

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 cjyatestt@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-IXTMrTIY>

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

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

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

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

OCTOBER 2017 / 6258 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

OCTOBER 8th IS THE ANNUAL BAY AREA MAAFA COMMEMORATION

The commemoration begins at 5:30am (predawn) at Ocean Beach, San Francisco (Fulton @ The Great Highway). Maafa is a Kiswahili term for disaster, calamity or terrible occurrence. This term has been used to describe the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade/Middle Passage or Black Holocaust. People of African Descent are invited in an attempt to honor our ancestors who have suffered through the middle passage AND the lives that continue to be compromised due to racism and oppression. This event is an honoring of our past AND also a prayer for our future.

More info: <http://www.maafasbayarea.com/save-the-dates/> OR <http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

“If you are angered by a wrong done you by another, lean not toward remembering it, but toward righteousness.
Pass over it quickly and do not hold it in your heart after the first day it happens.

From: **The Husia / The Book of Ptha-Hotep (p. 47, #XVI), c1984 by Maulana Karenga**

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

“They were reminders that no matter how painful the journey, our people would finish it, survive it
and thrive again at the end of it, as long as our people moved together.”

From: **THE HEALERS: A NOVEL, by Ayi Kwei Armah: p. 11 / ISBN 2-911928-04-0 / copyright 2000**

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

“INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT”

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

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

UN Links for events and other info: <http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/upcoming-events.shtml>

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

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

STATE OF THE BLACK WORLD CONFERENCE (SOBWC) IV

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

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

THE KILIMANJARO DECLARATION

Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity

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

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

REPARATIONS PROJECTS: NATIONAL / REGIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

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

RESULTS OF THE "INTERNATIONAL REPARATIONS SUMMIT"

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

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

The 10-Point Reparations Plan developed by NAARC at the Congressional Black Caucus September 2015 Conference.
<http://ibw21.org/summit/>

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CURRENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS AT WO'SE / ILE OMODE

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

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

Call 510-632-8230 OR Visit the websites:

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

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

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

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

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

Fridays, 7 pm; Ongoing until further notice

DRUM CLASS AT WO'SE

For those who want to start drumming at WO'SE, take a class with lead drummer, Baba Sidney. No drum is required.

In fact, you don't even need shoes, just show up, and learn a new rhythm!

October 1st and October 15th (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

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

WO'SE MUSIC SERVICE

October 22nd (Sunday), part of the 10:30 am service

A special monthly service on the 4th Sunday 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.

WO'SE NEW LIFE SEMINARY (NLS) CLASS

October 15th, October 22nd and October 29th (Sundays) from 9am – 10:15 am

Brother Tyehimba will facilitate this special series; and provide updated information and corrected history for "The African Origin of Judaism, Christianity and Islam".

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2017

OCTOBER 3 (Tuesday), 5 pm: No fee (arrive early for a good seat)

“POETRY IN THE GRIOT TRADITION: OAKLAND AND WEST AFRICAN POETS IN DIALOGUE”

Be sure to attend this poetry reading that celebrates an exchange between Oakland and West Africa! Featured Poets will be: Sara Biel, Karla Brundage, Zakiyyah Capehart, Tyrice Deane, Mimi Gonzalez, Makeda Hooper Mayfield, Marcus Lorenzo Penn, Wanda Sabir and Tamaris Usher. You may even start a poetry exchange yourself with a West African!

This event is part of the West Oakland to West Africa (WOWA) Poetry Exchange Workshop that takes place every Saturday beginning September 30th, 2017 from 1 to 2pm.

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

More info: 510-238-7352 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/poetry-griot-tradition-oakland-and-west-african-poets-dialogue>

OCTOBER 4 (Wednesday), 6 pm: No Fee

“JAMES BALDWIN AND THE PRICE OF THE TICKET”

The Oakland Public Library, in collaboration with the James Baldwin Project, will present a special evening of film and discussion. Filmmakers Karen Thorsen and Douglas Dempsey will screen their documentary “The Price of the Ticket” that traces the life and career of the well-known writer James Baldwin. A community conversation about the issues raised in the film will follow the screening, and Librarian Dorothy Lazard will moderate.

African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland History Room), 659 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: Dorothy Lazard at 510-238-3222 OR 510-637-0200 OR

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/james-baldwin-and-price-ticket>

OCTOBER 5 + 19 + 26 (Thursdays), 6:30 - 9 pm: Each screening \$10 adult / \$5 Senior + Junior / Members free

“JUMP UP: THE EN MAS FILM SERIES”

In conjunction with the current exhibition En Mas’: Carnival and Performance Art of the Caribbean, MoAD and the SF Latino Film Festival present Jump Up: The En Mas’ Film Series of documentaries and features portraying the magical impact of Carnival in various places in the African Diaspora (Trinidad, Brazil, Guadeloupe, New Orleans, Cape Verde and New York). Each program has a strong focus on the music, performers and the flamboyant attire so central to the celebrations including calypso and soca of Trinidad, Salvador’s blocos afros, Guadeloupe’s zouk, Mardi Gras’ Black Indian clubs, the transgender paraders on São Vicente island and Brooklyn’s Caribbean saturated Labor Day festivities.

OCTOBER 5: SCREENINGS: “Calypso Dreams” + “J’ouvert” + “After Mas”

“CALYPSO DREAMS” by Geoffrey Dunn and Michael Horne, is a 60 minute 2004 documentary with dynamic performances by and conversations with calypso stars such as the Mighty Sparrow, Calypso Rose, Lord Kitchener and many others. It also includes an interview with Harry Belafonte on his complex relationship to calypso. “J’OUVERT” by Philip J. Bell, is a 15 minute 2015 documentary that shows Brooklyn New York’s Labor Day Carnival, in a brilliant explosion of sound, color and excitement. “AFTER MAS” by Karen Martinez, is a 20 minute 2013 drama about a romantic encounter that begins during J’ouvert in Trinidad.

OCTOBER 19TH SCREENING: "Siméon"

"Simeon" by Euzhan Palcy, is a 115 minute 1992 feature film set in a small village in Guadeloupe where a little girl and a musician join forces to put their island's "ZOUK" music on the world stage.

http://www.moadsf.org/event/jump-up-the-en-mas-film-series-calypso-dreams/?instance_id=14175

OCTOBER 26th SCREENING: "Calypso Rose: Lioness of the Jungle"

Calypso Rose: Lioness of the Jungle by Pasquale Obolo, is an 85 minute 2011 tribute to this uncontested and much decorated diva of Calypso music. With more than 800 recorded songs, she continues to be a pioneer and champion of women's rights, as she travels the world making music including her ancestral home in Africa.

http://www.moadsf.org/event/jump-up-the-en-mas-film-series-calypso-rose-lioness-of-the-jungle/?instance_id=14177

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

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200

OCTOBER 7 (Saturday), 9 am - 4 pm: \$60+ (includes vegan lunch)

"PEOPLE OF COLOR HEALING RETREAT"

The retreat was created by YogaLove Oakland to provide a space of nurturing, learning and healing for all People of Color who desire spiritual growth and self-love. An amazing lineup of teachers, leaders, healers, dreamers, artists and entrepreneurs will lead activities. The 9am Opening Ceremony will be followed by: a Cleanse and Protect Workshop or Egyptian Yoga Practice at 9:30am; a "The Love You Need" Workshop or Haitian Dance Class at 10:30am; Lunch / Shop with Vendors / Wellness Services Appointments at 11:30am ; an Intergenerational Trauma or Haitian Dance Class at 1pm; a Workshop or Gentle Yoga Class at 2pm: and a 3pm Closing Ceremony.

