

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!"

MARCH 2019 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

CARNIVAL SEASON INTERNATIONALLY!

<http://www.trinijunglejuice.com/home/>

MARCH 21ST

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION!!!

2019 Theme: "Mitigating and countering rising nationalist populism and extreme supremacist ideologies"

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

MARCH 25TH

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF SLAVERY AND THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE
TRADE !!! 2019 Theme: "Remember Slavery: Power of the Arts for Justice "**
<http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/2019/events.shtml>

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.palacetravel.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.

"LEND GOOD, AND IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU"

(Moor proverb – Mauritania, Algeria, Niger, Mali, Tunisia, Morocco, Western Sahara).

From: <https://afrolegends.com/2018/01/04/proverbe-sur-le-bien-proverb-on-doing-good/>

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

"This is the precept: Do to the doer that he or she may also do. It is thanking one for what one may do, blocking a blow before it strikes and giving an assignment to one who is skillful. Be a shelter and make your shore safe...Let your tongue speak straight and not go astray."

From: "The Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt" /
The Book of Khun-Anup (p. 31), 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

<https://ibw21.org/initiative-posts/naarc-posts/naarc-rolls-out-preliminary-10-point-reparations-plan/>

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CURRENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS AT WO'SE / ILE OMODE

March 2019 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

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

Need more information for any event at WO'SE / Ile Omode? Call 510-632-8230 OR Visit the websites:

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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://www.wosecommunity.org/>)

March 3rd: special presentation for the 10:30 am service

Minister Imhotep Alkebulan from WO'SE Sacramento will share some of his experiences from his recent pilgrimage to the holy land of Khemet (Ancient Egypt). Come discover the frequency of Feminine energy that our ancient ancestors, who lived more than 20,000 years ago, utilized to create technologies that still baffle the world today!

March 24th: Spring Equinox Celebration at Lake Merritt Park for the 10:30 am service

NOTE: this replaces the regular Sunday service; so the WO'SE Holly Street facility will be closed.

Join this special service to celebrate the moment when winter ends and spring begins. When you enter the park, look for the WO'SE group next to the Boat House. The Spring Equinox marks the time of balance between day and night; and in many ancient traditions, this duality between light and dark exists within humanity, and in spiritual transformation. The

Celebration will include a soulful traditional walk, meditation and prayer; the Karamu/Group Potluck (please bring something to share); and youth activities.

NOTE: Walk-in to the Park is free, but parking fees are \$5 to enter by car at 666 Bellevue Avenue

More info: 510-632-8230 OR 510-390-2130

March 31st: Sunday Soul Session for the 10:30 service

An innovative healing and celebration experience! Come and spend time with us, as we create an informal healing space for ancestral remembrance, inner reflection and soulful renewal. In three sets beginning at 10:30am / 11:30am / 12:30pm there will be: Music & Movement & Message; Healthy Light Food; Spiritual Table Talks at the Breaks; and Children's Activity Space. Come for one set or stay for them all!

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

March 3rd + March 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

March 10th + March 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

A two-part class to be led by Sister LaTonya Kelly

March 10 (Sunday), 9 – 10:20 am

Intro to Anthropology through the lens of Zora Neale Hurston.

March 17 (Sunday), 9 – 10:20

A focused presentation on Zora Neale Hurston: Folklorist, Novelist, Playwright during the Harlem Renaissance

ILE OMODE CULTURAL ARTS PERFORMING PROGRAM

4TH ANNUAL HUEY P. NEWTON ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

March 10 (Sunday), 2 – 5 pm

Ile Omode students Grades 1st through 8th will be performing. Tickets are \$5 and children 2 and under are considered lap babies and do not need a ticket. PLEASE NOTE: A limited number of tickets will be available at the door and there is limited wheelchair accessible seating.

VENUE: Bishop O'Dowd Theatre, 9500 Stearns Ave, Oakland 94605

More info / Questions: Call 510-632-8230

“IFAYEMI ELEBUIBON: THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER”

March 29 (Friday), 7 – 9 pm

The WO'SE Community invites you to come and welcome a living legend! Chief Ifayemi Elebuibon, The Araba (most senior Ifa Priest and Traditionalist in Yoruba Land), is coming to Oakland during his 2019 World Tour. He will be giving a lecture and signing his new book “The Healing Power of Prayer”. Chief Ifayemi Elebuibon is also a playwright, a movie producer, and musician; and he will have his world renowned movies, albums, and Books for sale.

More info / Questions: Call 510-632-8230 (Minister Greg Hodge)

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR MARCH 2019

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

NOW until MARCH 16 (Wednesdays – Sundays), 12 – 6 pm; No Fee

"NASSI REBIRTH: EXHIBITION ON AFRICA'S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE"

Alena Museum is proud to announce the installation pop-up experience, entitled NASSI {Rebirth}. NASSI is a reflection of these challenges and proposes how Afrofuturism can offer hope. Afrofuturism is a social movement that uses African tradition to imagine a future of art, science, and technology through black perspectives.

