

WO'SE COMMUNITY



PAN AFRICAN AFFAIRS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"WHAT IS WO'SE THEOLOGY?"

A Discussion by Baba Jahi

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

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

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

<https://hcvoice.wordpress.com/about/> AND <https://www.harambeeconnection.net/>

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

JULY 2018 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

JULY 18TH IS INTERNATIONAL NELSON MANDELA DAY !!!

THIS IS HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY !!!

The United Nations initiated this project and asks individuals around the world to mark Nelson Mandela International Day (18 July) by making a difference in their communities. Check the website:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/>

The 2018 Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture by former US President Barack Obama on 17 July in Johannesburg

<https://newafricanmagazine.com/current-affairs/barack-obama-to-deliver-the-nelson-mandela-2018-lecture-on-the-eve-of-madibas-birthday-centenary/>

WEBSITES FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

<https://www.mandeladay.com/>
<http://nelsonmandelatribute.com/en/press/100-days-to-100-years/>
<https://www.nelsonmandela.org/nelson-mandela-100>
<https://www.sa-venues.com/events/southafrica/mandela-day/>

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

“Beware of robbing the poor and of oppressing the weak and helpless. Raise not your hand against the aged nor address an elder with improper speech. Let not yourself be sent on an evil mission nor stand in the company of those who have performed it. Rage not against those who injure you, nor on your account answer them. The wharf falls from under the wicked and a flood of water washes them away...”

From: The Husia / The Book of Amenomope (p. 58, #1), c1984 by Maulana Karenga

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

A FEW OF NELSON MANDELA'S QUOTES:

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination."

"It is easy to break down and destroy. The heroes are those who make peace and build."

MANDELA'S THREE RULES:

"Free yourself, Free others, and Serve every day."

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

DANNY GLOVER: SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON REPARATIONS (Nov 2017)

<https://ibw21.org/news/actor-danny-glover-advocates-reparations-n-o-benefit/>

REPARATIONS RESOURCE CENTER

Includes information for reparations news and articles; and recommended links to global activities.

<https://ibw21.org/reparations-resource-center/>

NATIONAL COALITION OF BLACKS FOR REPARATIONS IN AMERICA (N'COBRA)

N'COBRA was convened for the purpose of broadening the base of support for the long-standing reparations movement. N'COBRA has chapters, members, affiliates, and supporters throughout the U. S. and in Africa, Europe, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

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

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.

https://ibw21.org/docs/naarc/NAARC_Preliminary_Reparations_Program.pdf

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CURRENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS AT WO'SE / ILE OMODE

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For the WO'SE Community in Sacramento: <http://www.wosesac.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 MEAL).**

WO'SE NEW LIFE SEMINARY (NLS) CLASSES

July 1st + July 8th + July 22nd (Sundays), 9 – 10:20 am

Professor / Dr. Raymond Davis will continue with "The Creations: Part II" that will enlighten participants with: "Origins of the Divine Powers, the World and Humans", and the "Solar Theology of Iunu, The City of Pillars". The course is important for anyone interested in understanding the spiritual beliefs and practices of the ancient Remetch (ancient Egyptians). These sessions are free to WO'SE members and their guests. Attendance is also open to members of the larger Bay Area African community. Participants are welcome to stay for the WO'SE worship service that will occur after each class. Voluntary contributions are accepted. If you have any questions please call WO'SE at 510-632-8230.

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

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

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

WO'SE MUSIC SERVICE

July 8th + July 23rd (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays there will be music by the "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends. The music will be interlaced with soul inspiring songs that will get you on your feet! Afterwards, you will be enhanced with the Sunday spiritual message by a WO'SE Minister. The Karamu (community meal) follows.

GAME NIGHT & BID WHIST TOURNAMENT

July 7th (Saturday), 6 – 10 pm

The WO'SE Umoja Circle is hosting this fun event that will be free and open to all WO'SE / Ile Omode families and friends. The games will include dominoes, chess, and bingo. For the Bid Whist Tournament there will be a \$10 registration fee per team for participants, and the winner will receive a \$50 gift card. The first Bid Whist hand will be at 7pm sharp! Special supervised activities are planned for the children.

Dinner for adults, children's plates and other refreshments will be available for purchase.

ILE OMODE 2018 SUMMER CAMP SESSION

June 18th – August 10th, 7:30am – 5:30pm, Monday – Friday

The remaining activities for the Ile Omode Summer Program will include: Robotics: Adventures in Engineering (July 2 – 13); Science is Us (July 15 – 27); and West African Dance & Drum (July 30-August 10). Daily activities include art projects, math and science challenges and everyday outdoor activities. Camp Goers are 1st to 9th grade. For enrollment, please contact Ile Omode (510-632-8230). Check website below for fees and more details:

http://ileomode.org/announcements/summer_program/summer_program.php

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR JULY 2018

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for July 2018

NOW thru JULY 6 (Wednesdays - Fridays); 1 – 7 pm; No Fee

"PARTICULAR RELATIVITY: AS THE UNIVERSE, SO THE SOUL"

Don't miss this artistic constellation of different Afro vernacular practices and the different materials used to express both identity and experience. This event is at the Ashara Ekundayo Gallery (AEG) that exclusively showcases the archival, contemporary art, and new media works of African Diaspora women, and specializes in displaying works that investigate and inspire social and spiritual inquiry at the intersection of "Fact x the Black feminist imaginary x Afrofuturism".

Ashara Ekundayo Gallery, 480 23rd Street, Oakland 94612 (through the black iron fence)

More info: 510-646-0366 OR <https://www.ashara.io/ashara-ekundayo-gallery/>

NOW thru JULY 21 (Wednesdays – Fridays 12 – 5 pm / Saturdays: 1 – 5 pm); No Fee

"BETTI ONO PRESENTS 'SIGNIFY' A SOLO EXHIBITION BY KIERRA JOHNSON"

"SIGNIFY", is a deeply personal and reflective series of portraits by photographer Kierra Johnson. Inspired by cinematic works such as Eve's Bayou and Soul Food and the lived experience of working class Afro people, the portraits take visitors on a journey through the American South to California while exploring the body's ability to hold on to culture.

Betti Ono Gallery, 1427 Broadway, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-473-5919 OR <https://bettiono.com/2018/04/22/betti-ono-presents-signify-a-solo-exhibition-by-kierra-johnson-may-4-july-20-2018/>

JULY 1 (Sunday); 10 am – 6 pm; \$ No Fee

"34TH ANNUAL FILLMORE JAZZ FESTIVAL"

This year's theme is "THROWBACK!" and this is the second and last day of this year's Festival

If you were here in the Bay Area in the 1990s, you'll recognize many of the bands on this year's lineup from their stints at the now legendary SF venues such as The Up and Down Club, Cafe du Nord, Bruno's, the Elbo Room or Enrico's. These bands will make a reunion with: The Mo'Fessionals, Alphabet Soup, Jungle Biskit, Dogslyde, Marshall Arts, Lavay Smith, the Broun Felinis and many more. There will be five stages and many other street venues with elements of jazz, hip-hop, Latin and funk. Join the revelations in a smoke-free area all day on the last day of this festival...RAIN OR SHINE!

Fillmore Street / Jackson to Eddy, San Francisco 94115

More info / schedule: 800-310-6563 OR <http://www.sresproductions.com/events/fillmore-jazz-festival/>

JULY 1 - 28, 2018 (Check below for event details, days + times)

"RESPECT HIP HOP STYLE & WISDOM" (DOJO EVENTS FOR JULY)

NOTE: Fees for events are Included with special exhibition Museum admission. General admission is half-off for adults and free for ages 18 and under during Friday Nights @ OMCA. There is an additional \$4 charge for the current special exhibition "RESPECT"; and no separate tickets or reservations are needed to attend DOJO events.