Piedmont Avenue Elementary School, 4314 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 94611

More info / Tickets / Registration: 510-435-2798 OR <http://yogaloveoakland.com/poc/>

OCTOBER 7 (Saturday), 10 am - 4 pm: No Fee (RSVP requested + donations appreciated)

NOTE: Register early since space is limited !

NOTE: the Mindfulness Walk led by GirlTrek Oakland will be at 9 am

"BE STILL: A RETREAT TO LEARN ABOUT STRESS REDUCTION & SELF CARE"

This is another much appreciated "BE STILL" retreat that focuses on self care to Afro communities. So, YOU may come to renew, refresh and regain YOUR commitment to less stress and more self-care. Activities include: deep relaxation to reduce stress; a dynamic women's panel; workshops; self-care stations; Soul Chi; and more...so dress comfortably! Free lunch is provided. The event is sponsored by: the Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services; the Black Women's Wellness & Media Project; the Health & Human Resource Education Center (HHREC); MHS-A-Prop 63; Sacred Space Spiritual Support Group; Mom & Pop Green Organization; and the 10X10 Wellness Campaign.

Jack London Aquatic Center, 115 Embarcadero, Oakland 94607

More info / Registration: 510-834-5990 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/be-still-retreat-fall-2017-tickets-37497932325>

OCTOBER 7 (Saturday), 10 am: No Fee

“43RD ANNUAL BLACK COWBOY PARADE AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL”

The Oakland Black Cowboy Association, a not-for-profit organization, has spent four decades enlightening the community about contributions that people of color made in the settling of the West. This vision continues today, so attend this special event which features nationwide cowboys, trick riders, schools, community organizations, and local businesses. It is fun and educational for all who attend...and you can join the organization !

DeFremery Park, 1651 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

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

OCTOBER 8 (Sunday), 5:30 am: No Fee

“22nd ANNUAL BAY AREA MAAFA COMMEMORATION”

NOTE: This event is for persons of African descent.

If you are able to give someone a ride or if you need a ride call: 510-255-5579 and leave a message.

Maafa is the Kiswahili term for disaster, calamity or terrible occurrence. This term has been used to describe the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade/Middle Passage or Black Holocaust. People of African descent are invited to this sunrise event to honor our ancestors who suffered through the middle passage and the lives that continue to be compromised due to racism and oppression. This event will include a walk through the replica of the Door-Of-No-Return and other special activities. You are encouraged to dress warmly and wear white. Please bring any or all of these: vegan items to share; a chair or blanket to sit on; flowers for the offering; drums or other instruments to play; and wood for the bonfire.

Ocean Beach, San Francisco (Fulton Street @ The Great Highway)

More info: <http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/> OR <http://www.maafasfbayarea.com/save-the-dates/>

OCTOBER 11 (Wednesday), 7 - 9 pm: \$10 general / \$5 Seniors+Students / Members free

“2017 LITQUAKE FESTIVAL OF POETRY AND PROTEST: FROM EMMETT TILL TO TRAYVON MARTIN”

Tonight’s readings feature contributors Sonia Sanchez, C.S. Giscombe, Devorah Major, Al Young, and editor Michael Warr. The recent anthology “Of Poetry and Protest” gives voice to the current conversation about race in America as it has coalesced in protest against police killings of African American boys and men, and serves as an excellent introduction to African American poetry. Come early to purchase the book and for the wine reception beginning at 6pm.

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

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR http://www.moadsf.org/event/2017-litquake-festival-of-poetry-and-protest-from-emmett-till-to-trayvon-martin-2/?instance_id=14181

OCTOBER 12 (Thursday), 5 - 6 pm + 6:30 – 8:30

5 PM: “BOOK SIGNING & TALK | OBAMA: 101 BEST COVERS WITH BEN AROGUNDADE” (No Fee)

Come for a book signing and talk featuring Ben Arogundade’s “Obama: 101 Best Covers”, a new photographic book narrating Barack Obama’s presidency via eight years of his best newspaper and magazine covers.

Ben Arogundade is a London-based writer and publisher. More info:

http://www.moadsf.org/event/book-signing-talk-obama-101-best-covers-with-ben-arogundade/?instance_id=14184

6:30 – 8:30 PM: “PERFORMANCE | OBAMA AND ME” (\$10 general / \$5 Seniors+Students / Members free)

Journeying through Europe, Africa, and the United States, this one-woman show takes on the big global issues of the day in a powerful, compelling narrative that explores the meaning of identity, politics, power, and belonging in the post-post-racial 21st century.

More info / Tickets: http://www.moadsf.org/event/performance-obama-and-me/?instance_id=14185

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OCTOBER 14 (Saturday), 10 am - 4 pm: \$8 + (check special rates per car, per bus, for campers)

“41ST ANNUAL REDEDICATION OF ALLENSWORTH”

The Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park began as a settlement of Afro-Americans in August 1908 by Colonel Allen Allensworth and four other settlers. By 1910 Allensworth’s success was the focus of many national newspaper articles praising the town and its inhabitants. This Annual Rededication is co-sponsored by the Friends Of Allensworth Organization and is presented to renew the commitment of the citizens of California to help the Department of Parks and Recreation preserve the history of the ethnically diverse history of California. Visitors will have an enjoyable day of living history activities; self guided tours of historic buildings; historic games with prizes; story telling; and great entertainment. There will also be arts and crafts and food vendors for your enjoyment.

NOTE: for information on becoming a vendor, please call 661-370-8782

NOTE: for information on car pools and bus tours from the Bay Area, please call 510-569-4618

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, Palmer Avenue / Earlimart, California 93219

NOTE: The park is 20 miles north of Wasco on Highway 43; seven miles west of Earlimart on County Road J22.

More info: 877-245-6232 OR 510-569-4618 OR 661-849-3433

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=583 OR www.friendsofallensworth.org

OCTOBER 14 (Saturday), 10 am - 7 pm: No Fee

“10th ANNUAL LIFE IS LIVING FESTIVAL”

“Life is Living” is a community generated festival celebrating culture, music, art, politics and the spirit of Oakland through urban performance, intergenerational health, and environmental action. There will be a Kid’s Zone from 11am-6pm plus beauty, wellness, dance and theater zones; stages curated with the best live performances and top DJs; a vendor marketplace; and the annual free breakfast program, celebrating the revolutionary tradition started in West Oakland by the Black Panther Party over 50 years ago. The Festival is powered by Youth Speaks, YBCA and Campo Santo.

