

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 civatestt@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-IXTMrTIY>

"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 SENE!" = "May you have Life, Prosperity and Health!"

FEBRUARY 2019 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

NOTE: THERE WILL BE AN UPDATE TO THIS ISSUE IN MID FEBRUARY

AFRICAN HERITAGE / BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Check for Black History Month events listed on pages 6 + 7 thru 22 of this newsletter.

NOTE: the website below includes info for the 2019 official Black History Month theme ("Black Migrations") and other info from the founding organization, Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Website: <https://asalh.org/>

2019: YEAR OF RETURN FOR AFRICAN DIASPORA

Ghana rolls out the red carpet to encourage resettlement in the motherland. In Washington, D.C., in September 2018, Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo declared and formally launched the "Year of Return, Ghana 2019" for Africans in the Diaspora, giving fresh impetus to the quest to unite Africans on the continent with their brothers and sisters in the diaspora. Check the websites below for events and the special tour in August 2019.

<https://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/december-2018-march-2019/2019-year-return-african-diaspora>

<https://www.ebony.com/life/travel/ebony-travels-to-ghana-to-mark-400-years-since-the-middle-passage/>

August 5 – 14, 2019 Tour: <https://www.palacetrip.com/african-tours/return-african-diaspora-ghana/>

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

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



"Reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward. Whatever we have lost, forgotten, forgone or been stripped of, can be reclaimed, revived, preserved and perpetuated."

The above ADINKRA symbol of West Africa / Ghana is represented either by a bird with its head turned backwards taking an egg off its back, or as a stylized heart shape.

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

"Follow in the footsteps of your Ancestors, for the mind is trained through knowledge. Behold, their words endure in book. Open and read them and follow their wise council. For one who is taught becomes skilled."

From: "The Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt" /

The Book of Kheti, Section 2 (II), p. 50 / c1984 by Maulana Karenga

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 SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION WITH SPECIAL SEGMENTS

Sundays, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join us for the Sunday service that includes: Libation to Ancestors; an opening and closing Prayer Circle; Meditation; soul-stirring songs and music; Litany of Sacrifice; and other activities followed by a healthy Karamu (communal meal).

Details for each celebration will be posted on the WO'SE website. (<http://wosecommunity.org/>)

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

February 3rd + February 17th (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service

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

February 10th + February 24th (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service

The "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends will enhance the service. 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.

AFRICAN DRUMMING SESSIONS

Fridays, 7 – 8:30 pm

Join Baba Sidney in these "Learn-It-And-Share-It" sessions for those who have the calling for the African drum rhythms and the "Drum-Call" that are grounded in the Motherland of Africa, and are part of the cultural heritage and expressions in the Diaspora. Bring your drum or you are welcome to use the WO'SE drums! Donations appreciated.

WO'SE NEW LIFE SEMINARY (NLS) CLASSES

Sundays, 9 – 10:20 am

The next set of NLS classes are being organized and facilitated with the ongoing focus on WO'SE spirituality, past / present / future. For each Class and update, or if you have any questions please call WO'SE at 510-632-8230

LISTINGS FOR SPECIAL BAY AREA BLACK HISTORY MONTH LONG EVENTS

1. MORE THAN A MONTH: CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY, CULTURE & HERITAGE

Check the website below for details of the many special events scheduled for the month at various San Francisco Public Libraries. The events include: the movie “Ida B. Wells: Passion for Justice”; “Kirk Waller: African and African-American Stories”; Black History Month Celebration of Garrett's Gift; screening of films for youth, adults, and families; Black Migration - Genealogy Workshop Series; and much more. There is also a diverse collection of titles from SFPL for children that celebrate Black history, culture and heritage.

You can also print the full program from the pdf on the website!!!

<https://sfpl.org/?pg=2001053001>

2. BAMBD FEST: 2019

A multi-day, multi-venue festival in celebration of the Black Arts Movement Business District (BAMBD) and Black arts, culture, and economics in Oakland. The month-long festival in February 2019 is produced by the Lower Bottom Playaz, Inc. in collaboration with BAMBD, CDC, and The Flight Deck. It is funded by a Creative California Communities grant from the California Arts Council and is under the artistic direction of Dr. Ayodele Nzinga. The Festival will consist of public performances by theater artists, musicians, dancers, comics, poets, youth groups and town legends; and showcase the best of Oakland's vibrant artistry with an eclectic mix of free and paid arts events, gallery installations, vendors, arts & crafts, public symposiums, and more. The festival will engage Oakland artists, arts venues, businesses, and the public in a massive celebration of Oakland, and the history and importance of the rich contributions of The Black Arts Movement to the State of California and the world beyond.

For details & schedule: 555-555-1000 <http://www.bamdbfest.com/Calendar.php>

3. BLACK MIGRATIONS: MOVING FORWARD

The San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society (SFAAHCS) events include: the Kick-off program for Black History Month at San Francisco City Hall from 11 am – 1 pm; premiere of “A Black Migrations” film and opening exhibit reception from 5:30 – 8 pm at the African Arts & Culture Complex (760 Fulton Street, San Francisco); and a Pop-Up library series with the San Francisco Unified School District at various middle and elementary schools; and a Genealogy Workshop Series.

Contact for info: 415-292-6172 OR marisa@sfaahcs.org .

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for February 2019

NOW until February 28, check website for all scheduled events; No Fee

"THE LAST THING I REMEMBER: THE ART OF TARIKA LEWIS"

Ms. Lewis is a visual artist, violinist, teacher, political and community activist, and the first female Black Panther. Her month long special artist exhibit is in connection with the annual Richmond Art of Living Black exhibition.

Opening Reception: Friday February 1, 6 – 9 pm

Artist Talk by Tarika Lewis: Friday February 15, 7 – 9 pm

Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-465-8928 OR <http://www.joycegordongallery.com/>

NOW until March 8, check website for full event schedule, venues and fees.

"23RD ANNUAL ART OF LIVING BLACK"

SPOTLIGHT ARTIST TALK + RECEPTION

Saturday, February 2: 12:30 – 2 pm = Artist Talk / 2 – 5 pm = Reception

IN CONVERSATION: JOYCE GORDON AND CHRISTINE HARRIS

Saturday, February 9, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

OPEN STUDIOS FOR ALL PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

Saturdays & Sundays, February 23 + 24 / March 2 + 3, 10 am – 6 pm

This special celebration of "Afro Art" is organized by TAOLB (The Art Of Living Black) Steering Committee in partnership with the Richmond Art Center. The TAOLB Steering Committee is a dedicated group of established bay area artists touched by the vision of founders Jan Hart-Shuyers and Rae Louise Hayward. The TAOLB mission is to preserve and expand the vision by supporting emerging, mid-career and established artists of African descent. TAOLB is a non-juried group exhibition that inspires all ages who participate within San Francisco's nine bay area counties.

Main Venue: The Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond 94804

More info / schedule: 510-620-1252 OR <https://www.theartoflivingblack.com/>

NOW until April 14, check website for viewing hours and fees, special events

"BLACK REFRACTIONS: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM"

The Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) is the inaugural for this major traveling exhibition created by the American Federation of Arts (AFA) in collaboration with The Studio Museum in Harlem. Black Refractions surveys close to a century of creative achievements by artists of African descent and is the first traveling exhibition in twenty-five years to reveal the breadth and expansive growth of the Studio Museum's permanent collection. MoAD's showing of the exhibition includes over sixty works by over fifty artists across all media dating from the 1920s to the present.

Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street (at 3rd), San Francisco 94105

More info: <https://www.moadsf.org/exhibition/black-refractions-highlights-from-the-studio-museum-in-harlem/>

NOTE: check website for other exhibits, programs, performances, and resources for the community

FEBRUARY 1 (Friday), 8 pm; \$20 +

“MITAMBO FESTIVAL OF SHONA MUSIC FEATURING MAFARO eZIMBABWE AND CHINYAKARE ENSEMBLE”

Mafaro eZimbabwe, the KTO Project and the Chinyakare Ensemble join to celebrate Chimurenga music (music of the people) and to celebrate its roots in traditional mbira music played by the ancestral Shona people in Zimbabwe. The KTO Project will bring more than 15 musicians and dancers and a community choir together to perform a concert of ancestral songs of Zimbabwe and the popular, socially impactful music developed generations later from the ancestral forms. The

Chinyakare Ensemble from Zimbabwe is a family of musicians, dancers and teachers committed to preserving and sharing traditional Zimbabwean culture, and promoting community building and education through music and dance. The songs, dance and music (played on mbira, ngoma, marimbas, and chipendani), weave colorful stories that show scenes from everyday life, while teaching important life lessons, such as goal-setting, perseverance, and thankfulness. Audiences will get a glimpse of the beauty, excitement, and spirit of traditional African dance and song.

Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR <https://eastbay.boldtypetickets.com/events/70988976/mitambo-festival-of-shona-music-featuring-mafaro-ezimbabwe-and-chinyakare-ensemble>

NOTE: check the above website for the other Mitambo Festival activities (February 2)

FEBRUARY 1 - 3 (Fri: 4:30 - 6:30 pm / Sat: 8:30 am - 5 pm / Sun: 9 am – 12 pm); \$75 +

“AAREA 10TH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT”

THEME: Looking Back To Look Ahead: A Decade of Cultivating Brilliant & Resilient Educators

The African American Regional Educational Alliances (AAREA) invite you to join this annual motivational forum for action-driven and problem-solving; and to build alliances and expand strategies for supporting African American students' academic, social, cultural, and emotional success. Participants will “RE-ENGAGE. RE-ENERGIZE. REJUVENATE”! In each plenary session and workshop presentation, AAREA scholars will share their unique personal and professional perspectives, and bring insights into building and strengthening strategic alliances with participants.