Check the following website for event tickets and more details: <http://museumca.org/dojo> OR 510-318-8400

VENUE FOR ALL DOJO EVENTS: Oakland Museum of California (OMCA), 1000 Oak Street, Oakland 94607

PLUG 'N' PLAY: LIVE DJ SETS / Every Friday night, 6–8 pm

Each Friday a rotating list of guest local DJs take over the Hip-Hop Dojo to give visitors a taste of the vast musical genre of Hip-Hop. Get down to Bay Area classics, international crossover hits, and underground unsung legends, and more!

FLOW: HIP-HOP YOGA / JULY 6 (Friday), 5:30 – 6:45 pm

Bring together your love of Hip-Hop and mindful movement...relax and build your skills with Shakira while you discover the shared principles between the grounding of the mind and body. All levels welcome, bring your own mat.

MIC CHECK / CHECKMATE: CHESS GAMES / JULY 11 (Wednesday), 2 – 5 pm

Check out the strong ties between Hip-Hop and chess communities. Refine your own skills of discipline, precision, and mastery by joining chess games that are open to all.

CYPHER SUNDAY: RAP, DANCE, BEATBOXING / JULY 15 (Sunday), 1 – 3:30 pm

In Hip-Hop, free styling is the art of lyrical improvisation and a “Cypher” is a circle with no visible beginning or ending. Test out your freestyling skills—rapping, dancing, or beatboxing—and come watch and support others. This participatory event takes place inside the Hip-Hop Dojo. Come share your lyrics, ideas, and sounds. Sign-up onsite to join the cypher.

HIP HOP TRIVIA, JULY 20 (Friday), 6:30 – 8 pm

Think you know Hip-Hop? Test and expand your knowledge of the culture. Topics will include fashion, politics, history, and more. Bring a friend to round out your answers, and study up with the exhibition’s Reading Room.

CHOP IT UP / JULY 28 (Saturday), 3–5 pm

In Hip-Hop culture, the barbershop is known as a community hub for news and debate. Inside the “RESPECT” exhibition you will gather around the Barbershop space inside the gallery to learn from guest speakers focusing on new topics each month. Explore unexpected aspects of Hip-Hop culture.

VENUE FOR ALL EVENTS: Oakland Museum of California (OMCA), 1000 Oak Street, Oakland 94607 (510-318-8400)

JUNE 3 (Sunday), 2 PM; \$15+

“KRIP HOP NATION: THE CROSSROADS EXPERIENCE”

Crossroads illuminates the untold tales behind the headlines and the challenges faced while being Black and Disabled in the U.S. Keith Jones scores the “Experience” film with a funky soundtrack along with verses from collaborators.

NOTE: This is one of the final events of the San Francisco International Arts Festival.

Southside Theater / Fort Mason, 2 Marina Boulevard, San Francisco 94123

More info / tickets: 415-399-9554 OR <http://www.sfiarf.org/>

JULY 4 (Wednesday), 12 noon – 7 pm; No fee (donations welcomed)

“ANNUAL JULY 4TH PICNIC: JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC)”

Bring family and friends to enjoy a Jamaican style get together in the park. There will be vendors, food, music, dance competitions, sports, raffles with prizes and surprises! Donations requested for raffle and food; or bring your own picnic basket (but be ready to purchase Jamaican patties and other specialties). Vendors may sign up using the info below.

Joaquin Miller Park, 3590 Sanborn Drive, Oakland 94602 (Look for JAANC sign)

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

JULY 6 - 22, (Check below for selected events with days + times + fees)

“40TH ANNIVERSARY SAN FRANCISCO ETHNIC DANCE FESTIVAL”

JULY 6 (Friday), 12 noon: FESTIVAL OPENING

Free Rotunda Dance Series performance with dance, music, and spoken word. Performances by **AERODANCE**, **Mussel Rock Cloggers**, and **Kim Shuck** (Poet Laureate of the Cherokee Nation) who will offer a special poem.

VENUE: San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Place, San Francisco 94102

NOTE: additional events on next page

JULY 14 (Saturday, 8 pm) + JULY 15 (Sunday, 2pm); \$25 +

Performances by 12 Bay Area dance and music ensembles showcasing traditions from around the world, plus a Preshow musical performance outside the Opera House and in the lobby. Performances by: Arenas Dance Company (Afro-Cuban), Ensamble Ballet Folklórico de San Francisco (Mexican Folkloric), Tabasqueño Leung's White Crane Lion & Dragon Dance Association (Chinese Dragon Dance), Sandor Diabankouezi (Congolese Traditional), and more!

VENUE: Opera House, 301 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco 94109 / Tickets: \$25 + OR by phone: 415-392-4400

JULY 21 (Saturday, 8 pm) + JULY 22 (Sunday, 2pm); \$25 +

Performances by 10 Bay Area dance and music ensembles showcasing traditions from around the world plus a Preshow musical performance outside the Opera House by Chinyakare Ensemble (Zimbabwean Traditional) and in the lobby by Hermanos Herrera (Mexican Folkloric). Performances by: Caminos Flamencos (Spanish Flamenco), De Rompe y Raja Cultural Association (Afro-Peruvian), Nimely Pan African Dance Company (Liberian Folkloric), and more!

VENUE: Opera House, 301 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco 94109 / Tickets: \$25 + OR by phone: 415-392-4400

JULY 7 (Saturday), 6 pm; Fee included with BAMPFA admission

"BLACK LIFE: WILL ALEXANDER"

Will Alexander, a prolific and visionary author and musician from Los Angeles will share his lexically ecstatic work. Alexander is not easily categorized, since he is a poet, novelist, visual artist, philosopher, essayist, and pianist. Though his work is frequently described as "surreal" and he has published mainly with small presses and imprints, Alexander does not fit any clichéd image of the generation of avant-garde poets that began publishing in the 1970s and 1980s.

This event is programmed by Chika Okoye and David Brazil.

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

More info: 510-642-0808 OR <https://bampfa.org/event/black-life-will-alexander>

JULY 9 + JULY 17 (Tuesdays), 6 – 7:30 pm; No Fee

"GET ON F.I.R.E."

Join the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce (OAACC) to discuss Finances, Insurance, Real estate & Entrepreneurship (FIRE) in this two-part workshop.

PART I, July 9

Section F (Financial) topics include: "Learn How To Reduce Your Business Expenses up to 30%"; "Business Owner Tax Strategies"; and "Creating Your Financial Blueprint". Section I (Insurance) topics include: "Types & Functions of Life Insurance"; "Keyman Business Insurance"; and "How To Leverage Life Insurance To Create Generational Wealth".

PART 2, July 17

Section R (Real Estate) topics include: "Importance of Credit When Buying A Home"; "First-Time Home Buyers Program" And "How To Use Real Estate As A Business – Home Daycare/Elderly Care". Section E (Entrepreneurship) Topics Include: "Business Development" and "How To Get Grants For Woman-Owned & Minority-Owned Business".

Argosy University - San Francisco Bay Area, 1005 Atlantic Avenue, Alameda 94501

More info / Registration: 510-268-1600 OR <https://oaacc.org/event/get-on-f-i-r-e/>

JULY 10 + 17 + 24 + 31 (Tuesdays), 6 – 9 pm; Register ASAP!

“SPIRIT OF ’68: LESSONS FROM THE WORLDWIDE REVOLUTION”

On the 50th anniversary of 1968, join the Center for Political Education (CPE) for a four-part study that will look at the ways political, economic, ideological, and anti-imperialist struggles of 1968 changed the world, and what critical lessons can be drawn for our own times. During 1968, cities worldwide broke into upheaval and insurrection; and banners of Black Power, Third World solidarity, and socialism were held high. A panel of local guests will help to bring this period to life by sharing ideas about how the struggles of the period resonate with organizing today.

Eric Quezada Center for Culture and Politics, 518 Valencia Street, San Francisco 94110

More info / Register: 415-431-1918 OR <https://politicaleducation.org/event/spirit-of-68-lessons-from-the-worldwide-revolution/>

JULY 11 (Wednesday), 11 am – 12 pm; No fee

“SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR MAYOR-ELECT LONDON BREED”

Inaugural Day for San Francisco’s first African-American female Mayor!