DeFremery Park / Little Bobby Hutton Park, 1651 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 415-255-9035 OR <http://lil10.youthspeaks.org/>

OCTOBER 19 - 22 (8 pm Thursday – Saturday / 3 pm Sunday): \$25 + (pay what you can on October 21st)

“AFROSOLO ARTS FESTIVAL: THE BLACK VOICES PERFORMANCE SERIES”

The Black Voices Performance Series is a quintessential part of the AfroSolo Arts Festival. Each night four solo artists take to the stage and give voice to the unique experience of being Black. This multi-disciplined extravaganza, event will show theatre, dance, music, and mixed media performance.

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

More info / Tickets: 415-771-2376 OR <http://events.afrosolo.org/events>

OCTOBER 21 (Saturday), 12 - 6 pm; No Fee

“TURFINC: DANCE BATTLE FESTIVAL III”

Turfin vs The World Dance Battle Festival will fill the waterfront at Jack London Square with TURF dance battle competitions, performances by Johnny5’s students, live music, dance workshops, local eats and vendors.

This free event is community oriented and family friendly.

Jack London Square, Broadway and Embarcadero (main entrance), Oakland 94607

More info: 510-645-9292, ext.225 OR <https://www.theturfinc.com/>

OCTOBER 21 (Saturday), 1 – 4 pm; \$50

“AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MEDICINE WHEEL PATH OF FIRE”

This workshop will provide an overview of shamanism, energy medicine and the medicine wheel; and will introduce participants to the “Path of Fire” that includes imagery, ceremony and the shamanic journey. There will be a discussion of the importance of re-acquainting ourselves with these ancient traditions and an exploration of the benefits of embarking on this path. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, share your own mystical experiences, and clarify areas of fear or doubt while retaining the magic. Melbra Watts will be the instructor.

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 Oct 21 and then Register

OCTOBER 21 (Saturday), 2 – 3:30 pm; \$ \$10 General / \$5 Student + Senior / Members Free

“CALLING DIVINE SPIRITS: MINKISI MINKONDI, SACRED SCULPTURES OF CENTRAL AFRICA”

A public talk which reveals the lesser known functions of the MINKISI MINKONDI, the sacred statues found in the kingdom of Kongo, central Africa. The MINKISI were power figures used by individuals, families, or whole communities to: destroy or weaken evil spirits; prevent or cure illnesses; repel bad deeds; solemnize contracts or oath taking; and resolve disputes. A diviner or holy person would activate the statue, using magical substances. In this presentation, Bibene draws a portrait of Central Africa before and after colonization, with social, political, and religious implications.

The talk precedes a demonstration of a few dances as practiced by the Kongo people, that served as support in the process of calling for the divine spirits to inhabit the body of the sculptures.

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More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR http://www.moadsf.org/event/lecture-demonstration-calling-divine-spirits-minkisi-minkondi-sacred-sculptures-of-central-africa/?instance_id=14170

OCTOBER 21 (Saturday), 8 - 11 pm (doors open at 7 pm); \$30 advance

“CARIBBEAN COMEDY EXPLOSION II !”

Featured comedians for this EXPLOSION will be: CRYSTAL FERRIER: A Super Woman who is a behavioral therapist by day, and an actress, comedian, writer and producer by night! JAY MARTIN: Born of Jamaican parentage, growing up Martin was always the entertainer, cracking up school friends with his spot-on accent imitations. Martin has toured with many giants, including, Jamie Foxx, Brian McKnight and Kirk Franklin. MARC TRINIDAD: A comedy giant, born and raised in Trinidad and Tobago. Marc 's commanding persona makes you laugh your socks off! He was the class clown, and is fully equipped with wit and great non-verbal skills that lighten up any dull situation.

Michaan's Theatre, 2700 Saratoga Street, Alameda 94501

More info / Tickets: 510-221-0716 (LevyEvents) OR <https://www.levyevents.com/> OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caribbean-comedy-explosion-11-tickets-37470236486>

NOTE: for tickets available at other locations check above phone contact

OCTOBER 22 (Sunday), 2 – 8 pm; No Fee

“NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION & SOCCER TOURNAMENT”

You are cordially invited to attend this Nigerian Independence celebration in addition to the Mikki Soccer Tournament. There will be: DJ entertainment with the live musical sounds of reggae, afrobeat, makossa and dancehall; complimentary food and drinks; and a rented area where children can come and play with their mates. You can invite as many friends as possible. This special celebration is hosted by Skyconcepts & the Nigerian Community in Bay Area.

Lowell Park, 1180 14th Street, Oakland 94607

More info: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nigerian-independence-celebration-soccer-tournament-sunday-october-22nd-tickets-37954020497?aff=erepanelorg>

OCTOBER 24 (Tuesday), 7 – 9 pm; No Fee

“WHAT IS BLACK PSYCHOLOGY?”

Psychologist, Adeeba Deterville will lead the discussion on the reality of Black / Afro Psychology. This event is the first in a series of the “Community-Based Models for Black Mental Health: Black Psychology as a Professional Gateway Project”.

The project goals include: Encouraging People of African Descent to pursue careers in psychology / mental health; Increasing knowledge and application of Black / African psychology; Creating a community of healing; and more.

California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS), 1453 Mission Street, San Francisco 94103

More info / Questions: 415-575-6100 OR ciis.oshpd@gmail.com

OCTOBER 25 (Wednesday), 6:30 – 9 pm; \$10 General / \$5 Students + Seniors / Members free

“ASMARINA / FILM SCREENING”

The Eritrean/Ethiopian community has been present in Italy for at least half a century and has been actively integrated into the social and cultural life of the city. The film gathers the legacy of personal stories that explore the different shades of identity, migration and the aspirations of the people. This collective tale brings to light a postcolonial heritage that has been little scrutinized up to now. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Director Medhin Paolos and Igiaba Scego, an award-winning Somali-Italian writer, journalist, and activist.

This screening is co-sponsored by Berkeley City College and the University of California, Berkeley.

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

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR http://www.moadsf.org/event/film-screening-asmarina/?instance_id=14069

OCTOBER 28 (Saturday), 8 – 11:30 pm: \$30+

NOTE: there will also be a 4 - 7:30 pm Mixer + Social Networking + Wine Tasting + Fashion Show

“FELA KUTI TRIBUTE CONCERT BY LAGOS ROOTS AFRO-BEATS”

The Fela Kuti musical Show is a combination of spoken word, drama and live performances detailing the evolution of Afrobeat music by the late Fela Kuti, heralded as the King Of Afrobeat. Don't miss the opportunity to see the Lagos Roots Afrobeat performing live with a 10 piece ensemble to bring you Afrobeat music in a different perspective.