Waterfront Hotel, 10 Washington Street, Oakland (Jack London Square) 94607

More info / Registration: 510-614-3000 OR

<http://www.theaarea.org/aarea-10th-annual-professional-development-summit-feb-1-3-2019/>

FEBRUARY 2 (Saturday), 1 – 4 pm; No Fee

“BLACK MIGRATIONS: 29TH CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN POETS & THEIR POETRY”

The West Oakland Branch Library, in coordination with Ms. Wanda Sabir, college professor, long-term library supporter, and founder of this event, invite you to this special Black History Month event. Community members of all ages are invited to participate by reading poetry, performing, dancing or/and displaying works of art. Artwork displayed by local artists always adds an important, interesting and colorful element to this celebration. There will also be an open mic for those who are not on the featured program. The 2019 theme, “Black Migrations”, focuses on: the twentieth century through today, that resulted in the rise of the Garvey movement; the emergence of black industrial workers and black entrepreneurs; the growing number and variety of urban churches and new religions; new music forms like ragtime, blues, and jazz; white backlash as in the Red Summer of 1919; and the blossoming of visual and literary arts.

This free event includes refreshments donated by many local vendors. Your assistance would be appreciated with setting up chairs or refreshments; or if you can volunteer for 2 hours on the day of the event.

West Oakland Branch Library (Multi-Purpose Room), 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Participation: 510-255-5579 (Ms. Sabir) OR info@wandaspicks.com

FEBRUARY 2 (Saturday), 3 – 5 pm; No Fee (registration required)

“NAACP 110TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION”

The Oakland NAACP together with the African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO) are hosting a celebration of the history and accomplishments of the nation's oldest, largest, and most significant civil rights organization. The event will feature discussant, Darlene Flynn, Director of Race and Equity for the City of Oakland; and a special exhibit focusing on the organization's 110 years of commitment. The theme of this event is "Looking Backward to Move Forward"; and the mission is to “Engage, Educate, Empower, and Inspire Hope” to build a better Oakland Bay Area. For your free ticket click on the link below to register:

African American Museum Library at Oakland (AAMLO), 659 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612

More info / Register: 510-260-4609 (Ms. Clark) OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/naACP-110th-anniversary-celebration-tickets-54953083151>

FEBRUARY 2 (Saturday), 3 – 5:30 pm; No Fee

“AFRICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE EVENT: FROM AFRICA TO PERU”

You are invited to the film screening of the documentary “A Zest for Life: Afro Peruvian Rhythms, a Source of Latin Jazz”.

You are expected to dance in your seat as you learn about the fascinating history of African rhythms and dance in Peruvian culture. A live cajon demonstration follows!

Oakland Public Library (Main Library / Bradley Walters Community Room), 125 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-238-3134 OR

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/main-library/african-cultural-heritage-event-africa-peru>

FEBRUARY 2 (Saturday), 8 pm; \$ 20 (pay what you can, no one turned away)

“ETHNIC HERITAGE ENSEMBLE”

EastSide is honored to welcome back the legendary Ethnic Heritage Ensemble (EHE)! EHE has toured internationally and have recorded numerous celebrated projects over the last 45 years. The current line up, featuring Corey Wilkes on trumpet, Alex Harding on baritone sax, and the bands founder Dr. Kahil ElZabar on multi-percussion/composition, is guaranteed to inspire audiences. EHE is the 21st century Griot, making Great Black Music for the Mind, Body, and Spirit!

EastSide Cultural Center, 2277 International Blvd, Oakland 94606

More info / Tickets: 510-533-6629 OR <https://kahilelzabar2019.brownpapertickets.com/>

FEBRUARY 3 (Sunday), 11:15 am – 2:30 pm (11 am registration); \$12

“EAT LIKE A MAN: SPIRITUALLY, MENTALLY & SPIRITUALLY”

Another Male Holistic Health Conference, and all men from ages 16 and up are welcome to attend. Preferred attire: wear loose fitting white. Bring a friend. The agenda: 11 am = Registration + Networking // 11:15 am = Introduction // 11:20 = Introduction to the Kametic Way + Initiation systems Ra & Ausar // 11:35 am = 11 laws of God // 12:20 pm = Break + “infomercial autographs” + keys to success // 12:35 = Life force breathing demonstration // 1 pm = Kundalini Yoga for focus // 1:30 pm = Supplementing male vitality // 1:50 pm = Infallible guidance + Introduction to the I Ching oracle // 2:10 pm = Heru meditation // 2:30 = Closing.

Health & Human Resource Education Center, 1905 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-866-6644 (Ausar Auset Society, West Coast Chapter) OR www.ausarasetwestcoast.com

FEBRUARY 3 (Sunday), 5 – 7 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

“SILENT KILLER: PTSD (POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER) OF BEING BLACK”

The Silent Killer, “PTSD of Being Black”, is an engaging live lecture and learning experience that will explore things that affect blacks (Afros) who encounter hostile encounters, trauma, and overwhelming violence in their community. When people encounter these things and don't deal with it, they can encounter PTSD that hampers them from living full productive lives. The event includes a conversation with Ms. Wanda Johnson (the mother of Oscar Grant) and Ms. Gwen Carr (the mother of Eric Gardner) about what is happening with our community after the trauma we see.

Bethlehem Temple Church, 1521 Derby Street, Berkeley 94703

More info / Register: 510-841-2717 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/silent-killer-ptsd-of-being-black-tickets-55099490058>

FEBRUARY 3 + 10 + 17 + 24 (Sundays), 7 – 10 pm; \$20

“KAYA'S BLACK HISTORY BRUNCH / DINNER SERIES”

You are invited to celebrate Black History Month at Kaya Restaurant for some authentic Jamaican cuisine including Jamaican patties, ackee & saltfish, and fried plantains. You can also refresh with bottomless mimosas, rum filled coconuts, and rum punch. There will be history through story telling; and a wind down with DJ Yaddos spinning the latest in R&B, Hip Hop, Socca, African beats, and Top 40. Enjoy the fullness of menu and culture with Kaya!

Kaya Restaurant, 1420 Market Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Reservations: (415) 590-2585 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kayas-black-history-brunch-series-tickets-55312630567?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

FEBRUARY 5 (Tuesday), 4 – 7 pm; No Fee

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH FILM: NOTHING BUT A MAN”

A landmark independent film, “Nothing But A Man” is credited as one of the most sincere and sensitive pictures ever made about the struggles and hardships of Black life in 1960s America. Join the screening...popcorn will be served.

Oakland Public Library (Melrose Branch / Community Room), 4805 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland 94601

More info: 510-535-5623 OR

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/melrose-branch/black-history-month-film-nothing-man>

FEBRUARY 6 (Wednesday), 8:30 – 11:30 pm; \$ 15 +

“BOB MARLEY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FEAT WITH THE CARIBBEAN ALLSTARS”

It's time for Ashkenaz's annual Bob Marley Birthday Celebration featuring the Caribbean Allstars plus special guests.

Bob Marley is Jamaica's most acclaimed musician who toured the world with Reggae music that came from his Rastafarian faith. He preached the power of music to heal and change people, singing songs of human rights, justice, and one love to a global audience, until his death on May 11, 1981. The Caribbean Allstars are pioneers in the Bay Area reggae scene and longtime regulars at Ashkenaz. 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 the South Caribbean calypso and soca styles of Trinidad and Tobago that drive listeners to the dance floor.

Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5099 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2019/2/6/bob-marley-birthday-celebration-feat-caribbean-allstars>

NOTE: check the Ashkenaz calendar for other events: <http://www.ashkenaz.com/events-calendar/>

FEBRUARY 7 (Thursday), 5 – 7:30 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

“SCREENING OF ‘HUMAN’ + BLACK HISTORY MONTH FILM NIGHT”

Join this evening of films and discussion for Black History Month. This screening will be a premiere for the film “HUMAN” (a collaborative human observation on #BlackLivesMatter) by MoJo Adam with music by Aaron Lee Aiken. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Mindspace Market Center, 575 Market Street, San Francisco 94105

More info / Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/human-screening-black-history-month-film-night-tickets-55387115353?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

FEBRUARY 7 (Thursday), 6 – 9 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

“CODE IN COLOR: BLACK HISTORY MONTH @ BUOYANT (SF)”

Join the event for a stimulating discussions on art, technology, and society...with refreshments and good vibes. The following speakers will be featured. Dennis Adjei-Baah (Software Engineer at Bouyant) who will explain how one technological innovation made it possible for artists to create chart-topping hits with nothing more than a laptop computer, keyboard and speakers. Tanya Campbell (Visual Design Lead) who will share how can we reimagine our communities and futures through art + technology; and answer what do you get when you give low-income youth of color the tools to merge art + technology? And Dena Mwangi (Software Engineer) who has a passion for finding creative ways to use data as a tool to help us get a sense of the world.

