Howard University in 1969 and had graduated 1,700 nurses when it closed in 1973.  
 1898 – L. D. Newman, inventor, patented the Synthetic Brush (Patent # 614,335).  
 1950 – Arthur Dornington signed with the Atlantic City Seagulls and became the first African American to play organized hockey in the U.S.  
 1992 – The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute was officially opened.  
 1998 – Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael) made his transition to the next life while living in Guinea.
- November 16:** 1873 – W. C. Handy, "Father of the Blues", was born in Florence, Alabama.  
 1892 – Patriots of "The Kingdom of Dahomey" defeated the French forces.  
 1972 – African students were murdered during the "peaceful demonstration" at Southern University, in Baton Rouge.  
 1992 – Two police officers were charged with murder for the beating death of Malice Green, a 35-year-old African American in Detroit. The incident was similar to the Rodney King beating.  
 2000 – Oprah Winfrey received the 85th NAACP Spingarn Medal for her achievements and contributions as an actress, producer, educator, publisher, and humanitarian.
- November 17:** 1911 – Omega Psi Phi, African American Fraternity, was founded at Howard University.  
 1979 – Arthur Lewis received the Nobel Prize for Economics.  
 1980 – WHMM-TV, in Washington DC, became the first African American Public Broadcasting television station.
- November 18:** 1900 – Howard Thurman, theologian, educator and civil rights leader was born in Florida.  
 1978 – "The Jonestown Massacre" occurred in Guyana. Over 900 African Americans were killed who were followers of Jim Jones, a white cult leader, who claimed he was God.
- November 19:** 1797 – Sojourner Truth, abolitionist and women's rights advocate, was born in New York state.  
 1997 – Paula Malone and Karen Drake, African American physicians, led a team in Carlisle, Iowa, for the first successful delivery of septuplets in the U.S.

- November 20:** 1695 – Zumbi dos Palmares, Brazilian leader of a 100-year-old group of rebels who had been enslaved, was killed in an ambush. NOTE: the group still exists. This day was recently designated as “National Black Conscious Day” in Brazil.
- 1865 – African American freedmen began a protest convention for equal rights and the repeal of the “Black Codes,” at the Zion Church of Charleston, SC.
- 1962 – President Kennedy issued Executive order 11063, banning racial discrimination in federally-assisted housing.
- 1970 – Jennifer Josephine Hosten, a flight attendant and Grenada native, became the first woman of African descent to win the Miss World Pageant.
- 1981 – The Negro Ensemble Company’s production of “A Soldier’s Play” won the Pulitzer Prize.
- November 21:** 1865 – Shaw University, a Historically Black College, was founded in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 1866 – Duse Mohammed Effendi, Egyptian Pan Africanist, was born.
- 1893 – Granville T. Woods, inventor, patented the electric railway conduit (U.S. Patent #509,065). NOTE: a total of 45 patents were issued to Granville Woods from 1884 – 1907.
- 1984 – Protests against apartheid and the Reagan administration began in the U.S. and were spearheaded by Randall Robinson, Walter Fountroy, Mary Frances Berry and others.
- November 22:** 1884 – Christopher J. Perry founded the “Philadelphia Tribune” newspaper.
- 1930 – The Nation of Islam was founded by Elijah Muhammad in Detroit, Michigan.
- 1970 – African nation of Guinea defeated the NATO (North American Treaty Organization) invasion.
- 1972 – ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union) launched the war of liberation.
- 1989 – Colonel Fredrick Drew Gregory, the nephew of Dr. Charles Drew, became the first African American astronaut to command the Space Shuttle (Discovery).
- November 23:** 1897 – John Lee Lowe patented a pencil sharpener (U.S. Patent # 594,114); and Andrew Jackson Beard patented the Jerry Coupler that connects railroad cars (U.S. Patent # 594,059).
- 1965 – Mike Garrett, University of Southern California Athletic Director, was named winner of the Heisman Trophy.
- 1980 – Over 1,000 people from 25 states gathered in Philadelphia and formed the National Black Independent Party.
- 1984 – Desmond Tutu was elected as the first African Descent Bishop of Johannesburg, South Africa.
- November 24:** 1866 – Rust College, a Historically Black (Afro) College in Mississippi, was founded.
- 1892 – The first Black (Afro) college football game was played between Biddle University (Johnson C. Smith) and Livingstone College.
- 1935 – Ronald Verne Dellums, Chairman of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee, and Oakland’s forty-fifth Mayor was born in Oakland, California.
- November 25:** 1955 – The Interstate Commerce Commission banned segregation in interstate travel.
- November 26:** 1866 – Rust College, a Historically Black (Afro) College, was founded in Holly Springs, Mississippi.
- 1883 – Sojourner Truth made her transition to the next life.
- 1890 – Savannah State College, a Historically Black (Afro) College, was founded in Savannah, Georgia.
- 1927 – Marcus Garvey, Pan Africanist, was released from Tombs Atlanta Penitentiary.
- 1968 – O. J. Simpson won the “Heisman Trophy” for his football achievements.
- November 27:** 1841 – Thirty-five Amistad ship mutiny survivors were returned to Africa.
- 1990 – Charles R. Johnson won the National Book Award for the “Middle Passage”.