This is one of the special events to commemorate the Nigeria Independence Celebration.

Black Repertory Group Theater, 3201 Adeline Street, Berkeley 94703

More info / Tickets: 415-794-3230 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fela-kuti-tribute-concert-by-lagos-roots-afro-beats-satoctober-28th-800-pm-tickets-34097281888?aff=erelexpmlt>

OCTOBER 29 (Sunday), 1 – 5 pm: No Fee

“FREE COMMUNITY BBQ WITH LEGAL SERVICES FOR PRISONERS WITH CHILDREN (LSPC)”

Come for some good BBQ and join the special gathering that is “Working Together to Build a Better Community”! This family event will feature Music, Raffles, Spoken Word and more. There will also be free gift bags to children under 10 years old. The event is sponsored by the “All of Us or None” group of “Legal Services for Prisoners With Children”.

DeFremery Park, 1651 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 415-684-4990 OR <http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org/category/events/>

OCTOBER 29 (Sunday), 5 – 9 pm: \$35

“SACRED PLANTS FOR LUCID CONSCIOUSNESS” (Instructor will be Chloe Bee)

In the Silene capensis tradition of the Xhosa and other ethnic groups, humans express a desire to enhance the lucidity of dream phenomena. Learn about cultural practices, safe usage, and the sorcerous beauty of wise oneiric plants, essential oils, and resins. From 5pm, honor the setting sun in a dream-share ceremony and sweeping ritual. Sweeping with branches is a timeless limpia technique to rid the energetic body of attached energy that leaves only benevolent and beautiful spirits moving forward. Afterwards, in a seated circle, dive into the materia medica of oneirogens. Towards the end of the evening, a hands-on, make-your-own custom dream pillow experience unfolds as the dream tea flows.

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

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NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER 5th, 2017, check website below for details on days, hours, and events; \$60+

NOTE: reduction for those under 35 / for any special tickets call 510-647-2949 (Tues-Sun, noon-7pm)

“AIN'T TOO PROUD: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE TEMPTATIONS”

An electrifying new musical about the life and times of The Temptations, one of the greatest R&B groups of all time They were five young guys on the streets of Detroit when they were discovered by Berry Gordy, who signed them to his legendary new label. This is a thrilling story of brotherhood, family, loyalty, and betrayal with iconic hits like “My Girl,” “Just My Imagination,” and “Papa Was a Rolling Stone”. Directed by Des McAnuff with Music Direction & Arrangements by Kenny Seymour and Choreography by Sergio Trujillo. Come See the signature dance moves that made the “Classic Five” Temptations part of our cultural history and legacy.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre (Roda Theatre), 2025 Addison Street, Berkeley 94704

More info / Tickets: 510-647-2900 OR <https://www.berkeleyrep.org/season/1718/12025.asp>

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 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 OR www.SaveNubia.org

BLACK GIRLS PLAY

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

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

FILHOS DE BIMBA BAY AREA: CAPOEIRA INSTITUTE

Filhos de Bimba Bay Area was founded on June 10, 1986 by Manoel Nascimento Machado (Mestre Nene), the son of Mestre Bimba, the creator of Capoeira Regional, and one of the most influential masters of Capoeira. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines music, dance, acrobatics, and self-defense. 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: This is a new section and 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 OCTOBER 2017

OCTOBER 1: “Botswana Day” in Botswana; “National day” (Independence Day) in Nigeria; “Tamkharit” (Ashura) in Senegal and Somalia; and “Unification Day” in Cameroon. **OCTOBER 2:** “Thanksgiving Day” in Saint Lucia; “Independence Day” in Guinea; “Botswana Day” in Botswana; and “International Day of Non-Violence” for the United Nations. **OCTOBER 4:** “Independence Day” in Lesotho; and “Peace and National Reconciliation Day” in Mozambique. **OCTOBER 9:** “National Heroes’ Day” in The Bahamas; “Independence Day” in Uganda; “National Heritage Day” in Turks & Caicos Islands; “Pan America Day” in Belize; and “Abolition Day” in Saint Barthelemy. **OCTOBER 10:** “Maroons’ Day” in Suriname; “World Mental Health Day” for the United Nations; and “Curacao Day” in Curaçao. **OCTOBER 12:** “Pan America Day” in Belize; “Independence Day” in Equatorial Guinea; “National Heroes’ Day” in The Bahamas; and “National Gumbo Day” in the USA. **OCTOBER 13:** “Prince Rwagasore Day” (Prime Minister’s assassination anniversary) in Burundi; “First People’s Day” in Trinidad & Tobago; and “Arbor Day” (Tree Planting Day) in Namibia. **OCTOBER 14:** “Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Day” in Tanzania. **OCTOBER 15:** “Mothers’ Day” in Malawi. **OCTOBER 16:** “National Heroes’ Day” in Jamaica. **OCTOBER 17:** “Mort de Dessalines” in Haiti. **OCTOBER 18:** “National Day of Prayer” in Zambia; and “Festival of Lights” (Deepavali) in Guyana. **OCTOBER 19:** “Peruvian-African Friendship Day” in Peru and African Embassies in Peru. **OCTOBER 20:** “Mashujaa Day/National Heroes’ Day” (formerly Kenyatta Day) in Kenya. **OCTOBER 21:** “President Ndadaye Day” (assassination anniversary) in Burundi. **OCTOBER 23:** “Liberation Day” in Libya. **OCTOBER 24:** “Independence Day” in Zambia; and “United Nations Day” + “World Development Information Day” for the United Nations. **OCTOBER 25:** “Thanksgiving Day” in Grenada. **OCTOBER 26:** “Armed Forces Day” in Benin; and “Mourning Day” in Libya. **OCTOBER 27:** “Independence Day” in Saint Vincent & The Grenadines. **OCTOBER 31:** “Martyrs’ Day” in Burkina Faso.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR OCTOBER

- October 1:**
- 1851 - William “Jerry” Henry, an enslaved fugitive was freed by 10,000 abolitionists in Syracuse, New York. He escaped to Canada via the Underground Railroad.
 - 1941 - Dr. Charles R. Drew was appointed Medical Director of the Plasma Project of Great Britain.
 - 1960 - Nigeria became an independent African nation.
 - 1962 - James Meredith became the first African American student to register at the University of Mississippi.
- October 2:**
- 1800 - Nat Turner was born in Southampton County, VA.
 - 1833 - Ohio’s Oberlin College, was founded. It was the first U.S. college to enroll Afro students.
 - 1935 - Rebellion of African Americans for U.S. support of Italy’s invasion of Ethiopia.
 - 1958 - Guinea became an independent African nation. Sekou Toure’ was the first President.
 - 1967 - Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice.
- October 3:**
- 1904 - Bethune–Cookman University (originally Daytona Normal and Industrial School) was opened in Daytona Beach, Florida by Mary McLeod Bethune, educator and civil rights leader.
 - 1945 - Ervin C. Mollison was appointed as the first African American lifetime Federal Judge in the U.S. Customs Court.
 - 1949 - Jesse Blanton, Sr. founded WERD-AM, the first African American owned radio station.
 - 1952 - Anti-Settler rebellion began in Kenya.