Alena Museum, 2725 Magnolia Street, Oakland 94607

More info: <https://alenamuseum.com/events>

NOW until March 23, check website for film details, viewing hours and times; No Fee

"RESISTANCE, RESILIENCE, & ANTICIPATION: FRESH LOOK AT THE BLACK ARTS MOVEMENT IN OAKLAND"

A project of the Sarah Webster Fabio Center for Social Justice

Screenings scheduled for March 1st

5:30pm "Simple Justice" + 7:30pm "Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song"

Screenings & Artist Talk scheduled for March 2nd

3pm "Seven Principles Of Kwanza" + 4pm "Artist Talk - Visual Arts" + 6pm "Tongues Untied" + 8pm "Passing Through"

Screenings & Artist Talk scheduled for March 9th

3pm "Artist Talk - Folk Art" + 4pm "Blindspotting" + 6pm "Daughters of the Dust" + 8pm "The Mack"

Screenings & Artist Talk scheduled for March 16th

3pm "Artist Talk – Dance" + 4:30pm "To Sleep With Anger" + 6pm "Fruitvale Station" + 8pm "Sorry To Bother You"

Screenings & Artist Talk scheduled for March 23rd

3pm "Artist Talk – Writers" + 5pm "Spirits of Rebellion" + 8pm "Black Panther"

Oakland Public Library, 1021 81st Avenue, Oakland 94621

More info: 510-206-4407 OR <https://www.swfcenter4sj.org/>

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

MARCH 5 (Tuesday – Rain or Shine), 2 EVENTS:
“13TH ANNUAL MARDI GRAS, SAN FRANCISCO STYLE”

5 – 7:30 pm: FREE BLUES CONCERT

Featuring blues songstress, Margie Turner, along with Alabama Mike and Bernard Anderson In the Fillmore Center Plaza.

NEW ORLEANS STYLE PARADE: FREE (check to confirm time--- it may be before or after the Free Blues Concert)

A second line New Orleans style parade down the Fillmore Corridor, culminating at the Fillmore Jazz Heritage Center.

8 pm +: MASQUERADE BALL; \$20 +

At the Masquerade Ball, guests will enjoy New Orleans cuisine, Mardi Gras drink specials and more blues and Zydeco music, with Tia Carol and the infamous Fillmore Slim.

NOTE: In case of rain, all activities will move inside to Fillmore Heritage Center, 1330 Fillmore).

Fillmore Heritage Center, 1330 Fillmore + 1475 Fillmore Street (BLUES CONCERT), San Francisco 94115

More info / RSVP / Tickets: 415-424-2980 OR

<https://www.thevillageprojectsf.org/vp/field-trips-events/mardi-gras-san-francisco-style/> OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mardi-gras-san-francisco-style-fat-tuesday-in-the-fillmore-tickets-20765083925>

OTHER FAT TUESDAY EVENTS: <http://www.carnavalsanfrancisco.org/events>

MARCH 7 (Thursday), 6:30 – 9:30 pm; No Fee
“HOWARD THURMAN: MYSTICISM & SOCIAL CHANGE”

Join the discussion and learn about the life and legacy of Dr. Howard Thurman! This special 4-week course will focus on Thurman's teachings around mysticism and social activism. (3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28). Through readings, discussion, audio and video resources, the relevance and implications of Thurman's wisdom can relate to contemporary times, and each participant's own life journey.

East Bay Church of Religious Science, 4130 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland 94609

More info / Register: 510-420-1003 OR https://www.facebook.com/events/222934895326538/?active_tab=about

MARCH 7 (Thursday), 8 pm + 10 pm; \$22 +
“BLACKALICIOUS”

Blackalicious is an American hip hop duo from Sacramento, California made up of rapper “Gift of Gab” (born Tim Parker) and DJ/producer “Chief Xcel” (born Xavier Mosley). They are noted for Gift of Gab's often tongue-twisting, multisyllabic, complex rhymes and Chief Xcel's classic beats. In a hip-hop career that has stretched past a decade, Blackalicious has earned respect the old-fashioned way...by rising through honesty, commitment, and artistry.

Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-238-9200 OR <https://www.yoshis.com/search/?q=Blackalicious>

MARCH 7 - 10 (Thursday - Sunday), Check website for additional events, venues, times + fees
“24th ANNUAL COLLAGE DES CULTURES AFRICAINES PERFORMANCE: RESILIENCE THROUGH RESISTANCE”

A powerhouse of events by the Diamano Coura west African Dance Company featuring four days of intense workshops in African drum and dance, an amazing performance, educational programs, and more representing the dynamism, vibrancy, and diversity of the African Diaspora! There will also be a marketplace for African arts/crafts/clothing.

MARCH 9 at 8 pm: “Resilience Through Resistance” Performance

The Performing companies include: Dandha da Hora; Savage Jazz; De Rompe y Raja;
Steel Drum Culcha-Keeper; Prescott Circus; and Diamano Coura.