Buoyant, 703 Market Street #1200, San Francisco 94103

More info / Register: <https://www.meetup.com/Code-in-Color/events/256276589/>

FEBRUARY 9 (Saturday), 10 am – 4 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

“ALLENSWORTH BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION”

Join the Friends of Allensworth as they continue to preserve Black History in Allensworth. Allensworth is the only town in California that was completely founded, owned and developed in 1908 by Afro-Descendent Colonel Allensworth and four of his friends. Visitors will have the opportunity to interact with docents dressed in period attire and to go on self paced tours of the park’s historic buildings. In 1974 California State Parks purchased land within the historical townsite of Allensworth, and it became the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, Star Route 1, Box 148, Earlimart California 93219

NOTE: CONTACT THE ORGANIZATION REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OR DIRECTIONS FROM THE BAY AREA:

More info: 877-245-6232 OR 661-979-1108 OR

<http://friendsofallensworth.com/calendar/> OR http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=583

FEBRUARY 9 (Saturday), 11 am – 5 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

“45TH BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE 2/9/19”

In connection with the 2019 National Black History Month Theme: “Black Migrations”, the Afro American Cultural & Historical Society (AACHS) is looking for families who changed the footprint of the Tri- City & Hayward Area. Events throughout the day will include: a workshop from 11 am – 1 pm presented by Ms. Sheila Stevens, MA, MPA; a film about the migration of blacks from the South to North Richmond, presented by Award Winning Filmmaker Mr. Doug Harris at 1:45 pm; and a panel moderated by Mr. Samuel Rutland at 3 pm. There will also be: music, performances, the R.J. Reed Inventors Exhibit, a Migration Display & Map, a Vendor Market Place and a Family Soul Food Station.

Newark Community Center Building, 35501 Cedar Boulevard, Newark 94560

More info / Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/45th-black-history-month-observance-2919-tickets-55064106224?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

FEBRUARY 9 (Saturday), 12 – 5 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH PHOTO SHOOT”

Join the group if you are interested in doing the “Rocking Melanin” photoshoot at Lake Marriott. You will help to show the love and black beauty in the bay; celebrate Black History; and pay tribute to the ones who came before us.

NOTE: EVENT LOCATION AT LAKE MERRITT PROVIDED AT REGISTRATION

More info / Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-history-month-photo-shoot-tickets-55383167545?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

FEBRUARY 9 (Saturday), 1 – 4:30 pm; No Fee (reservations recommended)

“LIGHTING THE FUSE TO CIVIL RIGHTS: THE PORT CHICAGO TRIAL ON TREASURE ISLAND”

NOTE: The Port Chicago Exhibit will be at the Treasure Island Museum until February 28.

In July 1944, a massive explosion at California's Port Chicago Naval Magazine killed 320 people, 202 of whom were black sailors ordered to load and unload explosives with inadequate equipment and no training. After the deadly explosion, fifty sailors refused to return to work and were charged with mutiny. They were tried and convicted on Treasure Island.

This program at the Treasure Island Museum will present the Port Chicago story, and panel experts will discuss how these historic events contributed to the birth of the Civil Rights movement as well as pivotal racial and equity issues still being discussed today.

Treasure Island Museum, 1 Avenue of the Palms (Building One), Treasure Island

More info Reservations: <https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1037121401>

FEBRUARY 9 (Saturday), 3 – 5 pm; No Fee (registration requested, space is limited)

“HAND-LETTERED HISTORY: AN EVENT FOR AGES 10-18”

Participants will learn hand-lettering techniques with pen, brush, and scratchboard; and how to transcribe words of justice into a unique framed artwork. To celebrate Black History Month, historic and contemporary African American quotes and poetry will be offered. Participants are invited to come with their own words in mind.

Alternate and adaptive lettering methods will be available.

Bayview Linda Brooks-Burton Branch Library, 5075 3rd Street, San Francisco 94124

More info / Register: 415-355-5757 OR email yuet.ly@sfpl.org OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hand-lettered-history-tickets-54053324950?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

FEBRUARY 9 (Saturday), 6 – 9 pm; \$35 +

“BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (BLSA) BLACK HISTORY MONTH GALA”

This annual Black History Month Gala brings the broader Stanford community together to celebrate the black (Afro) community; and to ensure that leaders from the BLSA become champions of racial justice.

This is *the* Stanford event that you may not want to miss. Formal/black tie optional.

McCaw Hall, Arrillaga Alumni Center, 326 Galvez Street, Stanford 94305

More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-law-students-association-black-history-month-gala-tickets-54664048641?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

FEBRUARY 9 + 10 (Saturday, 8 pm + Sunday, 7 pm); \$22

“YEMANJA ARTS FESTIVAL 2019”

BrasArte presents this unique two-night performing arts festival celebrating the spirit of Yemanjá (Iemanjá / Yemoja / Yemayá) the African-Yoruba deity that honors the essential, beautiful and sometimes-dangerous nature of water. Inspired by the original Yemanjá Festival celebrated in Bahia Brazil, the Yemanjá Arts Festival will bring together Bay Area and globally celebrated artists and dancers with traditional and modern art forms from the African Diaspora (Brazil, the Caribbean, and the U.S.). You may also enjoy Afro Brazilian food by Sabor da Bahia.

Saturday, February 9: Casa de Cultura, 1901 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley 94702

Sunday, February 10: Dance Mission, 3316 24th Street, San Francisco 94110

More info / Tickets: 510-528-1958 OR http://www.brasarte.com/store/c4/Yemanja_Arts_Festival_.html

FEBRUARY 10 (Sunday), 1 – 5 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

“BLACK FAMILY HISTORY DAY 2019”

The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC) and the Oakland Family Search Library offer you another opportunity to learn about Black History from your ancestor’s perspective. You will receive one-on-one assistance for FREE, so bring a family member to share the experience. Also bring a USB Flash Drive to take home discovered treasures that will make it possible for future generations to know where they came from. Make sure to register to reserve a spot for workshops, and one on one consultation featuring a four-generation ancestry chart.

Oakland Family Search Library, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland 94602

More info: 877-884-2843 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-family-history-day-2019-registration-55122771694?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

FEBRUARY 10 (Sunday), 7 - 9 pm (doors open 6 pm); \$18 + (less for members + youth + seniors)

“OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR (OIGC) 5TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION”

Under the direction of Emmy winner Terrance Kelly, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir (OIGC) brings together singers and instrumentalists who embody a community of diverse races, cultures, and faiths. This year’s special guest performers will be Jackie Tolbert and Dion Williams who share an uncontainable passion for music.

Their mission is to inspire joy and unity among all. You are invited to enjoy the spirit!

Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse, 2020 Addison Street, Berkeley 94704

More info / Tickets: 510-644-2020 OR

<http://www.oigc.org/events/2019/2/10/performance-oigc-5th-annual-black-history-month-celebration>

FEBRUARY 13 (Wednesday), 5:30 – 8 pm; \$35 / No fee for members

“THE CASE OF THE MISSING BLACK ASSOCIATES”

This unique program will address the distressingly high number of minority attorneys who exit law firms early in their careers. It will explore potential solutions, with a specific focus on the challenges and opportunities for increasing retention of Black associates. The program will include: research data and anecdotal information on the experience of Black associates; and hackathon-style break out groups exploring specific areas for improvement in how associates are developed, supported and advanced. The substantive program will be followed by a networking reception.

NOTE: this event is focused on lawyers but is a learning experience for all.

The Orrick Building, 405 Howard Street, San Francisco 94105

More info / Registration: 415-782-8990 OR <https://cmcp.org/event/bhm-2019/>

FEBRUARY 16 (Saturday), 8:30 am – 4:30 pm; \$ 55 +

“THE TIME IS NOW: PURPOSEFUL PRACTICE TO INFLUENCE AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH”

8TH ANNUAL FLORENCE STROUD BLACK HISTORY MONTH NURSING CONFERENCE SERIES

The Bay Area Black Nurses Association (BABNA) created the “Florence Stroud Black History Month Conference Series” in order to educate, entertain, and enlighten participants regarding current health and social inequality among people of African Heritage. Florence Stroud was a Nurse Trailblazer and Co-founder of the Bay Area Black Nurses Association. The unique conference will present relevant education on health disparities, and the current state of healthcare in the USA. Discussions will focus on the following topics: Human Trafficking, Workforce Action Coalition, Incivility, Health Provider Self Care, and the Black Nursing Student Experience. The program will include breakfast, lunch, an entertaining Black History program and the fun tradition of joining in the electric slide. This is a professional Nursing Conference, and licensed participants will receive 6 continuing education units for participating.

Holy Names University Valley Center for Performing Arts (VCPA)mp, 3500 Mountain Boulevard, Oakland 94602

More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bay-area-black-nurse-association-inc-presents-the-8th-annual-florence-stroud-black-history-month-tickets-52305474081>

FEBRUARY 16 (Saturday), 7 – 9 pm; Sliding scale Donation \$5 - \$25 / No one turned away

“BLACK FARMING FILM NIGHT: THIRD ANNUAL BLACK HANDS IN THE SOIL”

In honor of Black History Month and Black (Afro) farmers globally, join Pollinate Farm & Garden and Farms to Grow, Inc. for the Third Annual "Black Hands in the Soil", an evening of film about the legacy of Black farming in the United States and globally. The featured documentary will be “Forty Acres and A Mule”; followed by the short films: “Organic Farming”, “Preserving Our Legacy”, “Black Farmer In the UK”, and “Land Redistribution in South Africa”. Light refreshments will be served. Farms to Grow, Inc. is a community organization dedicated to working with Black (Afro) farmers and socially disadvantaged sustainable farmers around the country. Their theme is Grow It! Eat It! Love It!