- 1974 - Frank Robinson, of the Cleveland Indians, became major league baseball's first African American Manager.**
- October 4:**
- 1989 - Art Shell, of the Los Angeles Raiders, became NFL's first African American Head Coach.**
 - 1864 - "New Orleans Tribune", the first daily Black newspaper, was published in English and French.**
 - 1966 - Lesotho became an independent African nation.**
- October 6:**
- 1896 - W.R. Davis patented a riding saddle.**
 - 1983 - Wilma Rudolph, the first African American and U.S. woman to win three Olympic Gold Medals in track and field in one year, was inducted into the Olympic Hall of Fame.**
 - 1993 - Dr. Mae Carol Jemison, the first African American woman to travel in space, was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.**
- October 7:**
- 1800 - Gabriel Prosser, led an unsuccessful slavery revolt and was executed.**
 - 1931 - Birthday of Desmond Tutu, South African activist. Received 1984 Nobel peace Prize.**
 - 1963 - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) launched a mass voter-registration. This day is now called "Freedom Day,"**
 - 1993 - Author Toni Morrison became the first African American to win the Nobel Prize In Literature.**
- October 9:**
- 1869 - The Centenary Biblical Institute (Morgan State) was opened.**
 - 1962 - Uganda became an independent African nation.**
- October 10:**
- 1899 - Isaac R. Johnson, inventor, patented the Bicycle Frame (Patent # 634,823).**
- October 11:**
- 1865 - The "Morant Bay Rebellion" occurred in Jamaica to protest injustices and land distribution.**
 - 1887 - A. Miles patented the elevator (Patent # 371,207). His elevator used unbreakable wire ropes.**
 - 1939 - Charles Houston organized the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.**
- October 12:**
- 1968 - Equatorial Guinea became an independent African nation.**
- October 13:**
- 1914 - Garrett A. Morgan patented the Gas Mask (Patent # 1,113,675).**
 - 1915 - Meharry Medical School opened in Nashville, TN.**
 - 1925 - Garland Anderson's "Appearances", the first full-length play on Broadway by an African American, opened at the Frolic Theater.**
- October 14:**
- 1834 - Henry Blair patented the Corn Planting Machine (Patent # X8447).**
 - 1964 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.**
- October 15:**
- 1883 - The Supreme Court ruled that the Civil Rights Act of 1875 was unconstitutional.**
 - 1890 - W. R. Pettiford founded the Alabama Penny Savings Bank in Birmingham.**
 - 1945 - 5th Pan African Congress, organized by Kwame Nkrumah and George Padmore, was held in Manchester, UK and continued through October 21.**
 - 1949 - William Henry Hastie became the first African American to sit on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.**
 - 1957 - The Sickle Cell Research Foundation opened in Los Angeles, CA.**
 - 1966 - Huey Newton and Bobby Seale founded the Black Panther Party for Self Defense.**
 - 1968 - Wyomia Tyus became the first person to win the gold medal for the 100-meter race in 2 consecutive Olympic games.**
 - 1986 - Edward Perkins was confirmed as the country's first African American Ambassador to South Africa.**
 - 1987 - Thomas Sankara, Pan-Africanist and President of Burkina Faso from 1983 – 1987, was killed in the Burkina Faso Coup.**

- 1989 - Walter Sisulu, South African activist, was freed after over 25 years of imprisonment.
- 1992 - Due to financial trouble, the name and several assets of the Oakland Tribune were sold to the Alameda Newspaper Group. The paper was nearly 120 years old and was the nation's only black-owned daily newspaper with major circulation.
- 1993 - Nelson Mandela was named as co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.
- October 16: 1859 - Harper Ferry (West Virginia) slave revolt.
- 1883 - S. E. Thomas patented the Waste Trap, a curved metal plumbing pipe (Patent # 286,746).
- 1968 - Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their fists in support of the struggle for "Black Freedom" while being awarded the 200-meter Olympic Gold and Bronze Medals.
- 1973 - Maynard Jackson was elected as Atlanta's first Afro Mayor.
- 1984 - Bishop Desmond Tutu was awarded the "Nobel Peace Prize".
- 1995 - The Million Man March, "A Day Of Atonement", was held in Washington, DC; and was facilitated by the Nation of Islam.
- 2000 - The Million Family March to celebrate family and unity was held on the Washington Mall.
- October 17: 1787 - Prince Hall led the African residents of Boston, in a petition of the legislature for equal school facilities.
- 1794 - The First African Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia became affiliated with the Protestant Episcopal Church. It became the St. Thomas African Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Philadelphia.
- 1806 - Jean-Jacques Dessalines, revolutionist and emperor of Haiti, was assassinated.
- 1888 - The Capital Savings Bank of Washington, DC opened. It was the first bank owned by Afros.
- October 18: 1945 - Paul Robeson, actor/singer/athlete/activist and more, received the NAACP Spingarn Medal.
- 1968 - Bob Beamon set the world long jump record at 29', 2 1/2" in at the Mexico City Olympics.
- 1986 - The city of Baltimore, MD, became the new national headquarters of the NAACP.
- 1992 - Barack Obama married Princeton and Harvard Law graduate Michelle Robinson.
- October 19: 1870 - Robert Brown Elliott, Robert C. DeLarge, and Joseph H. Rainey, all South Carolinians, became the first Afros elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 1944 - Peter Tosh, who helped reggae gain world-wide acceptance, was born in Jamaica
- 1983 - Maurice Bishop, Grenadian revolutionary and Prime Minister from 1979 – 1983, was overthrown and executed.
- 1986 - Samora Machel, revolutionary and president of Mozambique, died in a "plane crash???" near Swaziland and South Africa.
- October 20: 1898 - North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, the world's largest African American insurance company, was organized by John Merrick and six other African Americans.
- 1924 - The "First Colored World Series" of baseball was held in Kansas City, MO.
- 1942 - 60 African American leaders issued the "Durham Manifesto" for changes in U.S. race relations.
- October 21: 1835 - The New York Antislavery Society was formed with 600+ delegates and assembled in Utica, New York.
- 1835 - William Lloyd Garrison, publisher of the Liberator, an abolitionist newspaper, was dragged through the streets of Boston by a pro-slavery mob.
- 1935 - Mass revolt occurred against UK policies in Saint Vincent (West Indies).