Information regarding program rundown and media accommodations will be released the week of July 2nd.

1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Place (Steps of SF City Hall - Polk Street Side), San Francisco 94102

More info / Update: Tara Moriarty tara@londonformayor.com OR 415-606-1687

JULY 13 (Friday), Two shows (11 – 11:30 am + 12:15 – 12:45 pm); No Fee

“CHELLE! & FRIENDS” (KIDS’ SHOW)

Led by New Orleans-native Michelle Jacques, a soul-steeped vocalist with a big, bold voice, “Chelle! & Friends” bring a family-friendly taste of the Crescent City, the cradle of so much essential American music. Chelle! & Friends is made up of some of the most distinguished and accomplished musicians in the San Francisco Bay Area; and delivers music that is steeped in the cadences of gospel, and animated by the earthy grooves of R&B and the Caribbean.

Kids and adults can join the party, sing along and be part of a Mardi Gras parade!

Children’s Garden, Yerba Buena Gardens, 799 Howard Street, San Francisco 94103

More info: 415-543-1718 OR <https://ybgfestival.org/event/chelle-friends-2018-show-1/>

JULY 13 (Friday), 6 pm; Fee included with BAMPFA admission

“BLACK LIFE: SPIRITUAL TECHNOLOGIES PROJECT”

The Spiritual Technologies Project seeks to generate, document, and transmit performative practices that unify and transform individuals and groups of people. “When we perform traditions born out of historical struggle, what can we (re)learn and repurpose to address contemporary social justice struggles?” In this lecture-demonstration, project collaborators Michaela Leslie-Rule, T. Carlis Roberts, and Ron Ragin will share from their documentary work in Georgia and South Carolina, which explores the waning Afro (black) church tradition of lining hymns.

This event is programmed by Chika Okoye and David Brazil

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

More info: 510-642-0808 OR <https://bampfa.org/event/black-life-spiritual-technologies-project>

JULY 13 (Friday), 7:30 – 9:30 pm (no entry after 7:45 pm); No Fee (donations appreciated)

“MINDFUL DRUMMING”

Mindful Drumming is an ancient indigenous technology that uses the twin realities of rhythm and sound to bring about an alignment of body, mind and spirit. Experience the twin concept of rhythm and sound vibration as a way of meditation. Mindful drumming is a path to evoke joy of our ancestors and their timeless wisdom; and a vehicle for remembering that we are happiness and that happiness is our natural inheritance. It also assists in building community; and is a transformative learning process that offers individuals opportunities to experience divinity through rhythm and sound. The experience is facilitated by Kokomon Clotey who is from Ghana, West Africa; and fuses the wisdom of the Ga people for healing and happiness. He has a MBA and is Executive Director of the Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc.; and is the author of “Mindful Drumming: Ancient Wisdom for Unleashing the Human Spirit”. He has also produced three CDs, “Mystic Vision”, “Love Is The Answer” and “The Journey”. Mindful Drumming is the last Friday of every month.

Attitudinal Healing Connection, 3278 West Street, Oakland 94608

More info: 510-652-5530 OR www.ahc-oakland.org

JULY 14 (Saturday), 11 am – 11 pm; \$45+ (for ages 5+ / includes all events + carnival rides)

“7TH ANNUAL ISLAND REGGAE FESTIVAL”

This 1-Day music and entertainment celebration for all ages will showcase worldwide and local renowned artists and bands; and will reconnect you with Island Reggae culture and lifestyle. The Island Reggae Festival (IRF 2018) will also feature: Diabetes Health Awareness Services; Island Culture Food, Arts & Crafts Vendors; Island Dance Showcase; IRF Youth Rugby 7's Tournament; and Carnival Rides. Vendors, volunteers and sponsors are welcomed.

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose 95111

More info / Tickets: <https://www.islandreggaefest.com/lineup>

JULY 14 (Saturday), 10:30 am – 12:30 pm; Fee = Love Donation

“RISE UP ENERGY CIRCLE”

Join the group to “Release Stress Through Grounding”. The experience is facilitated by Lela Loyce (MA / Intuitive Life Coach); and is designed to: “Get You In Your Natural Flow” and “Get Your Energy Back”...

AND...to help you feel relaxed, refreshed and relieved!

1905 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland 94612

More info / Registration: 510-508-4656

JULY 14 (Saturday), 9 – 11:59 pm (doors open 8:30 pm); \$15 +

“CARIBBEAN ALLSTARS”

The Caribbean Allstars ensemble, whose geographical roots range from Jamaica and South America to West Africa and the U.S., began during the early 1970s. Out of such predecessors as Obeah and the Sons of Creation, the Caribbean Allstars were formed and became the founding fathers of Bay Area roots reggae. It has long been guided by its director, Trinidad-born drummer Hugh “Sweetfoot” Maynard. The Caribbean Allstars not only play Jamaican reggae with a traditional electric bass-drums-guitars-keyboards lineup, but also add steel drums to bring in South Caribbean calypso and soca styles of...rhythms that drive listeners to the dance floor. Over the years the band has performed with international talents including Taj Mahal, Narada Michael Walden, Carlos Santana and many others.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR <http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2018/7/14/caribbean-allstars>

JULY 18 (Wednesday), 7:30 – 9:30 pm; No fee

“ANTI POLICE-TERROR PROJECT GENERAL MEETING”

The Anti Police-Terror Project (APTP) began as a project of the ONYX Organizing Committee, an Afro/Black-led, multi-racial, intergenerational coalition that seeks to build a replicable and sustainable model to eradicate police terror in communities of color. Founding coalition members include the Black Power Network, Community Ready Corps, Workers World, and the Idriss Stelley Foundation. APTP meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

East Side Arts Alliance 2277 International Blvd, Oakland 94606

More info: 510-533-6629 OR <http://www.antipoliceterrorproject.org/new-events/>

JULY 19 (Thursday), 6 – 7:30 pm; No Fee

“PELLEJO SECO”

Pellejo Seco’s music draws on Afro-Cuban folklore and the latest Havana dance music, Latin jazz and flamenco, bossa nova and jazz/rock fusion. It was originally conceived and founded in the East Bay in 2004 by Ivan Cambor as a vehicle for traditional son, a self-taught master of the tres. Growing up in Havana in the 1980s, Cambor was drawn to the elderly players who came of age before the revolution, rather than the contraband American rock ‘n’ roll sought out by his friends. For the band’s first album, 2006’s Engánchate (roughly: grab on), Cambor decided to blend a wide array of grooves, creating Cuban roots music that draws sustenance from many related currents.

Jessie Square, Yerba Buena Gardens, 760 Mission Street, San Francisco 94103

More info: 415-543-1718 OR <https://ybgfestival.org/event/pellejo-seco/>

JULY 21 – 27 (Saturday - Friday), all day events + classes; Check contact info below for fees

“JAM CAMP WEST” (FOR 10 – 15 YEAR OLDS)

JAM Camp West is an exciting, creative and fun seven-day (6-night) music, dance and vocal program designed exclusively for 10-15 year olds of all skill levels to inspire great music, friendships, and lifelong memories. JAM Camp West exposes youth to contemporary musical trends along with the cultural underpinnings of jazz including blues, hip-hop, spoken word, rock and more. Programs involve: instrumental ensembles, vocals, dance, percussion (including steel drum), turntable, ukulele, songwriting, theory and more. The fun outdoor activities are held in a stunning natural environment. The “All Star Faculty” will include: Marcus Shelby, Terrence Brewer, Bryan Dyer, Josiah Woodson, Joshua Silverstein, Mark Rosenthal and More TBA!! The JAM Camp is facilitated by Living Jazz and held in the stunning redwoods of Loma Mar in San Mateo County (1 ½ hours drive from the Bay Area).