Pollinate Farm & Garden, 2727 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland 94601

More info / Register: 510 379-8600 OR <https://www.verlocal.com/social/sf-oakland-black-farming>

FEBRUARY 17 (Sunday), 3 – 5 pm; \$25

“DESTINY MUHAMMAD'S 'STORYTIME' 2019”

Destiny Muhammad is known for her great jazz and captivating stories! Accompanying her on the harp will be: Leon Joyce, Jr. on Drums; Chico Lopez on Bass; Achebe Hoskins as Storyteller; and More!

Malonga Casquelourd Center Theater, 1428 Alice Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: 347-601-4277 OR https://www.eventbrite.com/e/storytime-tickets-52883481918?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete&fbclid=IwAR1CYdLbmSlZfqiijilVQlwd-VvKFwqUCiCYoBo6884QijBP_r3Da5nbq78

FEBRUARY 20 (Wednesday), 6 – 10 pm; \$10 +

“AN EVENING WITH MARVIN X : CELEBRATING ARTISTIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS”

As one of the movers and shakers of the Black Arts Movement (BAM), Marvin X has published 30 books, including essays, poems, plays, anthologies and his autobiography, “Somethin’ Proper”. His books include “How to Recover from the Addiction to White Supremacy”. He continues to work as an activist, educator, writer, and producer. This is one of the many month long events for Black History month by BAMFEST. Check the website below for all BAMFEST events.

Blue Dream Oakland, 1300 7th Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-marvin-x-celebrating-artistic-freedom-fighters-tickets-55048043179> NOTE: for other BAMFEST events: <http://www.bambdfest.com/Calendar.php>

FEBRUARY 20 (Wednesday), 7 – 10 pm; \$25 + (pay what makes you smile)

“POWER: BLACK JOY & RESISTANCE”

This event pairs fireside chats with Alicia Garza, Daphne Larose, Ericka Huggins, and Fredrika Newton with images from the newly published picture book “Black Joy & Resistance” presented by Adreinne Waheed. The program is participatory with audience members playing an active role in its progression. This event will be hosted by Matatu Festival and others. The Kenyan MATATU is a means of public transport and is often decorated with popular icons and sounds. The Matatu Festival replicates these vehicles as a mode of collective and publicly accessible transportation, rooted in local community and global diasporas, that shuttles audiences from one arthouse experience to the next.

Almost every ride is a shoulder to shoulder experience with avant-garde music, film, and conversation.

MATATU is a fiscally sponsored project of Intersection for the Arts.

Grand Lake Theatre, 3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 94610

More info / Tickets: <https://www.facebook.com/events/716379702079093/>

FEBRUARY 22 (Friday), 6 pm; \$ No Fee

“MACY’S CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

Join the host, Mission Bit CEO Stevon Cook, for an in-depth conversation with Qubilah Shabazz, cofounder of the Malcolm X Legacy clothing line and the human rights activist's second daughter; and Erik Moore, founder of angel investor firm Base Ventures. They will discuss how Black History has influenced their careers and business ventures.

Following the discussion, there will be an opportunity to meet the guests and enjoy music and refreshments.

Macy’s Union Square, 170 O’Farrell Street (Level 3, Men’s Building), San Francisco 94102

More info: 415-397-3333

FEBRUARY 22 (Friday), 7 – 10 pm; \$ No Fee (donations appreciated)

“I TOO SING AMERICA - A BLACK HISTORY EVENT ABOUT SLAVERY”

Bryant B. Bolling, M.A., performs his One Man Musical "I Too Sing America", to commemorate the 400 Year Anniversary of the arrival of African People to the shore of Colonial America. Mr. Bolling incorporates the use of Poetry, Spoken Word and the Negro Spirituals to tell the story of Joshua Turnbull who was born in Africa and captured as a teen and spent more than 30 years in forced labor on a Plantation in Maryland. A Slide presentation with over 70 images is used as a backdrop for Mr. Bolling's vocal presentation. All Are Welcome.

1720 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland, California 94602

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2215250765357647/>

FEBRUARY 22 (Friday), 8 - 11 pm; \$ 15 +

“MARDI GRAS WARM UP WITH HARRY BEST AND KOUDMEN”

Get a touch of Caribbean Carnival / Mardi Gras with some of the Bay Area’s top Caribbean musicians. The group will include guitarist Bernard George, drummer Clayton Hazel, keyboardist Dilly George, all hailing from Dominica. Joining them will be Harry Best of Saint Lucia and Andrew Charles of Barbados. Expect to be moved and delighted by the group’s renditions of infectious ‘Zouk’ music that is indigenous to the French Kweyol speaking islands such as Dominica, St. Lucia, Martinique, Haiti, Guadeloupe, St. Marten and Cayenne. The evening will open with a set from popular Trinidadian Calypsonian and entertainer Asheba, a Bay Area staple. Come dance and celebrate the Kweyol Karnaval!

Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5099 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2019/2/22/mardi-gras-warm-up-with-harry-best>

NOTE: check the Ashkenaz calendar for other events: <http://www.ashkenaz.com/events-calendar/>

FEBRUARY 23 (Saturday), 11 am; \$ 5 - \$23

“FAMILY MATINEE WITH THE CULTURAL HERITAGE CHOIR”

The award-winning Cultural Heritage Choir will trace the indelible folk music traditions of Odetta, Harry Belafonte, Lead Belly, and more as they celebrate the joy, wonder, and innocence of Afro childhood. An interactive Family Workshop follows this performance and is FREE to matinee ticket-holders. The workshop will be led by musician, educator and Orff music expert Doug Goodkin.

SFJAZZ Center, 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 866-920-5299 OR

<https://www.sfjazz.org/tickets/productions/family-matinee-w-linda-tillery--the-cultural-heritage-choir/>

FEBRUARY 23 (Saturday), 12 – 5 pm; No Fee (registration recommended)

“LET’S TALK: DECODING RACISM WITH EDUCATION, UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNICATION”

This year’s Black History program for Berkeley will focus on systematic racial inequality, with an open discussion to engage the community about the African American experience. The film “Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequality” by Shakti Butler, PHD, is an introduction to the dynamics of systemic racial inequity, and challenges America to talk about the causes and consequences of systemic inequity. The film works to disentangle internal beliefs, attitudes and pre-judgments within, and to build skills to address the structural drivers of social and economic inequities. Film commentary and discussion will be led by Dia Penning. The event is free and open to the public. The Berkeley Black History Month Program is sponsored by: City of Berkeley, Berkeley Juneteenth Cultural Celebrations, Councilmember Ben Bartlett, and Berkeley NAACP. Historical storyboards & entertainment: 12 – 2 pm. Film & Discussion: 2 – 5 pm.

Henry J Ramsey South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley 94703

More info / Register: <https://www.facebook.com/events/270721536957408/>

FEBRUARY 23 (Saturday), 1 – 3 pm; No Fee (RSVP recommended)

“AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILT GUILD OF OAKLAND'S ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION”

Celebrate African American History Month with the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland's Annual Demonstration and Workshop. Supplies will be provided so that you can make your own quilt. An event for all levels and ages.

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

More info: 510-238-7352 OR

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/african-american-quilt-guild-monthly-meeting-0>

FEBRUARY 23 (Saturday), 1 - 5 pm; \$ 60

“BLACK VINES 2018 A TOAST TO AFRO (BLACK) WINERIES AND DIVERSE ART”

This is “Black Vines” 8th Black History Month wine tasting event honoring the contributions of Afro (Black) Artists, Musicians and Business & Black Owned Wineries. Whether you are new to wine tasting, or a seasoned taster, this event is for you! Proceeds from this event will be donated to Oakland Youth Aspire, a Saturday Youth Program located at DeFremery Park. The ticket price Includes: Admission, Gourmet Hors D'oeuvres, Black Vines Keepsake Glass with open Tastings from featured wineries (in support of drinking responsibly). NOTE: the event is for ages 21+.

DeFremery Recreation Center Recreation Center Social Hall, 1651 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: <http://www.blackvines.net/> OR <https://ticketstripe.com/blackvines2019>

FEBRUARY 23 (Saturday), 2 – 4 pm; No Fee (RSVP requested)

“BLACK MIGRATIONS: WHAT’S YOUR STORY?”

You are invited to share your family history and stories during this open forum for the Black History Month Oral History Project. Oakland and the Bay Area have been a major relocation for movements from farms to cities; and from the South to the Northwest, Midwest and West. The resulting heritage is with us today!

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

More info / RSVP: 510-637-0199 OR

<http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/locations/african-american-museum-library-oakland>

FEBRUARY 23 (Saturday), 2 – 5 pm; No Fee

“PROJECT: POP-UP MARKET & MURAL CELEBRATION”

Join the unveiling of the "Authentically Oakland" Community Mural by local artist, Andre Jones, Director of Bay Area Mural Program (B.A.M.P) at Whole Foods Market during Black History Month. This visionary image represents the future of Oakland. At the event there will also be a curated selection of unique vendors and local makers; and special guest, Top Chef Alum Chef Tanya Holland, an award winning chef, author and restaurateur.

Whole Foods Market, 230 Bay Place, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-375-7705 OR <https://www.popuphood.com/popup-market.html>

FEBRUARY 23 (Saturday), 4 – 8 pm; No Fee (get your ticket before they finish!)