- 1950 - Earl Lloyd became the first African American to play in an NBA game. Lloyd later became the NBA's first African American Assistant Coach and first Chief Scout.
- October 22: 1963 - 225,000 students boycotted Chicago, IL schools to protest de facto segregation.
- October 23: 1945 - Jackie Robinson, the first African American baseball player in the major leagues, signed his historic contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- 1947 - The NAACP petitioned the United Nations on U.S. racial injustices.
- October 24: 1935 - Opening of Langston Hughes' "Mulatto", the first play authored by an African American to become a long-run Broadway hit.
- 1942 - Billboard magazine created the "Harlem Hit Parade", the first ratings chart devoted to African American music.
- 1964 - Zambia became an independent African nation.
- 1996 - Robert M. Bell became the first African American Chief Judge of Maryland's Court of Appeals.
- October 25: 1897 - The Afro-American Historical Society was organized by Robert Adger in Philadelphia, PA.
- 1958 - Over 10,000 students participated in The Youth March for Integrated Schools in Washington, DC. Jackie Robinson, Asa Philip Randolph, and Harry Belafonte led the march.
- 1983 - U.S. invaded Grenada, a Caribbean island nation, because of its "Marxism".
- 1988 - Two Ku Klux Klan groups and 12 other individuals were ordered to pay nearly \$1 million to 53 civil rights marchers that they attacked during a 1987 march in Forsyth County, GA.
- 1997 - The Million Woman March was organized by "Dr." Phile Chionesu in Philadelphia. Speakers included Winnie Mandela and Maxine Waters.
- October 26: 1921 - Solomon Porter Hood was named minister to Liberia, Africa's oldest Democratic Republic.
- 1977 - Dr. Clifton Reginald Wharton, Jr. became Chancellor of the State University of New York. He was the first Afro president of a major predominantly white college.
- 1992 - Jim Hayes was sworn in as the first African American Mayor in Fairbanks, Alaska.
- October 27: 1891 - Philip B. Downing, inventor, patented the Letter Box and Street Letter Box (Patents # 462,043 and # 462,096).
- 1954 - Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. became the first African American General in the U.S. Air Force.
- 1981 - Andrew Jackson Young, Jr., former UN Ambassador, was elected mayor of Atlanta, GA.
- October 28: 1914 - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was incorporated with the help of Ernest E. Just.
- 1981 - Edward M. McIntyre became the first African American Mayor of Augusta, GA.
- 1992 - William "Bill" Cosby, critical of the media portrayals of black images, made a bid to buy the National Broadcasting Company (NBC).
- October 29: 1889 - John Standard patented the Oil Stove (Patent # 413,689).
- 1931 - William Grant Still's "Afro-American Symphony" was first presented by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. It was the first symphony composed by an African American to be performed by a major orchestra.
- 1949 - Alonzo G. Moron, from the Virgin Islands, became the first Afro President of Hampton Institute, Hampton, VA.
- 1969 - Johnson Products, the largest manufacturer of Black beauty products, was incorporated. This was also the first African American owned company listed on the American Stock Exchange.
- 1969 - The U.S. Supreme Court ordered an end to all school segregation.

- October 30:**
- 1831 - Nat Turner, Slave rebellion leader, was captured in a Virginia swamp.**
 - 1954 - The U.S. Defense Department completed its desegregation by abolishing the last "all-Negro unit" in the Armed Forces.**
 - 1966 - Huey Newton and Bobby Seal founded the Black Panther Party in Oakland, California.**
 - 1974 - Muhammad Ali defeated George Foreman to regain the World Heavyweight Boxing Championship in Kinshasa, Zaire. This legendary fight was dubbed the "Rumble in the Jungle."**
 - 1979 - Richard Arrington was elected as the first African American mayor of Birmingham, AL.**
- October 31:**
- 1945 - Booker T Washington was inducted into the Hall of Fame for "Great Americans".**
 - 1950 - Earl Lloyd of the Washington Capitals, became the first African American to play in the NBA.**
 - 1997 - African American, Violet Palmer, became the first woman to officiate a NBA game (Dallas Mavericks at Vancouver Grizzlies).**

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/>

OCTOBER 3RD, 18TH, 25TH, NOVEMBER 8TH (8 – 9 pm EST or 5 – 6 pm PST) + Date for final session TBD
“GIFT & PURPOSE 5 CLASS WEBINAR WITH MALIDOMA SOME”

Cost: \$125(includes audio and video access of the live event + Study Guide)

This 5-class web seminar with Malidoma Some (PhD), a world-renowned West African Elder from Burkina Faso, author and Professor, will lead you to answering the following questions: Have you ever felt like you're here in this world to do something specific, good and big, but can't seem like you know what it is? Do you know that you have a gift and wonder how best to bring it into the world? Do you feel like a person of service who does not know what to serve? Are you trying to share the gifts you know you embody while feeling like all kinds of obstacles are blocking you from doing just that? Are you aware of your gift and purpose already; yet feeling inspired to deepen your relationship and experience with it? In indigenous Dagara culture each person comes into this world with, and as a gift. The purpose of life is to deliver the gift using a style that is personal to maximize elegance, ease and beauty. This means that gift makes life purposeful. This course is intended to empower you as you bring forth your gift out into the world, to help you recognize and acknowledge it, and to embrace it in the style that is consistent with who you are.

More info / Registration: 407-574-5350 OR <http://giftandpurpose.brownpapertickets.com/> OR <http://malidoma.com/main/events/event/on-gift-purpose-free-introductory-webinar-august-29th-8pm-845pm/>

OCTOBER 9 - 12, 2017

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

The four-day Summit “IDPAD-S 2017” will audit where we are as a people, rationalize where we ought to be as a people and set goals for 2024. The conference will encourage delegates to: collaborate more fully across disciplines; and share working models that can assist in the development of African descendants and their communities. It will also be a venue for delegates to openly discuss the serious issues facing them as well as the solutions they envision to address the problems, and ways of implementing these solutions. Speakers will include Dr. Julius Garvey, Professor Verene Shephard, Dr. Anthony Browder, and other well-known and much-respected Pan Africanists. The conference will be based at the Marriott Hotel in Georgetown Guyana.

Check website for the program, info for travel + visas, special events and other details / updates.

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

OCTOBER 9 - 12, 2017; \$75+

“BLACK ENTERPRISE TECHCONNEX SUMMIT”

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

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

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

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

OCTOBER 21, 2017; No Fee!

“ART IN NATURE FEST”

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

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

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

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

“35TH 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 20 – DECEMBER 8, 2017

“94TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION”

This meeting is organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights / Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) is the body of independent experts that monitors 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 eight States parties 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.

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 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 be also 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>

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 will audit where we are as a people, rationalize where we ought to be as a people and to 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 OR www.SaveNubia.org

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

ETHIOPIA ROOTS & CULTURE TOUR: October 7-16, 2017 for \$3,300;

GHANA, 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.africafortheafricans.org/>

INSPIRE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC!