YMCA Camp Loma Mar, 9900 Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar, California 94021

More info / Enroll: 510-858-5313 OR <http://www.jamcampwest.com/>

JULY 27 (Friday); Two shows (11 – 11:30 am + 12:15 – 12:45 pm); No Fee

“ALPHABET ROCKERS (KIDS’ SHOW)”

Over the past decade, the Alphabet Rockers have honed a supremely engaging hip-hop act designed for children and families. With singer/songwriter Kaitlin McGaw and beatboxer/b-boy/rapper Tommy Shepherd, this powerhouse group makes the world come alive through beats, rhymes, songs and dances.

Children’s Garden, Yerba Buena Gardens, 799 Howard Street, San Francisco 94103

More info: 415-543-1718 OR <https://ybgfestival.org/event/alphabet-rockers-2018-show-1/>

JULY 27 (Friday, 8 pm) + JULY 28 (Saturday, 1:30 pm); \$20

“100GS TO THE GAME TOUR” (THE RAP CONTEST)

“The Rap Contest” is an original song competition series started in 2010 by Sellassie, the world’s first higherground hip-hop artist and now has competitions throughout the U.S. where he is the host and producer. Sellassie is a social justice activist and entrepreneur who invests in independent hip-hop artists that on the rise and who respects and contributes to the culture of hip-hop. “The Rap Contest” is a single elimination contest, where 32 contestants compete for a cash prize of \$1000 at each show. The Rap Contest is: fast paced, innovative, authentic, entertaining and FUN!

The Uptown Nightclub, 1928 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland 94612 (Artists registration: 818-293-8079)

More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sellassie-presents-the-rap-contest-tickets-45099104636>

JULY 28 (Saturday); 1 – 2:30 pm; No Fee

“YOSVANY TERRY AFRO-CUBAN SEXTET”

Cuban saxophonist, percussionist and composer Yosvany Terry is in the vanguard of Latin American musicians transforming the US jazz scene. Blending a verdant continuum of influences from West Africa, Cuba, and American jazz, he has created one of the most ambitious and consequent cross-cultural visions on the contemporary scene. His sextet features a stellar cast, including his younger brother, bassist Yunior Terry, and fellow Cubans Osmany Paredes (piano) and Mauricio Herrera (percussion). Oakland-born trumpet star Ambrose Akinmusire and Miami-reared Haitian-American drummer Obed Calvaire, a member of the SFJAZZ Collective, round out the all-star combo.

Esplanade, Yerba Buena Gardens, Mission Street (between 3rd & 4th Streets), San Francisco 94103

More info: 415-543-1718 OR <https://ybgfestival.org/event/yosvany-terry-sextet/>

JULY 28 (Saturday); 6 – 9:30 pm; No fee

“SUYA: SOCIAL/AFRO DIASPORA- SUMMER STORY”

Suya Oakland & Afro Urban Society have teamed up to present a free monthly community social gathering for the African Diaspora to join together for a discussion of current events...and to dance, eat delicious dishes from a variety of African countries, and shop local. You are invited to “come through with your belly empty, and dance shoes on!” The

Afro Urban Society is a celebration and recognition of the African-Urban experience as a local and global phenomenon. Based out of Oakland, California and connecting to the African continent and the Diaspora, Afro Urban Society exists to sustain the resiliency, interconnection and unique artistic and cultural expressions of people of African descent in urban settings through art production, arts education and artist engagement.

NOTE: The gatherings are scheduled monthly on the 4th Saturday through December 2018.

Eastside Arts Alliance, 2277 International Boulevard, Oakland 94606

More info / Register: 415-320-6534 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/1588613381216854/>

JULY 28 (Saturday); 8 – 11:59 pm (doors open 7:30 pm); \$15 +

“MAESTRA: OUIDA AND THE PARTY CONTINUETTE”

The Party Continuette! Come join Ouida Lewis, from Kingston, Jamaica and her Rydim Lyfe band in a rocking journey of Jamaican music from Ska and Rocksteady to modern day Rootz Reggae and more!! The Rydim Lyfe band includes :

Michaelle Goerlitz, Carolyn Brandy, Lillie Robinson, Amikaeyla and YOU!...Bring your drum!

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2018/7/28/maestra-ouida-and-the-party-continuette>

JULY 28 - 29 (Saturday + Sunday); 12 noon – 6pm; \$6 + seniors / \$12 + adults / No fee 18 and under

“18th ANNUAL ART + SOUL OAKLAND FESTIVAL”

Art & Soul is a festival that captures the diverse and independent spirit of Oakland, and is appealing to folks from all over the Bay Area and the U.S.! This year you can enjoy entertainment on 6 specialty stages plus the main stage featuring the Pointer Sisters. The Specialty Stages include the: Edwin Hawkins Memorial Gospel Stage; West Coast Blues Society Stage; Plaza Stage; Oaktown Jams Stage; Street Sounds; and the Kinetic Arts Circus Stage. Check the website below for the partial listing for the stages, but check regularly for updates! There will also be informal dance stages, battle stages and street performers. Food and craft vendors, a family fun zone and other parts of the Festival will keep you steppin’!

Chairs and seating are available at all stages on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Entrances: 14th Street & Broadway / 16th Street & San Pablo Avenue / Promenade beside City Center West Garage (off Martin Luther King Jr. Way between 12th & 14th streets) / Clay Street & 11th Street

More info / Tickets: <https://www.artandsouloakland.com/>

ONGOING BAY AREA EVENTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

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CAPOEIRA ANGOLA

Instructor: Sergio Bitencour / Tuesdays 7pm-9pm & Saturdays 2pm-4pm

Capoeira Angola, a martial art and ritual combat dance, is one of the major expressions of an African, specifically Kongo-Angolan, continuum in Brazil. It is believed that its origins may go as far back as the 16th century, when Africans from western Central Africa were enslaved and taken to Brazil, specifically Salvador and the surround Recôncavo region.

In its history and practice, Capoeira Angola reflects the philosophy and aesthetics of its origins. Similar to many traditional African traditions, there are no clear-cut distinctions between the sacred and secular, work and play, fight and fun. Capoeira Angola integrates music, movement, theatrics, play, martial arts, philosophy, and spirituality.

Sergio teaches Capoeira Angola as a path to self-knowledge and a way of life that can serve as a vehicle for the development of ethnic pride and the fight for human rights. Within Capoeira Angola is the history of the political and cultural resistance and struggle of Afro-Brazilians and their role in the formation of Brazilian society.

La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 94705

More info / Registration: 510-849-2568 OR <https://lapena.org/event/capoeira-angola/2018-05-01/>

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

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, Togo & Benin Roots Tour Nov 17-Dec 1, 2017 for \$3,800; The Ethiopia Roots & Culture Tour (this was rescheduled with an 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 include 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: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for June 2018

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/>
8. "Afropop Season 9": new films to watch and appreciate (You may also link to films for Seasons 1 – 8)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop/#season9>

PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JULY 2018

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JULY 1: "Independence Day" in Burundi and Rwanda; "Republic Day" in Ghana and Somalia (except Somaliland); "Sir Serestse Khama Day" in Botswana; "June 30 Revolution Day" in Egypt; and "Emancipation Day" in Bonaire/St. Eustatius/Saba, Suriname, and Saint Maarten. **JULY 2:** "Constitution Day" in The Cayman Islands; "CARICOM Day" in Guyana; "Heroes Day" in Zambia; and "National Flag and Anthem Day" in Curacao. **JULY 3:** "Unity Day" in Zambia. **JULY 4:** "Liberation Day" in Rwanda. **JULY 5:** "Independence Day" in Algeria and Cape Verde. **JULY 6:** "National Day" in The Comoros; and "Independence Day" in Malawi. **JULY 7:** "Maonyesha ya Saba Saba" (Dar Es Salaam Trade Fair) in Tanzania. **JULY 9:** "Carnival Monday" in Saint Vincent & The Grenadines; and "Independence Day" in South Sudan. **JULY 10:** "Independence Day" in The Bahamas; and "Carnival Tuesday" in Saint Vincent & The Grenadines. **JULY 12:** "Independence Day" in Sao Tome & Principe. **JULY 14:** "Quatorze Juillet" (National Day) in French Guiana; and "Fete National" (National Day) in Guadeloupe, Martinique, Reunion, Saint Barthelemy, and Saint Martin. **JULY 16:** "President's Day" in Botswana. **JULY 17:** "King Letsie III's Birthday" in Lesotho. **JULY 22:** "Revolution Day" in The Gambia; and "King Father's Birthday" in Swaziland. **JULY 23:** "Revolution Day" in Egypt; and "National Remembrance Day" in Papua New Guinea. **JULY 25:** "Revolution Anniversary" in Cuba (continues until July 27th); and "Republic Day" in Tunisia. **JULY 26:** "Independence Day" in Liberia. **JULY 30:** "Carnival Monday" in Bonaire/St. Eustatius/Saba; "Martyr's Day" in South Sudan; and "General Elections Day" in Zimbabwe.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR JULY

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Two websites mainly used for the history notes are: <http://www.blackfacts.com> and <http://www.yenoba.com/>

- JULY 1:** 1839 – Joseph Cinque and 50 other enslaved Africans seized the Amistad slave ship and killed the captain and most of the crew.
- 1863 - Slavery abolished in Dutch Caribbean colonies.
- 1889 - Frederick Augustus Douglass was the first Afro to be named as Minister to Haiti.
- 1921 - The East African Association was established in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1960 - Ghana was declared a Republic with Kwame Nkrumah as President. NOTE: Ghana declared independence on March 6, 1957.
- 1960 - The Somali Democratic Republic, created from two ex-colonial states (British Somaliland and Italian Somalia), declared independence with Aden Abdullah Osman Daar as the first President.
- 1962 - Burundi and Rwanda declared independence from Germany.
- 1976 - Kenneth Gibson, mayor of Newark 1970 - 1986, became the first Afro president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

- JULY 2:** 1777 - The state of Vermont abolished slavery in its constitution, dated July 8, 1777.
- 1822 - Denmark Vesey (Telemaque), leader of a slave rebellion in Charleston, SC, was hanged with five of his aides.
- 1848 - Revolt of enslaved persons in St. Croix that ended Danish – West Indies slavery.
- 1872 - Elijah “The Real” McCoy patented his first steam engine lubricator (Patent #129,843).
- 1964 - Civil Rights Act was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Lyndon Johnson in the presence of MLK Jr. and other Afro leaders. The Act established the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission (EEOC).
- 1973 - First broadcast for “National Black Network”, the first Afro-owned/operated radio news network.
- 1986 - U.S. Supreme Court declared affirmative action in employment to be constitutional.
- 1925 - Patrice Lumumba, past prime Minister of Zaire (formerly Belgian Congo), was born in Kasai Province.
- 2009 - Gayleatha Beatrice Brown was appointed U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso by President Barack Obama. Previously, Brown had been appointed by President George W. Bush as U.S. Ambassador to Benin a post that she held from 2006 to 2009.
- JULY 3:** 1775 - The Black Masons in Boston, Massachusetts formed the African Lodge No. 1 (first in the U.S.).
- 1848 - Enslaved Africans were freed in Danish West Indies (now US Virgin Islands).
- 1936 - Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the Olympic Games in Berlin. This angered Adolf Hitler, a Nazi.
- 1962 - Jackie Robinson, was the first African American inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.
- 1966 - Omaha, Nebraska rioting.
- 1978 - U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of Bell Telephone system to use quotas to end race and sex discrimination in employment.
- 1981 - Toxteth, Liverpool (U.K.) rioting, following alleged police harassment.
- 1983 - Calvin Smith became the fastest man alive. He is a former World Record holder in the 100 meter sprint, and was twice World Champion over 200 meters.
- JULY 4:** 1827 - Slavery was abolished in the state of New York.
- 1876 - E. M. Bannister, African painter, was awarded the gold medal at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia for his exhibit “Under The Oaks”.
- 1881 - Tuskegee Institute opened in Alabama with Booker T. Washington as the first President.
- 1910 - Jack Johnson, the first Heavyweight Boxing Champion of African Descent, retained his championship by knocking out Jim "The Great White Hope" Jeffries.
- 1963 - Medgar Wiley Evers, NAACP Field Secretary was posthumously honored with the 48th NAACP Spingarn Medal for his steadfast courage. He was assassinated at his home on June 12, 1963.
- 1963 - Marian Anderson and Ralph Bunche received the first Medals of Freedom from President John F. Kennedy, the creator of the award.
- 1973 - Approximately 15 Caribbean nations met in Trinidad & Tobago to establish the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM).
- 1991 - The National Civil Rights Museum (USA) officially opened at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee; the site of the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

- JULY 5:** 1809 - Eighteen African Descendents, under the leadership of Reverend Thomas Paul, established the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City.
- 1892 - Andrew Beard was issued a patent for the rotary steam engine.
- 1969 - Tom Mboya, Kenya's Economic Planning and Development Minister, was assassinated.
- 1975 - Arthur Ashe, tennis icon, became the first man of African Descent to win the Men's Wimbledon singles championship.
- 1982 - U.S. Supreme Court declared non-violent boycotts to achieve constitutional rights were protected by the free speech First Amendment to the Constitution.
- JULY 6:** 1853 - 140 delegates of African Descent met in Rochester, New York for a National convention.
- 1957 - Althea Gibson, tennis icon, became the first woman of African Descent to win the Women's Wimbledon singles championship.
- 1964 - Malawi declared independence from Britain with Hastings Kamuzu Banda as President.
- 1971 - Henry Sampson, an African-American, invented the cellular phone. He was awarded a patent, with George H. Miley, for a gamma-electrical cell.
- JULY 7:** 1967 - African American anti-racism rebellion in Newark, New Jersey. Part of a nationwide set of riots.
- 1991 - Nelson Mandela replaced Oliver Tambo as president of the African National Congress (ANC).
- JULY 8:** 1924 - DeHart Hubbard won the Olympics Broad Jump.
- JULY 9:** 1893 - Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performed the first successful open heart surgery without anesthesia at Provident Hospital in Chicago.
- 1985 - The African Nations of Chad and Zaire signed a military co-operation agreement.
- JULY 10:** 1993 - Yobes Ondieki, Kenyan runner, became the first man to run 10,000 meters under 27 minutes.
- 1973 - The Bahamas declared independence from the United Kingdom.
- JULY 11:** 1905 - WEB Dubois, activist, co-founded the Niagara Movement.
- 1960 - Katanga province declared independence from Belgian Congo under leadership of Moïse Tshombe.
- JULY 12:** 1872 - Elijah "The Real" McCoy, inventor, patented his first Steam Engine lubricator (Patent # 129,843).
- 1936 - Cornelius Johnson, High Jumper, set a new world record.
- 1975 - Manuel Pinto da Costa became the first President of the newly independent Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe.
- JULY 13:** 1787 - Slavery was banned in the Northwest Territory (USA).
- 1965 - Thurgood Marshall, the first Afro Solicitor General of the USA, was appointed.
- 1980 - Sir Seretse Khama, first president of Botswana, died from pancreatic cancer. (true ???).
- 1985 - Arthur Ashe, was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.
- JULY 14:** 1891 - J. Standard, inventor, was awarded a patent for his refrigerator (U.S. patent #455,891)
- 1949 - F.M. Jones, patented the Starter Generator (Patent # 2475842) and the Air Conditioning Unit (Patent # 2475841)
- 1951 - The George Washington Carver National Monument was dedicated in Joplin, Missouri, and was the first national monument dedicated to an African American.
- JULY 15:** 1970 - James McGhee was sworn in as the first African American mayor of Dayton, Ohio.
- JULY 16:** 1944 - Dr. Charles Drew, blood plasma pioneer, was awarded the NAACP Spingarn Medal.
- 1960 - Emperor Haile Selassie announced the creation of a constitution for Ethiopia.
- 1977 - Janelle Penny Commissiong, from Trinidad and Tobago, became the first Afro to be crowned Miss Universe.