“EXPERIENCE SANKOFA - LIVING MUSEUM OF AFRICA TO OAKLAND PUBLIC”

The Experience Sankofa Project (ESP) is an innovative exhibit that combines installation art with history. The “living installations” use lights, sounds, smells, and actors/models that evoke visceral emotions as an ode to African peoples’ greatness, oppression, resistance, and aspiration. From the Olduvai Gorge to Timbuktu, The Transatlantic Slave trade to Black Wallstreet, The Harlem Renaissance to the Black Panthers, this exhibit brings history to life, highlighting Oakland's specific contributions. Join artists Kufue, Mama Mizan, Sean Irving aka DeeJay Rebellion, Senay Alkebulan, Niqueen and more as they create an epic experience for community healing, building and knowing. The event will end with a Community Ritual/Celebration from 6 – 10 pm with music, food and meaningful moments. The event is hosted by Spearitwux that was founded in 2004 to liberate the hearts and minds of our youth.

Youth UpRising, 8711 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland 94605

More info / Tickets: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2238855573042468/>

FEBRUARY 23 (Saturday), 7 pm; \$11 + (check special fees for UC Berkeley associates & others)

NOTE: event included with admission fee

“BLACK LIFE: AMBER MCZEAL”

Experience Afrofuturist mythos through story and song. Writer, vocalist, sacred scholar, and activist Amber McZeal utilizes sound therapy and guided somatic imagery to engage the knowledge of the body within an interactive and liberatory arts practice. Amber McZeal weaves together somatic practice with social justice and spirituality. Her approach centers imagination as foundational to movements to end oppression and create more humane social relationships. McZeal holds an MA degree in psychology and is a doctoral candidate at Pacifica Graduate Institute.

BAMPFA, 2155 Center Street, Berkeley 94704

More info / Tickets: 510-642-0808 OR <https://bampfa.org/event/black-life-amber-mczeal>

FEBRUARY 23 + 24 (Saturday, 11 am – 6 pm / Sunday, 12 – 5 pm); No Fee

“31st ANNUAL SACRAMENTO BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXPO 2019”

You may again enjoy all the fun, the excitement and the experience of this Black Expo. Each Black History Month the Expo brings new opportunities along with loads of fun to celebrate the history and prepare for a greater future. The two day extravaganza will include: concerts, live music stages, fashion shows, soul food comedy night, Soulful Saturday, Gospel Sunday AND MORE! There will also be: information booths for healthcare and jobs; Saving Our Children Summit: the Education Fair; and the world famous Black Expo Shopping Center with over 200 Exhibitors. The Expo will also include: Tributes to Afro (Black) History Makers, The History of Afro (Black) Labor, AND MORE !

Cal Expo Exhibit Halls, 1600 Exposition Boulevard, SACRAMENTO 95815

More info / Tickets: 916-477-0157 OR https://www.meetup.com/Sac_Social/events/257164847/

FEBRUARY 24 (Sunday), 12:30 pm; No Fee (RSVP to participate)

“BLACK JOY PARADE”

The parade is a hyper-positive, family-friendly turn up that celebrates the Black / Afro experience and our community's contribution to cultures past, present and future. You are invited to come, be present, be creative, be open and be free!

Celebrations will be in the four blocks between the beginning and ending of the parade, and the corner of 22nd Street and Webster Street. There will be two stages and other activities, including awards after the parade.

Check website below to be in the parade, become a performer, vendor or volunteer. Crown Your Joy!

Parade begins at the corner of 14th Street and Harrison Street, Oakland

Parade will finish at the corner of Broadway and 20th Street, Oakland

More info / RSVP:

<https://www.blackjoyparade.org/?fbclid=IwAR3SPP46pjszLS5137vIkXnP1vLMzxDjxuymsgJN2I71bjlZA86YVvsBimk>

FEBRUARY 24 (Sunday), 6 – 10 pm; \$10

“CELEBRATING MS. RHONDA BENIN'S JAZZY BIRTHDAY”

San Francisco Bay Area vocalist, Rhonda Benin has earned a reputation for not just a good voice but showmanship, magnetic stage personality, humor, and of course her great dancing. Rhonda's impressive resume includes performances at SF Jazz, Yoshi's and MOAD; as well as The Healdsburg, Sonoma, Burlingame, Sausalito, Filmore, and Calistoga Jazz Festivals. In the summer of 2012 Rhonda traveled to Hangzhou, China for a 3 month engagement at the JZ Jazz Club and was the 2014 USA headliner for The Kigali Up Music Festival in Kigali, Rwanda. In addition to singing, Rhonda is the producer and founder of the annual Women's History Month show “Just Like A Woman” (a tribute to Bay Area Women In Music). Join the world-renowned blues & soul vocalist for this birthday bash!

Geoffrey's Inner Circle, 410 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: 510-839-4644 OR

<http://geoffreylive.com/upcoming/sunday-jazz-geoffreys-celebrating-ms-rhonda-benins-jazzy-birthday/>

FEBRUARY 24 (Sunday), 8 pm; \$25 +

“HABIB KOITÉ & BASSEKOU KOUYATÉ”

The two greatest figures in Malian string music come together for this collaboration, in its North American premiere. Guitarist and singer, Koité Habib Koité is heralded as “The biggest pop star of the West African nation of Mali”. He has headlined festivals around the world with his Afropop; and has released eight chart-topping albums. A pioneering instrumentalist, Koité has adapted the tuning and playing style of the Malian lute to the Western acoustic guitar.

SFJAZZ Center, 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 866-920-5299 OR <https://www.sfjazz.org/tickets/productions/habib-bassekou/>

FEBRUARY 25 – 28 (Monday - Thursday), 4 – 6 pm; No Fee (RSVP recommended)

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH FILM SERIES”

Join the San Pablo Library in celebrating Black History Month with this special Film Series.

THE 4 – 6 PM SCREENINGS:

MONDAY: “Loving” documenting the U.S. Black Power Movement. 1h 40m

TUESDAY: “Fruitvale Station - The story of Oscar Grant III”. Rated R, 1h 25m

WEDNESDAY: “Whose Streets? - Whose Streets?” (the killing of 18-year-old Mike Brown) Rated R. 1h 30m.

THURSDAY: “Black Power Mixtape” documenting the U.S. Black Power Movement. Not Rated. 1h 40m.

San Pablo Library - Contra Costa County Library, 13751 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo 94806

More info: 510-374-3998 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-history-month-film-series-tickets-55451466830?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

FEBRUARY 27 (Wednesday), 5:30 – 7:10 pm + 7:20 - 9 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

5:30 - 7:10 pm: “THE RAINBOW IS ENUF: TRIBUTE TO NTOZAKE SHANGE”

Join Ayodele Nzinga, Roberto Bedoya, and other panelists for this discussion about playwright Ntozake Shange, best known for her Obie Award-winning play, “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide / When the Rainbow Is Enuf”.

More info / Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-rainbow-is-enuf-tribute-to-ntozake-shange-tickets-55048948888>

7:20 – 8:30 pm: “THE LEGACY: BLACK ARTS, BLACK PANTHERS, AND HIP HOP”

Learn how the Black Power Movement legacy continues to be a driving force behind artists today.

Confirmed panelists include Unity Lewis, Saturu Ned, and Adisa Banjoko.

More info / Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-legacy-black-arts-black-panthers-and-hip-hop-tickets-55051125398?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>

VENUE FOR BOTH EVENTS:

Oakstop, 1721 Broadway #201, Oakland 94612

FEBRUARY 28 (Thursday), 6:30 – 9 pm + 7:20 - 9 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

“A CONVERSATION ON BLACKNESS”

This conversation will be about the following situations on Blackness: “Being Black in the Bay”; “What is Blackness”; “Blackness & Love”; “Blackness in Media”; and “Black History Month”. RSVP, since this event will be heavily publicized.

Koret Auditorium (inside San Francisco Public Library), 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Register / RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-conversation-on-blackness-tickets-54473525782?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

ONGOING BAY AREA EVENTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for February 2019

"TAKE ROOT: OAKLAND GROWS FOOD"

NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER, 2019 (check for exhibit days/times + fees)

An exhibition exploring the ecological and cultural factors of how and why food is grown in Oakland. Enjoy this hands-on exhibition with the entire family and: hear personal stories from farmers and growers within the community; see compelling illustrations and maps; and meet the diverse flavors of Oakland! Learn what motivations Oaklanders have for growing food (including access to healthy and delicious ingredients); environmental and social justice values; or simply the joy of tending a garden. Visitors are invited to: share personal stories, explore interactive activities, and gain a deeper understanding of Oakland's agriculture.

Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-318-8400 OR <http://museumca.org/exhibit/take-root-oakland-grows-food>

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

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. 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/all>

NOTE: Check additional centers at the International Capoeira Angola Foundation (Oakland), 510-545-2022

“MINDFUL DRUMMING MEDITATION”

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

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

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

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

“COLOR THEORY - RACIAL HEALING CIRCLE”

Racism is defined as a life threatening disease. Come to engage in deep dialogue and explore personal beliefs, fears, and attitudes about race in a safe and non-judgmental environment. This is a monthly dialogue for community building.

The Racial Healing Circle is 28 years old and is an offering to the local and global community.

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

More info / RSVP: 510-652-5530 OR <http://www.ahc-oakland.org/events/2018/1/31/racial-healing-circle>

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES & THE OAKLAND MUSEUM

ALL BRANCHES & MAIN LIBRARY: <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>

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

510-637-0200 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/locations/african-american-museum-library-oakland>

Martin Luther King Jr. Branch, 6833 International Boulevard, Oakland 94621

English As A Second Language Conversation Club, :

510-615-5728 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/locations/martin-luther-king-jr-branch>

Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland 94612

Storytime & Bike Library Fridays;

510-318-8400 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/oakland-museum-california>

West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

510-238-7352 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/locations/west-oakland-branch>

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 Nenel), the son of Mestre Bimba, the creator of Capoeira Regional, and one of the most influential masters of Capoeira. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines music, dance, acrobatics, and self-defense. Music and song accompanied by percussion is an inherent part of Capoeira, and an integral part of what is taught at Filhos de Bimba Bay Area. The school preserves the cultural legacy of Africa, with its effective method of teaching, character building, and rituals.