Inspire Health Solutions, LLC provides services, products and resources to minority women that are designed to motivate, innovate, invent and inspire! Encouragement and inspiration is offered through some of the featured motivational books written by Dr. J. Nwando Olayiwola (including "Minority Women Professionals (MWP's are MVP's)"); 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

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

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

<http://eoyac.org/>

20. ELLA BAKER CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: advances racial and economic justice to ensure dignity and opportunity for low-income people and people of color.
<http://ellabakercenter.org/>
21. FREEDOM FARMERS' MARKET: check the African American farmer's site for ordering your "Harvest Box" and to learn about farming or assist those wishing to maintain or create sustainable farms.
<http://freedomfarmersmarket.com/>
22. HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA: check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
23. HUNTERS POINT FAMILY: grass-roots, community-based organization providing holistic programs supporting at-risk youth and young adults living in BayView Hunters Point, San Francisco.
<http://hunterspointfamily.org/>
24. IJO ADULAWO ORISA TEMPLE OF OAKLAND: Ijo Adulawo means the temple of Black Theology. Main objective is to promote spiritual development in the Bay Area through the study and practice of the Orisa Lifestyle. Online products and services available.
<http://ijoadulawo.weebly.com/> + <http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
25. JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC): check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.jaanc.org/>
26. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SACRED WOMAN CIRCLE: receive and provide Sisterhood support through the Gateways and beyond! Services include Kemetic & Womb Yoga; and products include holistic teas, tonics, elixars, soaking salts and more.
<http://www.holisticpsr.org/>
27. ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY: organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
28. OUSD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: Oakland Unified School Districts program that pilots a three-tiered model of prevention/ intervention/ supported reentry in response to conflict/harm.
<http://www.ousd.org/Page/12324>
29. OUTDOOR AFRO: reconnects African-Americans with natural spaces and one another through camping, hiking, biking, fishing, gardening and more.
<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Afro/>
30. PAN AFRICAN CITY ALIVE: check the online store and Resource Center in Sunnyvale, CA for African art, clothing, books, culture, etc.
<http://www.panafricanstore.com/default.aspx>
31. PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK: check the Oral History Project ("I Hear, I Keep: Stories From Oakland's Griots"). Wednesdays – Sundays, 2465 34th Avenue, Oakland, 510-532-9142
www.peraltahacienda.org

32. **PRIORITY AFRICA NETWORK (PAN)**: check the Bay Area’s website for Pan African affairs, resources, organizations, events, news and updates, African Immigration, African restaurants, etc.
<http://www.priorityafrica.org/index.html>
33. **QILOMBO**: a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.
<http://qilombo.org/>
34. **RED BAY COFFEE**: Check the website to purchase coffee and gifts in Oakland or San Francisco, at some Farmer’s Markets or online. Fosters single origin, fair trade, direct trade, organic and sustainable coffees.
www.redbaycoffee.com
35. **USHIRIKA KENYA Inc.**: check details and activities for the community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to building a strong, united and thriving Kenyan community in Northern California and throughout the U.S.
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ushirika-Kenya-Inc/119089438101741?hc_location=timeline
36. **VILLAGE-CONNECT**: the mission is to build the capacity of people to become more self-aware and self-directed, resulting in sustainable positive transformation. The Project has received many awards.
<http://www.village-connect.org/>
37. **WANDA’S PICKS**: check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
38. **YOUTH SPEAKS**: founded in 1996 in San Francisco, and champions a local, national, and increasingly global movement of young people picking up pens and stepping proudly onto stages, declaring themselves present.
<http://youthspeaks.org/#>

REGIONAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

NEW LISTING: #90 (Reggae Wellness)

39. **ALL AFRICA**: online news for all of Africa.
<http://allafrica.com/>
40. **ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP)**: a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
41. **AFRICA TIMES NEWS: THE AFRICAN NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER**: comprehensive access in French and English to events in and about all countries in Africa. Organized by a group of young African journalists.
<http://www.africa-times-news.com/>
42. **AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS—NATIONAL**
- The Final Call: <http://www.finalcall.com/>
 - National Newspaper Publishers Association—list of member newspapers:
http://www.nnpa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=45
43. **AFRICA GREAT LAKES NETWORKING FOUNDATION (AGL)**: committed to transform communities in Kenya and the Diaspora through education, information dissemination for knowledge, skills and sustainability.

<http://arricagreatlakesnetworkingfoundation.org/>

44. **AFRICAN GLOBE: BLACK NEWS, POLITICS AND INFORMATION:** dedicated to the propagation and the dissemination of news and information relating to, and of importance to African Peoples worldwide. Includes videos, biographies, etc.
<http://www.africanglobe.net/>
45. **AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE**
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
46. **AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET:** provided by Stanford University.
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
47. **AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES**
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>
48. **AFRICAN UNION (AU):** official organization for 53 member African nations and the African Diaspora, with the head office in Ethiopia. Formerly Organization of African Union (OAU).
- For info on each nation, and all AU programs and projects: <http://www.au.int/en/>
 - For info about “Agenda 2063” (50 year proposals / projects for Africa): <http://agenda2063.au.int/>
 - For live stream of important meetings: <http://summits.au.int/en/livestream?q=livestream>
49. **AFRICAN WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT FUND - USA:** a coalition of African women and their U.S. allies for various projects.
www.awdf.org/awdf-usa OR www.awdf.org (sister organization)
50. **AFRICANS RISING:** a growing and self-selecting collective of social movements, NGOs, peoples and popular social justice movements, intellectuals, artists, sports people, cultural activists and others, across the continent and Diaspora.
<http://www.africans-rising.org/>
51. **AFROPOP: THE ULTIMATE CULTURAL EXCHANGE:** links to special worldwide Afro TV / Media presentations. A series on the present day realities and contemporary lifestyles of Africans, on the continent and the Diaspora.
<http://afropop.tv/>
52. **AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS:** Coordinated by Baba Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma'at, Life Member & Past National Co-Chair of N'COBRA (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America), and Founder of Foundations for Our New Alkebulan/Afrikan Millennium (FONAMI) and AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS Campaign.
<http://www.africansdeservereparations.com/index.html>
53. **ALL AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP):** a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa. The All-African People’s Revolutionary Party recognizes that African People born and living in over 113 countries are one People, with one culture, one Nation and one destiny.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
54. **AMERICA’S BLACK HOLOCAUST MUSEUM:** virtual galleries and links to resources to educate the public about the ongoing injustices endured by people of African heritage in America.