- JULY 18:** 1863 - Sergeant William H. Carney was the first person of African Descent to perform a military action for which a Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded. He was awarded the medal in 1900.
- 1899 - L.C. Bailey was issued a patent for the folding bed.
- 1905 - Granville Woods was issued a patent for railroad brakes.
- 1918 - Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was born at Mvezo, Umtata District in what is now South Africa. Nelson Mandela International Day was declared by the United Nations in 2009.
- JULY 20:** 1967 - The first National Conference of Black Power opened in Newark, New Jersey.
- 1967 - Chief Albert (John Mvumbi) Luthuli, anti-Apartheid leader and President of the African National Congress from 1951 to 1967, died while "crossing a railway track". (true ???)
- JULY 21:** 1864 - The New Orleans Tribune, the first "daily" Black newspaper, was published in English and French.
- 1896 - Mary Church Terrell founded the National Association of Colored Women in Washington DC.
- 1970 - Lake Nasser, formed as a result of the Aswan High Dam. It flooded the site of the Great Temple of Sbu Simbel and the Temple of Hathor.
- JULY 22:** 1939 - Jane Bolin became the first female African American judge when she was appointed to New York City's Domestic Relations Court.
- JULY 23:** 1891 - Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, was born.
- 1900 - First Pan-African Congress, organized by Henry Sylvester Williams, was held in London.
- 1994 - The Gambia President, Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara was overthrown in a bloodless coup and replaced by Lieutenant Yahya Jammeh.
- JULY 25:** 1916 - Garrett T. Morgan, inventor of the gas mask, used the mask to rescue six people from a gas-filled tunnel in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1972 - U.S. government officials admitted to the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment, in which African Americans were unknowingly used as "guinea pigs" in syphilis experiments.
- JULY 26:** 1847 - Liberia was declared an Independent Republic.
- 1865 - Patrick Francis Healy became the first African American to earn a PhD.
- 1948 - Executive Order 9981 was issued by President Harry S. Truman. It abolished racial discrimination in the United States Armed Forces and eventually led to the end of segregation in the services.
- JULY 27:** 1880 - A.P. Abourne, inventor, was awarded a patent for refining coconut oil.
- 1915 - U.S. invaded and colonized Haiti.
- 1990 - 30 persons killed in an attempted coup by Black Muslim militants in Trinidad & Tobago.
- 1996 - Donovan Bailey, a Jamaican running for Canada, became the "world's fastest human" in the Atlanta Olympics, setting a world record of 9.84 seconds in the 100-meter dash.
- JULY 28:** 1868 - The 14th Amendment was ratified; granting U.S. citizenship to African Americans.
- 1917 - The "New (York) City Fifth Avenue March" occurred, where thousands of African Americans marched in silent protest of lynchings and racial inequalities.
- 1975 - House of Representatives, USA extended to 1965 Voting Rights Bill for another 7 years.
- 1996 - Ethiopian, Fatuma Roba, became the first African woman to win a medal in the Olympic marathon.
- JULY 29:** 1895 - National Conference of Colored Women held its first convention.
- 2002 - Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. became a USA astronaut. He joined NASA in 1986.
- JULY 30:** 1987 - 68 people injured in an alleged ANC (African National Congress) explosion in Johannesburg. Police admitted responsibility in 1996.
- JULY 31:** 1874 - Father Patrick Francis Healey, the first African American man to receive a PhD, was inaugurated as President of Georgetown University.
- 1914 - Marcus Garvey organized the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA).

SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 2018:

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

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

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

NOW – AUGUST 6, 2018 (check calendar website below for all events and details)

"BARBADOS CROP OVER FESTIVAL"

The Crop Over Festival, celebrates a 200 year-old tradition that honors the end of the sugar cane season. The six-week festival celebrates all that is "Bajan" with dusk till dawn parties, arts and crafts markets and culinary-driven street fares. Grand Kadooment Day (August 6) celebrates the end of Crop Over, where Masquerade Bands make their way to Spring Garden highway with revelers dressed in sequin costumes decorated with colorful feathers, jewels and bright accents; dancing behind music trucks and moving bars. As the finale of Crop Over, this events is the island's most exciting day of the year. Many Bajans who now live off the island return home to join in the festivities with family and friends.

More info: General: <https://www.visitbarbados.org/crop-over-festival>

Calendar: <https://barbados.org/cropclnd.htm#.WueLvLjIOSo>

NOW – FALL SEASON, 2018

"NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE"

This is another good time and season to visit the Museums schedule of events including community gatherings and workshops; special exhibits; concerts and screenings; AND MUCH MORE! Check the website below.

National Museum of African American History & Culture, 1400 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20560

More info / Events: 844-750-3012 OR <https://nmaahc.si.edu/>

JULY 2 – DECEMBER 1, 2018; check website below for details of each event

"2015 – 2024 INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT"

(Events Supported by the United Nations)

JULY 2, 2018

"Towards a United Nations Declaration on the Promotion and Full Respect of the Human Rights of People Of African Descent". This one-day Conference will consider the elaboration of a draft United Nations Declaration on this mandate that will be presented at the follow-up meeting from 27 August to 7 September 2018 in Geneva.

AUGUST 25, 2018

"Celebrating and Honouring the African and Indigenous history of El Salvador". The event will be held in the Plaza José Simeón Cañas, Zacatecoluca, La Paz, El Salvador; and is not organized or sponsored by the United Nations.

OCTOBER 1-2, 2018

"100 Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) Under 40". This is a civil society initiative in support of the International Decade for People of African Descent. It identifies high achievers of African descent in public and private sectors from all around the world as a progressive network of relevant actors to join together in the spirit of recognition, justice and development of Africa, its people on the continent and across the diaspora.

This event is not organized or sponsored by the United Nations.

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

JULY 5 - JULY 8, 2018 (Thursday – Monday); check website for fees, events / activities and more details
“2018 ESSENCE FESTIVAL”

This 4-day festival will have a separate free exhibition section with many daytime activities that include: a beauty and style expo, food vendors, all access entertainment, an empowerment experience and more. The 3 evening events include many “super” performers for evening concerts that include: Mary J. Blidge, Janet Jackson, Snoop Dog, Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, Queen Latifah, Mali Music, Idris, Guy and many more! The two venues will be:

(1) Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

(2) Mercedes Benz Superdome, 1500 Sugar Bowl Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

More info / Tickets: 800-274-9398 OR <https://www.essence.com/festival>

NOTE: Registration requested for free events / tickets needed for concerts and special events

JULY 5 - JULY 26, 2018 (Thursdays, 6 pm – 12 am); check website for events, fees and more details
“GOOMBAY SUMMER FESTIVAL: BAHAMAS”

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism’s annual summer festival features live displays of Bahamian culture in the form of food & music. Come and experience the local culture as you: listen to the sweet sounds of “Goombay”; indulge in local delicacies; browse through the most authentic Bahamian arts and crafts; dance to the beat of “Junkanoo”; and then relax on the beaches! The festival is held every Thursday in July throughout the Bahamas.