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

RAFIKI COALITION: BUILDING A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY SINCE 1986

Rafiki Coalition's mission is to eliminate inequalities in San Francisco's Black and marginalized communities through education, advocacy, and by providing health and wellness services including, but not limited to, health education, movement classes, health screenings, advocacy, transitional housing and case management services for people living with HIV/AIDS, trauma resiliency and mental health circles, and other health-promoting activities. Although based in San Francisco, the Bay Area attends and benefits from the activities. Check their monthly calendar of events.

More info: <http://rafikicoalition.org/> OR 415-615-9945

SPECIAL FREE VIDEOS / FILMS & RADIO / TV SHOWS TO WATCH ONLINE

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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. REPARATIONS NOW, 27TH AUGUST, 2018
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pMxDArg3RA&feature=youtu.be>
A discussion on Reparations involving: Eddy Grant, International Musician and Businessman; Commodore Gary Best; Eric Phillips, Chairman of the Guyana Reparations Committee; and Johnatan Adams, Vice Chairman of the Guyana Reparations Committee
3. The Ringshout & the Birth of African-American Religion (watch on YouTube)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmmTMg3e5Uo>
4. "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>
5. McIntosh County Shouters: Gullah-Geechee Ring Shout from Georgia (performance)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxPU5517u8c>
6. Roots 2016 Series Previously Shown on the History Channel
<http://roots.history.com/episodes>
7. Film: "Untold Legacy" by Dr. Leslie Brown (watch online or download)
<http://mandamushow.top/downloads/download-free-untold-legacy-2006-leslie-k-brown.html>
8. "Afropop Caribbean Films" (watch now until further notice!)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop-caribbean-shorts/>
9. "Afropop Season 9": new films to watch and appreciate (You may also link to films for Seasons 1 – 8)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop/#season9>
10. OUR STORY DOCUSERIES E2 || Youth Voices (EPISODE #2) from the Oakland Organizing Project
1035 W Grand Ave Oakland, CA 94607 (510) 891-1219 / info@blackorganizingproject.org
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1wg-KlrMOs>
<http://blackorganizingproject.org/>
11. The 2018 Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture, in partnership with the Motsepe Foundation. A special celebration and events for Mandela's 100th birthday. Includes speech by former U.S. President Barack Obama.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvqiqDKlqDc>
12. Wanda's Picks Radio Show
<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/wandas-picks/2019/01/16/wandas-picks-radio-show>

PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

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NOTE: For 2019 worldwide carnivals and pre-carnivals are scheduled in many nations on March 4th (Carnival Monday) and March 5th (Carnival Tuesday); however Carnival activities may begin 2 months ahead of these dates. Some of the nations with formal carnival holidays around this time are: Angola, Aruba, Bonaire/St. Eustatius/Saba, Brazil, Cape Verde, Curacao, Dominica, Guyane (French Guiana), Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Martinique, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin and Trinidad & Tobago. You can do a Google search with the name for any nation and include carnival 2019 for details (example: "Aruba carnival 2019").

FEBRUARY 1: "Abolition of Slavery" in Mauritius; and "National Heroes' Day" in Rwanda. FEBRUARY 3: "Heroes' Day" in Mozambique; and "Martyrs' Day" in Sao Tome and Principe. FEBRUARY 4: "Liberation Day" in Angola (in memory of the Baixa de Cassanje revolt). FEBRUARY 5: "Unity Day" in Burundi. FEBRUARY 7: "Independence Day" in Grenada. FEBRUARY 11: "Youth Day" in Cameroon; and "Armed Forces Day" in Liberia. FEBRUARY 16: "Archbishop JananiLuwum Memorial Day" in Uganda; FEBRUARY 17: "Revolution Day" in Libya; FEBRUARY 18: "Independence Day" in The Gambia. FEBRUARY 21: "Robert Gabriel Mugabe National Youth Day" in Zimbabwe. FEBRUARY 22: "Independence Day" in Saint Lucia. FEBRUARY 23: "Republic Day" in Guyana. FEBRUARY 25: "Day of Liberation and Innovation" in Suriname. FEBRUARY 27: "Independence Day" in The Dominican Republic.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR FEBRUARY

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More info is available on these two websites: <http://www.blackfacts.com> and <http://www.yenoba.com/>

- FEBRUARY 1: 1865 – John S. Rock became the first Afro-Descendent attorney to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 1870 - Jonathan Jasper Wright became the first Afro-Descendent judge elected to the South Carolina Supreme Court.
- 1902 – Langston Hughes, social activist, play writer, novelist (and more), was born in Joplin Missouri.
- 1926 - Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," initiated the first celebration of "Negro History Week". In 1976 it was expanded to "Black History (African Heritage) Month."
- 1960 - Three African American students from North Carolina A&T staged a sit-in against segregation at the Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro. They were honored on a U.S. Postage Stamp. The sit-in also led to the formation of SNCC (Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee).
- 1978 - Harriet Tubman, abolitionist and engineer of the Underground Railroad, was honored on the first of the U.S. Black History Month stamps series.
- 1982 - The Gambia and Senegal united as Senegambia. The union was dissolved in 1989.
- 1990 - Ida B. Wells-Barnett, reformer who gathered the first statistical records on lynchings in the United States, was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.

- FEBRUARY 2:** 1866 - Samuel R. Lowery was the first Afro-Descendent lawyer to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 1915 - Ernest E. Just, Biologist and Professor at Howard University Medical School, received the NAACP's Spingarn Medal for his pioneering work in fertilization.
- 1988 - James Weldon Johnson, the first Field Secretary of the NAACP / co-composer of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (Black National Anthem), was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
- 1990 - The 30 year ban on the African National Congress (ANC) was lifted in South Africa. The ANC elected Nelson Mandela as President of South Africa in 1994; and has been the dominant party up to this date. The ANC was founded in 1912.
- 2009 - Eric Holder was sworn in as the first Afro-Descendent Attorney General under the Obama Presidency.
- FEBRUARY 3:** 1870 - The 15th Amendment, giving Afro-Descendents the right to vote, was ratified.
- 1956 - Autherine Juanita Lucy became the first Afro-Descendent student at the University of Alabama.
- 1961 - Angolan independence struggle against Portugal began with an attack on a Lusaka prison.
- 1964 - Boycott of New York City schools in order to protest segregated education.
- 1969 - Eduardo Mondlane, leader of FRELIMO (Mozambique Liberation Front) was assassinated.
- FEBRUARY 4:** 1913 - Rosa Parks (initiator of the Montgomery Bus Boycott) was born in Tuskegee Alabama.
- 1969 - Angola's MPLA (People's Movement for Liberation Labour Party / Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola - Partido do Trabalho) launched its armed struggle.
- 1920 - Andrew "Rube" Foster organized the Negro National League for baseball.
- 1959 - Congolese Nationalist Party (MNC), led by Patrice Lumumba, ousted Belgian colonialism.
- 1964 - 24th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ended imposition of the poll tax as a voting requirement in Federal Elections.
- 1986 - Sojourner Truth, abolitionist and women's rights advocate was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
- FEBRUARY 5:** 1884 - W. Johnson, inventor, patented the Egg Beater (U.S. Patent # 292,821).
- 1934 - Henry "Hank" Aaron, baseball legend, was born in Mobile, Alabama. He played for the Milwaukee Braves over a 20-year span, and hit a record 755 homeruns in one season.
- 1958 - Clifton Reginald Wharton, Sr. became the first Afro-Descendent person to head a U.S. embassy in Europe. He was confirmed as Ambassador to Rumania (Romania).
- 1967 - President Nyerere of Tanzania made the Arusha Declaration on African socialism.
- FEBRUARY 6:** 1820 - The Mayflower of Liberia, the ship used for the first organized emigration of Africans back to Africa, left New York for Sierra Leone with 86 Africans / African Descendents.
- 1945 - Bob Marley, the "King of Reggae Music," was born in Saint Ann's, Jamaica.
- 1969 - Anguilla declared its independence from St. Kitts following a referendum.
- FEBRUARY 7:** 1791 - Benjamin Banneker (inventor, surveyor, mathematician, and astronomer), made significant contributions to the layout of Washington, D.C.
- 1926 - "Negro History Week", initiated by Carter G. Woodson, was observed for the first time.
- 1974 - The nation of Grenada became independent from Great Britain.
- 1986 - Cheikh Anta Diop, Egyptologist and author of "Civilization or Barbarism" and the "General History of Africa", made his passage to the next life. Diop proved Egyptians were black and their culture predated and directly influenced Greek and Roman culture.