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

55. **ARISTIDE FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY:** community and internationally sponsored programs which include the new Medical School at UNIFA (University of the Aristide Foundation) in Ayiti (Haiti).
<http://www.aristidefoundationfordemocracy.org/>
56. **ATLANTA BLACK STAR:** online resource for global Pan African information on all topics (health, travel, politics, TV & film, lifestyle, parenting and more)
<http://atlantablackstar.com/>
57. **BLACK AGENDA REPORT:** e-newsletter, business news/networks/incentives, etc.
<http://www.blackagendareport.com/>
58. **BLACK ALLIANCE FOR JUST IMMIGRATION (BAJI):** educates and engages African American and black immigrant communities to organize and advocate for racial, social and economic justice. Has a Bay Area branch.
<http://blackalliance.org/>
59. **BLACK BUSINESS NETWORK:** products sold from Black-owned businesses to Black consumers.
<http://www.blackbusinessnetwork.com/Home/>
60. **BLACK DOCTOR:** healthy living and tips for African Americans.
<http://blackdoctor.org/search/index.aspx>
61. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK:** magazine and official guide to events.
<http://officialblackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/>
62. **BLACK IN LA (LOS ANGELES):** news and listings of events in and around and originating from Los Angeles.
<http://www.blacknla.com/wp2/>
63. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>
64. **BLACK PUBLIC MEDIA / NATIONAL BLACK PROGRAMMING CONSORTIUM (NBPC):** founded in 1979, the NBPC develops, produces, distributes and funds media content about the Black experience for public media outlets. Content provided online at BlackPublicMedia.org and via broadcast through AfroPoP: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange documentary series.
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/>
65. **BLACK STAR PROJECT:** operates nationally with a belief in the strength of parental and community involvement in education to eliminate the racial academic achievement gap.
<http://blackstarproject.org/action/>
66. **BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS - LOS ANGELES (BWWLA):** is committed to the health and well-being of Black women and girls through health education, empowerment and advocacy.
<http://www.bwwla.org/>
67. **BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH IMPERATIVE:** dedicated to promoting optimum health for Black women across the life span - physically, mentally and spiritually.

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

68. CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
69. CARICOM / CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT: partnership of Caribbean nations for regional projects and development. Represented in PAHO (Pan American Health Organization) and UN (United Nations).
<http://www.caricom.org>
70. CENTER FOR THE RESTORATION OF MA'AT: New York based organization providing courses, tours, TV and radio programs about the Kemetic legacy.
http://www.centerformaat.com/About_KLT.html
71. THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT (CRRJ) – Northeastern University School of Law: serves as a resource for scholars, policymakers, and organizers involved in initiatives seeking justice for crimes of the civil rights era.
<http://nuweb9.neu.edu/civilrights/>
72. CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS: includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
73. CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (COSAS): international organization for free, compulsory and relevant education and training systems that embrace democracy and equity and quality for students.
<http://cosas.co.za/>
74. COLORED CONVENTIONS: info for conventions of African Descendents from 1830, organized by educators. Includes links, videos and other important info.
<http://coloredconventions.org/conventions>
75. FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS: an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
76. FAWOHODIE SUA: Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>
77. INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORD 21ST CENTURY: for building the capacity of Black communities in the U.S. to work for the social, political, economic and cultural upliftment of the global Black community.
<http://ibw21.org>
78. INTERNATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S CONGRESS: an international, non-profit networking organization; setting exemplary models of womanhood for building up African people worldwide.
<http://www.ibwc.us/>
79. THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION TO COMMEMORATE AFRICAN ANCESTORS OF THE MIDDLE PASSAGE (ICCAAMP): organizes and lists international activities that are designed to remember the millions of Africans who were sold, kidnapped, shipped then died along the route from Africa to the Americas.

<http://www.rememberancestors.com/>

80. **KNOWLEDGE FOR LIFE:** founded in 1997 to bring relevant news, information and life enhancing programs to the Black community via multimedia.
<http://www.know4life.org/> + News: <http://know4life.tumblr.com/>
81. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today's community issues.
<http://mxgm.org/>
82. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maat institute-aboutus.html>
83. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
84. **NAARVA.com:** the National African American RVer's Association, Inc. is a special RV Organization for "US" like no other RV Camping Organization.
<http://naarva.com/>
85. **NCOBRA / National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America:** a mass-based coalition organized for the sole purpose of obtaining reparations for African descendants in the United States.
<http://www.ncobraonline.org/>
86. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
87. **PAN AFRICAN NETWORK IN DEFENSE OF MIGRANTS RIGHTS (PANiDMR):** an Africa-led organization that promotes the well being and interests of migrants, refugees and stateless persons from Africa.
<http://www.panidmr.org/>
88. **RACE FOR THE TIMES (RFT):** provides links to national and global projects for understanding racial issues. Includes in-depth interviews, conscious hip hop, radio archives and more.
<http://www.raceforthetimes.com/tags/african-internationalism>
89. **RACIAL EQUALITY TOOLS:** this site offers tools, research, tips, curricula and ideas for those working toward racial equity and racial justice at every level – in systems, organizations, communities and the culture at large.
<http://racialequitytools.org/home>
90. **REGGAE WELLNESS:** Connecting Natural Health Care Seekers with Natural Health Care Givers. Based in Jamaica.
<https://reggaewellness.com/>
91. **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>
92. **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/>

93. **VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY** (monthly newsletter by WO'SE's Brother Mxolisi).

<http://hcvoice.wordpress.com>

94. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU)**: Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.

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

95. **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/>

96. **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 20TH CENTURY** - The ASC (African Studies Center) Leiden Library, compiled a dossier on Africa's 100 Best Books of the 20th Century project. It includes an introduction, the top twelve list, the top hundred list, and a selection of Web resources
<http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/webdossiers/africas-100-best-books-20th-century>
2. **ASHAY BY THE BAY** – African American and Multi-Cultural Children's Books
Online catalog with 600+ bi-lingual and picture books and products. Provides special reading lists online and online or onsite book fairs for fundraising. Orders may be taken online, by email, phone or fax.
www.ashaybythebay.com
3. **THE BLACK BOOK REVIEW ONLINE**
<http://www.qbr.com>
4. **BLACK BOOK PLUS** - Knowledge Books
NOTE: you may choose books from other categories such as Africa, Caribbean, etc.
Publisher + online bookstore: <http://www.blackbookplus.com/KNOWLEDGE%20BOOKS.asp>
5. **BLACK BOOKS DIRECT** – African American History
NOTE: you may choose books from other categories such as Africa, children's books, arts & media, bargain books, etc.
Online bookstore: <http://www.blackbooksdirect.com/history.html>
6. **MARCUS BOOK STORE** - Home Library Must-Haves
NOTE: you may choose from other categories such as art, history, elementary, middle School, high School, politics, science fiction, self-help, etc. Self-directed Book Clubs may meet at the Marcus Bookstore.
Oakland + online: <http://marcusbooksoakland.com/>
7. **PAN AFRICAN CITY LIVE** – Special collection of African and African American books.
Culture and Bookstore in Sunnyvale + online: <http://panafricancity.com/product-category/books/>
8. **PER ANKH PUBLISHERS** (owned by AYI KWEI ARMAH - author of "Two Thousand Seasons")
Online bookstore (Bay Area distributor / facilitator): <http://www.perankhbooks.com/>