**November 28: 1950 – Frederick M. Jones patented a Two-Cycle Internal Combustion Engine (U.S. Patent # 2,532,273).**

**NOTE: 22 additional patents were issued to Frederick M. Jones from 1939 – 1960.**

**1961 – Ernie Davis became the first African American to win the Heisman Trophy.**

**November 29: 1905 – First issue of the “Chicago Defender” newspaper was published.**

**1908 – Adam Clayton Powell Jr., politician and civil rights activist, was born in New Haven, CT.**

**November 30: 1924 – Shirley Chisholm, first African American U.S. Congresswoman, was born in Brooklyn, New York.**

## **SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS**

**CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH JANUARY 2018:**

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

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

**NOVEMBER 2, 2017 (Thursday), 10 – 11:30 am; No Fee (Registration required)**

### **“CHOCOLATE CITY: A HISTORY OF RACE AND DEMOCRACY IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL”**

This new publication “Chocolate City” by Chis Myers Asch and George Derek Musgrove explores the intersection of race, culture, and politics in D.C. Chris Myers Asch is the editor of Washington History and author of the 2008 publication entitled “The Senator and the Sharecropper: The Freedom Struggles of James O. Eastland and Fannie Lou Hamer”.

George Derek Musgrove is an associate professor and a member of Washington History's editorial board.

**National Museum of African American History and Culture, Smithsonian (Oprah Winfrey Theater),  
1400 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington D.C., 20560**

**More info / Registration:**

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/calendar/event?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D125553048>

**NOVEMBER 8 - 12, 2017; \$150+ (students), \$265+ (elders), \$285+ (adult)**

### **“35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK STORYTELLING FESTIVAL AND CONFERENCE”**

**THEME: “The African American Story: From Chains to Wings”**

Join the National Association of Black Storytellers (NABS) for this annual conference. FESTIVAL AND CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS: Opening Gala Celebration and Mary Carter Smith Love Circle; Learn the art of Black Storytelling (adult and youth workshops for professional and aspiring storytellers); Storytelling Awards; NABS Resource Table; Jackie Torrence Tall Tales Contest; African American Marketplace; Youth Activities and Youth Telling; and Spiritual Storytelling Sunday.

Attendees may network with others interested in preserving the African and African American oral tradition; and meet featured storytellers and purchase their recordings and writings.

**Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, Kansas 67207**

**More info / Registration: 410-947-1117 / Dr. Reed 215-796-2785 / Ms. Miller 316-734-1876**

<http://www.nabsinc.org/2017-general-information>

**NOVEMBER 17 – 18, 2017 (Friday + Saturday), 9 am – 5 pm + 7 pm (Sat afterparty):**

**\$25+ (Fri pass) / \$55 (Sat pass)**

### **“6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLACK BUSINESS WOMEN ROCK 2017 CONFERENCE & EXPO”**

Come to increase the network and the net worth of Black Business Women around the world!

This event is for established and aspiring women in business, executives, entrepreneurs, creatives & anyone seeking growth and access to resources and business opportunities. Experience classes/workshops, powerful speakers, experts and panel discussions, while igniting new relationships with other attendees & hand-selected exhibitors/vendors. You will also have time to shop, eat and drink while listening to live DJ sets. Formal dress.