- FEBRUARY 8:** 1925 - Marcus Garvey was placed in the Atlanta federal prison. The Supreme Court refused to review his mail fraud conviction. Garvey was a “Black Nationalist”, Pan Africanist, and founder of the “United Negro Improvement Association” (UNIA) and the "Back to Africa" movement.
- 1968 - Three South Carolina State students were murdered by police during segregation protests in Orangeburg, South Carolina. It became known as “The Orangeburg Massacre”.
- 1986 - Debi Thomas, became the first Afro-Descendent person to win the Senior U.S. Singles Figure Skating Championship.
- FEBRUARY 9:** 1961 - Patrice Lumumba, Congolese Prime Minister, was murdered (assassinated?).
- 1971 - Leroy "Satchel" Paige was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- 1995 - Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. became the first Afro-Descendent astronaut to take a spacewalk.
- FEBRUARY 10:** 1780 – Captain Paul Cuffee and others petitioned the Massachusetts Legislature for the right to vote.
- 1989 - Ronald (Ron) H. Brown was elected Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Brown was the first Afro-Descendent person to head a major political party.
- 2008 - Barack Obama won his 2nd Grammy for the Best Spoken Word Album (Audacity of Hope).
- FEBRUARY 11:** 1990 – Nelson Mandela was released after 27 years as a political prisoner in South Africa.
- 2008 – Morgan Tsvangirai was sworn in as Prime Minister of Zimbabwe following a power-sharing deal with President Robert Mugabe.
- FEBRUARY 12:** 1793 - The “Fugitive Slave Law” was enacted by the U.S. Congress. It became an offence to harbor a fugitive slave.
- 1865 - Henry Highland Garnet, first Afro-Descendent to speak in the Capitol, delivered a memorial sermon on the abolition of slavery. Garnet served as a pastor in Jamaica (1853-56) but returned to the United States during the Civil War and demanded that Abraham Lincoln permit the enlistment of Afro-Descendent soldiers. In 1881 Garnet was appointed minister to Liberia, and he died two months later on 13th February, 1882.
- 1900 - “Lift Every Voice and Sing”, now known as the “National Anthem” for African Americans, was first performed by 500 children. The song was composed by James Weldon Johnson.
- 1909 – The NAACP was founded by W.E.B. DuBois, Ida B. Wells and others. The group originally fought to abolish forced segregation and to enforce the 14th and 15th Amendments.
- 1962 - Beginning of the boycott of segregated buses in Macon, Georgia.
- FEBRUARY 13:** 1923 - The Renaissance, the first Black pro basketball team, was organized.
- 1970 - Joseph Searles became the first Afro-Descendent member of the New York Stock Exchange.
- 1973 - Gertrude E. Downing and William Desjardin patented the Corner Cleaner Attachment (U.S. Patent No. 3,715,772).
- 1991 - The Opposition National Democratic Party was formed in Kenya by Oginga Odinga.
- FEBRUARY 14:** 1817 – Frederick Douglass, “The Great Emancipator” was born as an enslaved person in Tuckahoe Maryland. A U.S. postage stamp was issued on his birthday 150 years later in 1967.
- 1867 – Morehouse College was founded in Augusta Georgia (it was later moved to Atlanta).
- 1879 - Blanche Kelso Bruce became the first Afro-Descendent (mixed heritage) to preside over the U.S. Senate.
- 1920 - Mammie Smith became the first Afro-Descendent to make a record. She recorded “You Can’t Keep a Good Man Down” and “This Thing Called Love”.
- 1936 - The National Negro Congress was formed with 817 delegates from over 500 organizations.
- 1957 - The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was formed with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as its President.

- FEBRUARY 15:** 1851 - African anti-slavery activists stormed a Boston court and liberated enslaved Africans.
 1897 - Dr. George Washington Carver, the “peanut scientist”, established a Branch Agricultural Experiment Station and Agricultural School at Tuskegee Normal School.
 1957 - The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was organized.
 1961 – U.S. activists and African nationalists disrupted UN sessions to protest the slaying of Patrice Lumumba.
 1965 - The home of Malcolm X was bombed on this date - just days before his assassination.
- FEBRUARY 16:** 1826 - “The Liberia Herald” was the first newspaper published in Africa.
 1874 - Frederick Douglass was appointed President of the Freedman’s Bank & Trust Company.
 1898 - R. Hearness, inventor, patented the Sealing Attachment for Bottles (Patent # 598,929).
 1970 - Joe Frazier became the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion after knocking out Jimmy Ellis.
 1972 - Wilt Chamberlain became the first NBA player to score 30,000 points (in 941 games).
 1996 - South Africa Supreme Court ordered admission of Afro-Descendent students to Potgietersrus Primary Scholl in a landmark post-apartheid ruling.
- FEBRUARY 18:** 1688 – The Quakers of Pennsylvania adopted the first formal anti-slavery resolution.
 1965 - The Gambia became independent, with David K. Jawara as its Prime Minister. It had been the last British colony in West Africa.
- FEBRUARY 19:** 1919 – W.E.B. DuBois organized the second Pan African Congress in Paris. 57 representatives met, 14 from Africa and 16 from U.S.A. The first conference was held in 1900.
- FEBRUARY 20:** 1885 - The town of Princeville, North Carolina was incorporated by Afro-Descendents and is the oldest in the U.S.
 1895 - Frederick Douglass, an Afro-Descendent speaker and organizer made his passage from this life.
 1900 - JF Pickering patented his airship (Patent # US643975).
 1987 - Jean Baptist Pointe Du Sable, the Afro-Descendent founder of Chicago, Illinois, was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
 1993 - The First Afro-Descendent members of the South African cabinet were appointed.
- FEBRUARY 21:** 1965 - Omowale Malcolm X / El-Hajj Malik el-Shabazz was assassinated in New York City.
 1993 - Abou Diouf was re-elected as President of Senegal.
- FEBRUARY 22:** 1832 - The Female Antislavery Society of Salem was formed with Mary A. Battys as its first president.
 1962 – Wilt Chamberlain set a new NBA record with 34 attempted free throws.
- FEBRUARY 23:** 1868 - W.E.B. DuBois was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.
 1870 - Hiram Revels took his seat as the first Afro-Descendent U.S. Senator.
 1890 - Africans in Dahomey (present nation of Benin) defeated the French at Cottonou.
 1965 - Black Muslim headquarters in New York and San Francisco were burnt down.
 1965 - Constance Baker Motley was elected President of the Manhattan Borough. The highest elected office held by a black woman in a major U.S. city at this time.
- FEBRUARY 24:** 1966 – Kwame Nkrumah was overthrown by imperialists while he was in Beijing on a mission to end the Vietnam war.
 1992 - Edward Perkins, the first Afro-Descendent Ambassador to South Africa (1986), was nominated as UN Ambassador.
 1999 - Lauryn Hill, hip-hop and R&B diva, won five Grammy Awards, the most ever by a woman.
- FEBRUARY 25:** 1870 - Hiram Rhodes Revels, of Mississippi, was sworn in as the first Afro-Descendent U.S. Senator.
 1975 - Elijah Muhammed, leader of the Nation of Islam, made his passage to the next life.
 1996 - President Teodoro Obiang Nguema of Equatorial Guinea was re-elected.

- FEBRUARY 26:** 1870 - Wyatt Outlaw, leader of the Union League in Alamance County, North Carolina, was lynched.
- 1926 – Theodore Flowers (aka “Tiger” and “The Georgia Deacon”) became the first Afro-Descendent person to win the world middleweight championship.
- 1965 - Jimmie Lee Jackson, civil rights activist, died of injuries inflicted by police officers in Marion, Alabama. Jackson was shot while defending his mother while leaving a voting-rights meeting.
- 1974 - The Government of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia resigned following capture of Asmara.
- FEBRUARY 27:** 1872 – Charlotte Ray became the first Afro-Descendent female lawyer after graduating from Howard University’s Law School.
- 1883 - W. B. Purvis, inventor, patented the Hand Stamp (Patent # 273,149).
- 1978 – Death of Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, South African political dissident and Founder of the Pan Africanist Congress to oppose the apartheid regime.
- 1988 - Debi Thomas, figure skater, became the first Afro-Descendent American to win a medal (Bronze) at the Winter Olympics.
- FEBRUARY 28:** 1948 – Sargent Cornelius Adjetey became the first martyr for Ghana’s independence.
- 1975 - The Lome Convention for economic co-operation between African states and the European Community was signed in Togo.

SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

REGIONAL & GLOBAL CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH AUGUST 2019:

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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/>

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

(Events Supported by the United Nations)

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

UNTIL FEBRUARY 3, 2019

"30th ANNUAL ZORA NEAL HURSTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS & HUMANITIES"

First presented in 1990, the Festival is a multi-disciplinary, intergenerational event composed of public talks and conference, museum exhibitions, theatrical productions, arts education programming, and a 3-day Outdoor Festival of the Arts. The event takes place primarily in Eatonville, Florida (10 miles north of Orlando) and throughout Orange County. The Festival's main goals are: to celebrate the life and work of Zora Neale Hurston; and to celebrate the cultural contributions which people of African ancestry have made to the United States and to world culture. Zora Neale Hurston™ (1891-1960) is the dominant female voice of the Harlem Renaissance era. In her works, she celebrates her hometown, Eatonville, as representative of the dignity and beauty of rural Southern, African-American life and culture.

More info / Tickets: 407-647-3188 OR <https://zorafestival.org/>

FEBRUARY 1 - 6, 2019

"JOIN ELDER MALIDOMA IN JAMAICA!" / \$1,900 US Dollars

This retreat in Negril Jamaica will be facilitated by Malidoma Some, a globally heralded Elder / Professor / Author / Healer, who is from Burkina Faso in West Africa. During this retreat you will learn ways to honor and reconnect with your Ancestors and much more. The fee for the retreat includes: the workshop, accommodations, breakfast, dinner, yoga, airport transfer and 2 spa treatments. Private Divinations are available with Elder Maldoma for \$350 US Dollars.