More info / Bookings / Deals: 1-800-224-2627 OR <https://www.bahamas.com/event/goombay-summer-festival>

JULY 7, 2018 (Saturday), 9 am – 1 pm

“ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST COMMEMORATING THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY IN NEW YORK STATE”

Featuring: Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, National President of Association for the Study of African American Life & History (ASALH) and Professor of African & African-American Studies at Harvard University. The Keynote Speaker will be Brian Benjamin, Senator for the 30th District of New York State

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 2190 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr Boulevard, New York, New York 10027

More info: 212-368-6218 (Madge Allen) OR 212-722-7818 (Pearline Childs)

JULY 12 - JULY 15, 2018; \$250 (\$150 each for groups of 10+) check website for events and more details
“ROCK CONFERENCE 2018”

2018 THEME: “Fortifying the Foundation to Empower the Faces of Education”

The 4-day ROCK Conference offers an impacting professional development experience for educators and a platform to share a plethora of best practices, resources, academic successes, and professional accomplishments for educators. The Conference will provide educators with: workshops, keynote presentations, team building experiences, professional networking opportunities and more. Dr. Melissa Chester is the CEO & ROCK Conference Coordinator.

Venue: DoubleTree Jacksonville Riverfront , 1201 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32207

More info / Registration: 833-BER-ROCK OR <http://www.rockconference.org/>

JULY 15 - JULY 22, 2018; \$22 + (check website for events, fees and more details)

“REGGAE SUMFEST 2018: JAMAICA”

Jamaica’s premier festival is also the world’s biggest and best Reggae festival. Now confirmed to perform are: Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley, Beres Hammond, Popcaan, Maxi Priest , Spice, Sizzla, Capleton, Aidonia, Cham , Ding Dong, I-Octane, and many more. Check the website for the complete lineup. All Week Tickets include admission to Main Festival Nights,

The Colorfest Beach Party, The All White Party, The Blitz Party, and more.

Catherine Hall Festival Grounds & Various Venues in Montego Bay, Jamaica

More info / Tickets: <http://www.reggaesumfest.com/> OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reggae-sumfest-2018-tickets-39399138885>

JULY 21 + JULY 22, 2018; A Free Event (check website for schedule of events and more details)

“THE AFRICAN DESCENT FESTIVAL”

The African Descent Festival (ADF) celebrates the cultural diversity of people of the growing African Community within Vancouver, British Columbia, while recognizing and promoting attitudes of oneness among all ethnic groups and communities. The Festival promotes excellence in arts, culture, music and speech by providing performance and educational opportunities through music. Activities for the festival include: an Inaugural Ceremony, a Market Place, AfroBeat Entertainment, Crafts, a Community Fair and Tours. The event is organized by African Descent Society, BC.

Thornton Park, 1166 Main Stret, Vancouver, BC V6A 4B6, Canada

More info: <http://www.africandescentfestival.com/>

AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 6, 2018 check website for details

“EMANCIPATION DAY 2018”

(Public Holiday in several countries in the Caribbean)

“Emancipation Day” marks the end of slavery in the British Empire; and it is a public holiday in several Caribbean countries. Slavery was finally abolished throughout the British Empire by the Slavery Abolition Act 1833, which came into effect on August 1st 1834. Although the holiday commemorates events that took place on 1 August, it may be celebrated on different days in post-slavery countries. AUGUST 1st celebrations are in Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & The Grenadines and Trinidad & Tobago. AUGUST 2nd celebration is in Bermuda. AUGUST 6th celebrations are in The Bahamas, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts & Nevis and Turks & The Caicos Islands. It is celebrated on March 22nd in Puerto Rico and on July 1st in Suriname. In the U.S. Emancipation Day is a state holiday in

Washington DC and is celebrated on the weekday closest to April 16th.

More info: <https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/emancipation-day>

AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 6, 2018 (Thursday – Monday), check website for details and updates

“CARIBANA TORONTO 2018”

Toronto's Caribbean Caribana festival has grown exponentially since its start in 1967, and its “Grand Parade” is hailed as one of the most popular parades in the world. The Caribbean music includes Reggae, Calypso, Salsa and other Afro dance rhythms with African drums, Steel Pan and many other handmade instruments. There will also be Caribbean food, crafts and cultural events. What was once a three-day event has now grown into three weeks of Caribbean inspired events and parties taking place all over Toronto. Caribana is currently North America’s largest cultural festival.

Get your tickets as soon as possible, and check updates on the website below.

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

AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 5, 2018 (Friday – Sunday), check website for details and updates

“UMOJA FEST 2018”

This festival in Seattle, Washington celebrates the best of the African American community and African Diaspora culture in the northwest; and features lots of Music, Food, Culture and Family Fun! Attractions include the Africatown Heritage Parade featuring dance troops and drill teams; Children’s Day & Family Fun Village; Soul N The Park; the Afrobeat & Roots Stage; Heal The Hood Basketball Tournament; and a Hip Hop 4 Peace stage. There will also be delicious foods of the African Diaspora from restaurants and food trucks, a vendor marketplace, a community resource Fair and more!

Judkins Park, 2150 South Norman Street, Seattle, Washington 98144

More info: <http://umojafamilyfest.com/>

AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 17, 2018 check website for details and registration

“A FESTA DA BOA MORTE - THE FESTIVAL OF THE GOOD DEATH”

Tour to Salvador, Bahia Brazil

This is one of the most fascinating Candomblé festivals and it's worth a special trip to see it. The Festival is organized by the Irmandade da Boa Morte (Sisterhood of the Good Death), a secret, Afro, religious society. The Festival is celebrated by the descendants of slaves, who praise their liberation with dance and prayer and a mix of themes from Candomblé and Catholicism. The Sisterhood of the Boa Morte (Good Death) is the oldest organization for women of African descent in the New World; and it is a secret society of African-Brazilian women, all descendants of African slaves, who paid to release their sisters from enslavement. The organization sponsors a procession each August that parades through the streets of the historical city of Cachoeira on the banks of the Paraguacu River. It is perhaps the most important festival in the African Heritage calendar in Bahia / Brazil, and is a living tribute of African culture and Diaspora in the New World.

The Tour Package costs \$3,800 and includes:

Round trip Air fare from New York or Miami to Salvador, Bahia; Round-trip airport transportation; air conditioned tour van; Hotel accommodations with breakfast ; Selected meals in outstanding restaurants; Historic city tour; Museum tour; Daily briefings, Music workshop; Beach days; Shopping; Samba Reggae rhythms in the historic district at night; Folklore shows; Music and dance events, Informal lectures with cultural leaders and artists; Visit to an Afro-Brazilian spiritual/candomblé community; Countryside day trips; Participation in the Cachoeira festival; and more. The hotel is on a secure beach front hotel on Avenida Sete de Setembro in Porto da Barra, Bahia. All US and Brazilian Departure and airport taxes are included. Participants will need: a US Passport with a Brazilian Visa (note: a Brazilian travel Visa for US citizens is \$160). The tour down payment of \$300 is due March 8th 2018 (or ASAP) and is non-refundable after 10 days.

You may create a plan to pay in installments. Balance is due 50 days prior to departure date (June 12, 2018).

More info Registration: Dr. Ken Dossar Cell: 215-473-6495 (U.S.) / Office: 215-878-2816 (U.S.) OR

<https://www.mandinga-culture.org/a-feista-da-boa-morte-tour-2018>

<http://www.salvadorbahiguide.com/sisterhoodofthegooddeath.html>

AUGUST 13 – 20 (Sunday – Sunday / 7 days); check contact info below for pricing and registration options

“CAMP FARETA 2018”

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

Venue: Camp Hye Sierra (Note: Camp Hye Sierra is an hour drive east of Fresno, California)

More info / Details / Registration: 443-739-4306 OR http://www.dancingvillage.com/camp_fareta.php

SEPTEMBER 14 +, 2018; Check contact info below for cities to be visited, dates and tour details

“TRUTH CAMPAIGN & TOUR”

The Community Healing Network (CHN) will sponsor and coordinate this cross country tour to major cities with Afro populations. The CHN aim has been to engage a critical mass of Afro people in the journey toward emotional emancipation by August 2019, the 400th anniversary of the first forced arrival of Africans in the U.S. Instead of hosting the Valuing Black Lives Global Summit this year, CHN is taking the message on the road to invite more Afro people across the country and around the world to join this journey that will focus on emotional emancipation for Afro children. Afro parents, teachers, and leaders of community-based organizations will be engaged in the work of freeing our children with the truth of their history, and the truth of their worth. The “Truth Campaign and Tour” will launch in September 2018 from the CHN’s birthplace of New Haven, Connecticut and travel to U.S. cities that includes: New Haven CT, Baltimore MD, Washington DC, Los Angeles CA, Oakland CA, Portland OR, and Richmond VA. International cities on the list include: Kingston, JAMAICA + Accra, GHANA + London, UNITED KINGDOM + Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA + Toronto, CANADA. At each stop, people will be invited to take the pledge to #DefyTheLieofBlackInferiority and #EmbraceTheTruthofBlackhumanity. Signatures will also be collected to endorse the call to the African Union and the Diaspora to place the emotional freedom of our children at the top of the global Afro agenda.