**Torrance Marriott, 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503**

**More info / Registration: 818-448-3178 (Jade Crawford) OR <http://www.blackbusinesswomenrock.com/>**



## **NOVEMBER 20 – DECEMBER 8, 2017**

### **“94<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION”**

This meeting is organized by the United Nation’s Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights / Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD); and is the body of independent experts that monitor implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination by its State parties. The Committee will examine the reports of the following States during its 94th session: Algeria, Australia, Belarus, Jordan, Serbia and Slovakia. The meeting will be held on the Ground Floor Conference room, Palais Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland. For more info:

[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1139&Lang=en](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1139&Lang=en)

## **NOVEMBER 22 – 23, 2017**

### **“UNITED NATIONS RACISM & DISCRIMINATION REGIONAL MEETING”**

**NOTE: The public may sit in on UN sessions.**

This meeting is organized by the United Nation’s Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent adopted by the General Assembly; and will provide an opportunity to reflect on ways and means that governments from the regions in partnership with equality bodies, national human rights institutions, civil society, development agencies and regional organizations, may pursue to integrate the provisions of the Programs of Activities in their policies, programs and strategies tailored for people of African descent. The meeting will bring together Member States, United Nations specialized agencies and bodies, regional organizations, national human rights institutions, equality bodies and civil society representatives, particularly people of African descent from the region. Experts on the topics will also be invited to participate in the meeting. The meeting is part of a series for five different regions. The first meeting for the Latin American and Caribbean region was held in Brasilia on 3-4 December 2015. The meeting will be held in Room XIX Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

**More info & email signup:** <http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/contact.asp>

**Get involved:** <http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/getinvolved.shtml>

## **NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 2, 2017**

### **“NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS COMMISSION (NAARC) MEETING”**

Among the national and international dignitaries scheduled to participate in the New Orleans gathering are: Actor/Activist Humanitarian Danny Glover; Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Chairman of the CARICOM Reparations Commission and Vice Chancellor/President of the University of the West Indies from Jamaica; Ms. Mireille Fanon, daughter of Frantz Fanon, Paris, France; and, Ms. Samia Nkrumah, the daughter of Kwame Nkrumah, first President of Ghana. Ms. Nkrumah has become a vocal advocate for reparations, particularly focusing on engaging Africans from the continent in the movement. This gathering will build on global recent developments, including the recent launch of the Center for Reparation Research at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica.

**RECEPTION: November 30 (Thursday), 7 pm:**

**Conference Center of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), 6400 Press Drive, New Orleans, LA 70126**

**AREA/REGIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING: 11 am – 3 pm:**

**Auditorium of the Administration Building, Xavier University, 1 Drexel Drive, New Orleans, LA 70126**

**More info / Registration: 718-429-1415 OR 888-774-2921**

<https://ibw21.org/press-release/national-african-american-reparations-commission-convene-new-orleans/>

**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/>**

**MARCH 8 – 11, 2018; \$75 Student / \$150 General**

**“INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT / SUMMIT IDPAD-S 2018”**

Summit IDPAD-S 2018 will take place in Georgetown Guyana, and will: audit where we are as a people; rationalize where we ought to be as a people; and set goals for 2024. IDPAD-S 2018 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 to share working models that can assist in the development of African descendants and their communities. It will also provide 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. Confirmed speakers include: Dr. Julius Garvey, Prof. Verene Shepard, Mr. Anthony Browder, Dr. Ahmed Reid, Ms. LaTosha Brown, Mr. Terrence Southern and Ms. Faya Rose Toure. Confirmation for additional speakers is forthcoming.

**More info / Application: <https://www.idpadsummit.com/>**

**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](mailto:info@savenubia.org) OR [www.SaveNubia.org](http://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, TOGO & BENIN ROOTS TOUR: Nov 17-Dec 1, 2017 for \$3,800.

GHANA REPATRIATION & INVESTMENT TOUR: May 23-Jun 5, 2018 for \$3,600; and

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.africaforthafricans.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.