More info / Reservations: 646-228-7878 OR

<http://malidoma.com/main/events/event/ritual-workshop-at-jackies-on-the-reef/>

Check the website for other tours and events: http://malidoma.com/main/events_list/

FEBRUARY 1 - 28, 2019

"23RD GULLAH CELEBRATION"

The "Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration" is an African American history and culture festival hosted annually in South Carolina. The Celebration showcases the rich cultural heritage of the Gullah people and their history on Hilton Head Island. The Celebration programming includes a variety of events designed to attract global travelers; and has been recognized by the Southeast Tourism Society as one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast.

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29925

More info / Reservations: 843-255-7303 OR <http://gullahcelebration.com/>

FEBRUARY 27– OCTOBER 20, 2019

“UNTIL STRIKING IRON: THE ART OF AFRICAN BLACKSMITHS”

“Striking Iron: The Art of African Blacksmiths” reveals the history of invention and technical sophistication that led African blacksmiths to transform one of Earth’s most basic natural resources into objects of life-changing utility, empowerment, prestige, spiritual potency, and astonishing artistry. The exhibition includes over 225 artworks from across the African continent focusing on the region south of the Sahara.

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

More info: 202-633-4600 OR <https://africa.si.edu/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions/>

MARCH 27 – 31, 2019

“NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS 45th ANNUAL CONVENTION”

The Annual Convention showcases Afro students and professionals who have a passion for STEM; who are high achievers in these fields; and who are channeling their dedication to advance their communities and society at large. #NSBE45 will attract more than 10,000 aspiring and practicing engineers, educators, all aged students, representatives of academic institutions, government agencies, corporations and nonprofit organizations. The convention will feature high-profile speakers, panel discussions, dynamic workshops for all ages, networking sessions, community engagement events, technical and scientific competitions, hands-on engineering and science activities and the premier career fair (including scholarship info) geared toward African Americans in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

More info: 703-549-2207 OR <http://convention.nsbe.org/>

MARCH 27 – APRIL 1, 2019 (extensions available); \$2199 +

“EXPERIENCE SOUTH AFRICA #3”

You are invited to “Experience South Africa” with I Love Being Black & Traveling Black. You will experience the Cape Town International Jazz Festival featuring headliners such as Chaka Khan and many others; and you will visit Johannesburg, Table Mountain and other historical sites. Check the website below for the day-to-day itinerary. The tour price includes: Cape Town Jazz Festival Tickets; Guided Shopping Tour; Hotel Accommodations; Ground Transportation (including airport transfers); Roundtrip Flight Between Johannesburg & Cape Town; Professional Photographer; 2 Meals Per Day; Entrance Fees; 1 VIP Nightlife Outing; and a Fresh Traveling Black Swag Bag! After you register you will be assisted in booking the best flight from your home city to Johannesburg.

More info / Register: <https://traveling.black/tours/experience-south-africa-3/>

APRIL 10 - 14, 2019

“RITUAL HEALING VILLAGE: A RETURN TO THE MEDICINE OF OUR ANCESTORS”

This is a special 5-Day Ritual Intensive for the Brothers and Sisters of the African Diaspora. This program will be held at Brittany’s Mountain Retreat in the ancient blue-ridge mountains located 12 miles northwest of Asheville, North Carolina.

To receive additional information about this powerful upcoming experience with Elder Malidoma Somé:

Email info@Malidoma.com OR call 407-574-5350 OR <http://malidoma.com/main/events/event/ritual-healing-village-a-return-to-the-medicine-of-our-ancestors-for-the-brothers-sisters-of-the-diaspora-asheville-nc/>

JUNE 17 – 18, 2019

“9TH NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA”

Conference Theme: Rise, Advocate, Educate and Cooperate: Political Participation and Silver Rights

In 2019, the Ninth Annual Civil Rights Conference will expand the conference portfolio by (1) providing conferees with pre-conference activities in Meridian, MS; (2) providing conferees with the opportunity to participate in the 55th Anniversary Commemorative Service for James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner in Philadelphia, MS; and (3) taking advantage of cultural and educational opportunities in Birmingham, AL. Registration for the Conference will begin in March 2019. Full conference registration includes admission to all sessions, exhibit hall access, and lunch.

The deadline for submission of paper, panel and artistic production proposals is April 1, 2019.

More info / Register: <https://civilrightsconference.com/>

JULY 19 – 28, 2019

UPCOMING TOUR: “BRAZIL ROOTS & CULTURE TOUR”:

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS

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.

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

Check website for details on future tours; videos of previous tours; and special events

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

AUGUST 5 – 14, 2019

“HISTORIC TOUR OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA”

A special tour for the 2019: Year of Return for African Diaspora

In Washington, D.C., in September 2018, Ghana’s President Nana Akufo-Addo declared and formally launched the “Year of Return, Ghana 2019” for Africans in the Diaspora, giving fresh impetus to the quest to unite Africans on the continent with their brothers and sisters in the diaspora. In August 2019, exactly 400 years after the arrival of the first recorded landing of a slave ship in Virginia, descendants of former enslaved Africans will make a triumphant return to the land of our ancestry. This tour by Palace Travel will be in Ghana: the land of Kwame Nkrumah-the father of Ghana’s independence and a co-founder of the Organization of African Unity; and the country where the great pan-Africanist Dr. W. E. B. DuBois spent his final years. Ghana is also the land where Ashanti Kings still hold court and mediate disputes in time-honored traditions passed down through generations; and the land that has preserved more slave dungeons used in the transatlantic slave trade than any other country on the continent. Ghana was the first sub-Saharan African country to gain its independence from Europeans, and is today a thriving democracy, yet its traditions, customs and culture are almost undiluted. Tour participants / Returnees will be welcomed by the government and people of Ghana, and will RETURN through the infamous “door of no return” at Cape Coast Slave Dungeon.

More info / Tour Registration: 1-800-683-7731 OR info@palacetravel.com

<https://www.palacetravel.com/african-tours/return-african-diaspora-ghana/>

Additional information for 2019: Year of Return for African Diaspora

<https://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/december-2018-march-2019/2019-year-return-african-diaspora>

<https://www.ebony.com/life/travel/ebony-travels-to-ghana-to-mark-400-years-since-the-middle-passage/>

ONGOING PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

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

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"NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE"

Anytime is a 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/>

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.

FOR MORE INFO AND 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's are MVP's)"; 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/>

“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

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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. **DELLUMS INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE:** to apply and adapt strategies used in past social justice movements to today's greatest challenges to global peace and justice.
<https://dellumsinstitute.org/>
19. **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/>

20. **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/>
21. **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/>
22. **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/>
23. **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/>
24. **HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA:** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
25. **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/>
26. **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/>
27. **JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC):** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.jaanc.org/>
28. **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/>
29. **OAKLAND PUBLIC CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC (OPC):** community music classes with Afro energy for all ages.
<https://www.opcmusic.org/>
30. **ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY:** organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
31. **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>
32. **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/>

33. 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>
34. 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
35. 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>
36. QILOMBO: a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.
<http://qilombo.org/>
37. 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/>
38. 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
39. 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
40. 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/>
41. WANDA’S PICKS: check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
42. YOUTH SPEAKS: founded in 1996 in San Francisco, and champions a local, national, and increasingly global movement of young people picking up pens and stepping proudly onto stages, declaring themselves present.
<http://youthspeaks.org/#>

REGIONAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

43. ALL AFRICA: online news for all of Africa.
<http://allafrica.com/>
44. ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP): a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>

45. AFRICA GREAT LAKES NETWORKING FOUNDATION (AGL): a Canadian Non-profit Organization that provides support, 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/>
46. 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/>
47. 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
48. 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/>
49. 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/>
50. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
51. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET: provided by Stanford University.
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
52. AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>
53. 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>
54. AFRICAN VIEWS / E NEWS SELECTION
<https://www.africanviews.org/news>
55. 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)
56. 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/>

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

70. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>
71. **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/>
72. **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/>
73. **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/>
74. **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/>
75. **CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):**
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
76. **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>
77. **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
78. **DR. CHIKE AKUA:** Professor, historian and award winning educator. Book Dr. Chike Akua to speak at your school, college, university or conference! Email info@DrAkua.net or call (770)309-6664
www.DrAkua.net
79. **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/>
80. **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS:** includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
81. **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/>

82. **COLORED CONVENTIONS:** info for conventions of African Descendents from 1830, organized by educators. Includes links, videos and other important info.
<http://coloredconventions.org/conventions>
83. **FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS:** an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
84. **FAWOHODIE SUA:** Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>
85. **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>
86. **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/>
87. **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/>
88. **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/>
89. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today’s community issues.
<http://mxgm.org/>
90. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maat institute-aboutus.html>
91. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
92. **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/>
93. **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/>
94. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>

95. **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/>
96. **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>
97. **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>
98. **REGGAE WELLNESS:** Connecting Natural Health Care Seekers with Natural Health Care Givers. Based in Jamaica.
<https://reggaewellness.com/>
99. **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>
100. **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/>
101. **UWITV:** the online news from all campuses of the University of the West Indies and the Caribbean region.
<https://www.uwivt.org/>
101. **VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY** (monthly newsletter by WO'SE's Brother Mxolisi).
<http://hcvoice.wordpress.com>
102. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU):** Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
103. **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/>
104. **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.
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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
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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/>
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