NOTE: The late Dr. Maya Angelou joined CHN in 2008, and is the founding Chair of CHN Board of Advisors.

Tour details and cities: <http://www.communityhealingnet.org/truth-campaign-and-tour/>

For more info: info@communityhealingnet.org

SEPTEMBER 15 – 29, 2018; check website for events, fees and more details

“30TH NATIONAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL (NBAF)”

After 30 years, the festival has become a legacy of stellar artistic and educational programs in music, dance, film, visual arts, theater and the literary arts. The NBAF is recognized as the oldest multidisciplinary arts organization in the U.S. that is focused exclusively on the arts and artists of African descent. By featuring artists from the African Diaspora, from the U.S., Africa, the Caribbean, Europe and Latin America, NBAF promotes art and culture as vehicles for bringing diverse communities together. Activities include a special youth program, a Gala, fine arts, fashion and more. Over the years, NBAF has featured acclaimed artists such as Angelou, Wynton Marsalis, The O’Jays, Toni Blackman, Spike Lee, Katherine Dunham, Harry Belafonte, Maxi Priest, Sonia Sanchez, Youssou N’Dour, Amiri Baraka, Tito Puente, Ousmane Sembene, National Ballet de Guinea, Gladys Knight, Cicely Tyson, August Wilson, and Nikki Giovanni, and many others.

Piedmont Park, 1071 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta Georgia, 3030

More info: 404-939-1594 OR <http://sandbox.nbaf.org/the-season/> OR <http://nbaf.org/festival-2018/>

ONGOING PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

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

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO’SE “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” for July 2018

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; videos of previous tours; and special events)

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

NOTE: Prices for these tours are “all-inclusive” and include: full accommodations and round trip flights from the U.S.; daily exercise and meditation sessions; daily breakfast & dinner; hotel accommodations; business & investment networking; and transportation & access to all tour sites & activities.

UPCOMING TOURS:

“GHANA TOUR”: November 16 - 26, 2018

<https://www.africafortheafricans.org/index.php/ghana-tour-nov-2018>

“BRAZIL ROOTS & CULTURE TOUR”: July 19 – 28, 2019

<https://www.africafortheafricans.org/index.php/brazil-roots-culture-tour-july-2019>

FOR MORE INFO AND ADDITIONAL TOURS:

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

BLACK FAMILY LIFE AND CULTURE, INC.

Black Family Life and Culture's vision is to utilize its rich thirty-five (35) year history of culturally based research and program development to provide the African American community the tools to reclaim ownership of their health and wellness by Reunifying the Families, Revitalizing the Community and Reestablishing the Culture.

"Mu Kala Kintwadi Ya Tubu I Mu Zinga" (To know one's origins, is to live forever) African Proverb

<http://blackfamily-life.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.

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

“MY AFRICA IS”

This documentary series takes you on a journey across the African continent through the eyes of an insider. The four things that come to mind when people think of Africa are population, problems, poverty, and promise unfulfilled...but that’s not the whole story! Perspective changes everything. “My Africa Is” wants to show you something different. The crew says they are not about hiding real issues or over-hyping good news. They are more than aware of the challenges, but they also know that they are not helpless. The video series will follow change-makers in various cities across sub-Saharan Africa that are young, doing some really cool things, and starting a new conversation. Their stories are real; some subjects will inspire, others will provoke, but each one will challenge what you thought you knew and reintroduce you to OUR Africa.

More info / Video Updates: <http://www.myafrica.is.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

The listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for July 2018

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. **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. **OAKLAND PUBLIC CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC (OPC):** community music classes with Afro energy for all ages.
<https://www.opcmusic.org/>
29. **ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY:** organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
30. **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>
31. **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/>
32. **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>

33. 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
34. 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>
35. QILOMBO: a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.
<http://qilombo.org/>
36. RADIO 97.5 FM/KDEE: A Community Radio Station, owned and operated by the California Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Includes news and updates, business directory, community events and more.
<https://www.kdeefm.org/>
37. 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
38. 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
39. 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/>
40. WANDA’S PICKS: check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
41. 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/#>

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42. ALL AFRICA: online news for all of Africa.
<http://allafrica.com/>
43. ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP): a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
44. AFRICA GREAT LAKES NETWORKING FOUNDATION (AGL): a Canadian Non-profit Organization that provides supports, services and referrals, working with other agencies to smoothly integrate the Newcomers and Refugees mainly from the African Great Lakes Region and other parts of the world to Canadian Society.
<http://africagreatlakesnetworkingfoundation.org/>

45. 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/>
46. 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
47. 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/>
48. 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/>
49. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
50. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET: provided by Stanford University.
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
51. AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>
52. 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>
53. 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)
54. 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/>
55. 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/>
56. 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.
<http://www.africansdeservereparations.com/index.html>

57. **AFRICOLOGY: THE JOURNAL OF PAN AFRICAN STUDIES:** a trans-disciplinary and scholarly journal devoted to intellectual synthesis of research, scholarship and critical thought on the African experience around the world.
<http://www.jpanafrican.org/>
58. **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/>
59. **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/>
60. **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/>
61. **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/>
62. **BLACK AGENDA REPORT:** e-newsletter, business news/networks/incentives, etc.
<http://www.blackagendareport.com/>
63. **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/>
64. **BLACK BUSINESS NETWORK:** products sold from Black-owned businesses to Black consumers.
<http://www.blackbusinessnetwork.com/Home/>
65. **BLACK DOCTOR:** healthy living and tips for African Americans.
<http://blackdoctor.org/search/index.aspx>
66. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK:** magazine and official guide to events.
<http://officialblackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/>
67. **BLACK IN LA (LOS ANGELES):** news and listings of events in and around and originating from Los Angeles.
<http://www.blacknla.com/wp2/>
68. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>
69. **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/>

70. **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/>
71. **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/>
72. **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/>
73. **CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):**
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
74. **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>
75. **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
76. **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/>
77. **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS:** includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
78. **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/>
79. **COLORED CONVENTIONS:** info for conventions of African Descendents from 1830, organized by educators. Includes links, videos and other important info.
<http://coloredconventions.org/conventions>
80. **FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS:** an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
81. **FAWOHODIE SUA:** Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>
82. **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>

83. **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/>
84. **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/>
85. **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/>
86. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today’s community issues.
<http://mxgm.org/>
87. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maatinstitute-aboutus.html>
88. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
89. **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/>
90. **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/>
91. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
92. **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/>
93. **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>
94. **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>
95. **REGGAE WELLNESS:** Connecting Natural Health Care Seekers with Natural Health Care Givers. Based in Jamaica.
<https://reggaewellness.com/>

96. **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 bringing about litigation, legislation, genealogy and DNA research.
<http://www.rsgincorp.com/index.html>
97. **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/>
98. **UWITV:** the online news from all campuses of the University of the West Indies and the Caribbean region.
<https://www.uwivt.org/>
99. **VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY** (monthly newsletter by WO'SE's Brother Mxolisi).
<http://hcvoice.wordpress.com>
100. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU):** Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
101. **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/>
102. **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)

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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/>