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 listing: #12 (BAOBOB)

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](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. **BAOBOB:** Bay Area Organization of Black Owned Businesses: supports Black owned businesses and their customers, who agree that keeping our dollars circulating within our community is tantamount to Black empowerment in the Bay Area and beyond.  
<http://baobobdirectory.com/>
13. **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/>
14. **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/>
15. **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>
16. **BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP):** working for racial, social and economic justice through grassroots community organizing and policy-change.  
<http://blackorganizingproject.org/>
17. **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/>
18. **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/>
19. **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/>

20. **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/>
21. **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/>
22. **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/>
23. **HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA:** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.  
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
24. **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/>
25. **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/>
26. **JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC):** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.  
<http://www.jaanc.org/>
27. **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/>
28. **ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY:** organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.  
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
29. **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>
30. **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/>
31. **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>
32. **PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK:** check the Oral History Project ("I Hear, I Keep: Stories From Oakland's Griots"). Wednesdays – Sundays, 2465 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oakland, 510-532-9142  
[www.peraltahacienda.org](http://www.peraltahacienda.org)

33. **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>
34. **QILOMBO:** a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.  
<http://qilombo.org/>
35. **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](http://www.redbaycoffee.com)
36. **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](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ushirika-Kenya-Inc/119089438101741?hc_location=timeline)
37. **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/>
38. **WANDA'S PICKS:** check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.  
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
39. **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

40. **ALL AFRICA:** online news for all of Africa.  
<http://allafrica.com/>
41. **ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP):** a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa.  
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
42. **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/>
43. **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](http://www.nnpa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=45)
44. **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/>



45. **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/>
46. **AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE**  
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
47. **AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET:** provided by Stanford University.  
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
48. **AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES**  
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>
49. **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>
50. **AFRICAN WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT FUND - USA:** a coalition of African women and their U.S. allies for various projects.  
[www.awdf.org/awdf-usa](http://www.awdf.org/awdf-usa) OR [www.awdf.org](http://www.awdf.org) (sister organization)
51. **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/>
52. **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/>
53. **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>
54. **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 culture, one Nation and one destiny.  
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
55. **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/>

56. **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/>
57. **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/>
58. **BLACK AGENDA REPORT:** e-newsletter, business news/networks/incentives, etc.  
<http://www.blackagendareport.com/>
59. **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/>
60. **BLACK BUSINESS NETWORK:** products sold from Black-owned businesses to Black consumers.  
<http://www.blackbusinessnetwork.com/Home/>
61. **BLACK DOCTOR:** healthy living and tips for African Americans.  
<http://blackdoctor.org/search/index.aspx>
62. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK:** magazine and official guide to events.  
<http://officialblackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/>
63. **BLACK IN LA (LOS ANGELES):** news and listings of events in and around and originating from Los Angeles.  
<http://www.blacknla.com/wp2/>
64. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.  
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>
65. **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/>
66. **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/>
67. **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/>
68. **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/>

69. CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):  
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
70. 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>
71. 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](http://www.centerformaat.com/About_KLT.html)
72. 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/>
73. CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS: includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.  
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
74. 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/>
75. COLORED CONVENTIONS: info for conventions of African Descendents from 1830, organized by educators. Includes links, videos and other important info.  
<http://coloredconventions.org/conventions>
76. FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS: an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.  
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
77. FAWOHODIE SUA: Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.  
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>
78. INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORD 21<sup>ST</sup> 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>
79. 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/>
80. 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/>

81. **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/>
82. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today's community issues.  
<http://mxgm.org/>
83. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.  
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maatinstitute-aboutus.html>
84. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.  
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
85. **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/>
86. **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/>
87. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.  
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
88. **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/>
89. **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>
90. **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>
91. **REGGAE WELLNESS:** Connecting Natural Health Care Seekers with Natural Health Care Givers. Based in Jamaica.  
<https://reggaewellness.com/>
92. **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>
93. **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/>

94. **VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY** (monthly newsletter by WO'SE's Brother Mxolisi).  
<http://hcvoice.wordpress.com>
95. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU)**: Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.  
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
96. **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/>
97. **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>

# BOOK SALES 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 20<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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/>