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

More info / Tickets / Schedule: 510-459-2426 OR <http://www.diamanocoura.org/upcoming-events.html>

MARCH 8 (Friday), 3 – 5 pm; No Fee

“CLOSING PARTY FOR THE ART OF LIVING BLACK”

You may join this special event to celebrate the achievements of over 100 artists participating in “The Art of Living Black” for 2019. You can mix’n’mingle with artists, share your experiences in visiting Open Studios, and enjoy your last opportunity to view the 23rd Annual Art of Living Black exhibition.

Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond 94804

More info: 510-620-6772 OR <http://richmondartcenter.org/event/closing-party-for-the-art-of-living-black/>

MARCH 8 (Friday), 6 – 9 pm; No Fee

“BLACK WOMEN IN THE ARTS FORUM”

You are invited to join this informal forum discussion, hosted by the Joyce Gordon Gallery, about black female representation in the Arts. This forum will host four accomplished, multi-generational and dynamic black women in various artistic fields to share their experiences from their career in the Arts. Artist Speakers will be: Ms. Ruth Beckford, Bay Area Modern Dance Legend / Educator / Activist; Maurya Kerr, Artistic Director, tinypistol / Performer / Educator; and Joan Tarika Lewis, Artist / Violinist / Activist.

Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-465-8928 OR https://www.facebook.com/events/2193266157408347/?active_tab=about

MARCH 10 (Sunday), 2 – 3:30 pm; No Fee

“AUTHOR'S TALK WITH DR. BETTINA LOVE”

Drawing on her personal experience, research, and historical events, Bettina Love, author of “We Want To Do More Than Survive”, offers a vision of educational justice inspired by the rebellious spirit and methods of abolitionists. Dr.

Love is an award-winning author and Associate Professor of Educational Theory at the University of Georgia.

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

More info: 510-652-2344 OR <https://bettinalove.com/> OR

<http://geoffreyslive.com/community-events/authors-talk-with-dr-bettina-love/>

MARCH 9 + 10 (Saturday + Sunday), 7:30 pm; \$10 +

“NEW VOICES / NEW WORKS: BLACK CHOREOGRAPHERS FESTIVAL OAKLAND”

Join the 4th and final weekend celebrating 15 years of the Black Choreographers Festival (BCF 2019). The event has and will continue to highlight a host of premieres featuring unique and dynamic performances! Artists from the the BCF2019

Roster include: Mahealani Uchiyama, Robert Henry Johnson, Kendra Barnes, Nafi Thompson, Julio Remelexo (Dayse Brasil), Shawn Hawkins and others. The Festival was awarded Best of the Bay by the Sf Bay Guardian in 2009.

Laney College, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: <https://www.facebook.com/events/913510518854187/>

MARCH 14 (Thursday), 7 pm; \$13 (check reduced fees for UC Berkeley associates, seniors & others)

“BLACK INTERIORS: INTIMACY”

A screening of seven short films produced between 1969 and 1995 about “Black Lives”. Intimacy is considered to be a tight and imperfect space, full of possibility. A few of the films to be screened are: “Pizza Pizza Daddy-O” about black girls on an LA playground; Julie Dash’s “Relatives” about a son who dances through family history with his mother close by; and “Slowly, This” about two friends who reflect on the ways race and gender impact their lives.

In closing, you will watch Bill T. Jones dance through loss.

UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA), 2155 Center Street, Berkeley 94704

More info / Tickets: 510-642-0808 OR <https://bampfa.org/event/black-interiors-intimacy>

MARCH 15 (Friday), 7 – 9 pm; No Fee

“THE THREAD THAT BINDS US: GROUP ARTIST TALK”

Join the conversation with the following artists who are part of this women’s exhibit scheduled through March 31: Alice Beasley, Diane DallasKidd, Adrienne W. Hoard, Brenda Macauley, Patricia A. Montgomery, Kalimah Iman, Camille Safiya & Tayyibah Hasan, and Mildred Thompson. Joyce Gordon Gallery has declared 2019 the Year of the Woman and is featuring all-women artists throughout the year.

Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-465-8928 OR https://www.sfarts.org/event.cfm?event_num=80622 OR <http://geoffreyslives.com/community-events/the-thread-that-binds-us-a-group-exhibition/>

MARCH 15 (Friday), 7:30 – 10:30 pm; \$20

“MAJESTIC MOTOWN SOUL REVUE”

A One Night Only show featuring live vocalists and a live band performing some of Motown’s Greatest Hits!!!! Learn why Detroit, Michigan was crowned “Hitsville, USA” with tributes to Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight, The Jackson 5 and many more. Homage will also be given to many Majestic Music Royalty of the 80’s and 90’s such as New Edition, Janet Jackson, Faith Evans, Mary J. Blige, Brandy, Boys 2 Men just to name a few.

Miraculous Foundation Christian Center Church, 1642 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland 94601

More info / Tickets: 510-366-8850 OR <http://www.motownsoulrevue.com/>

MARCH 16 (Saturday), 8 am – 5 pm; No Fee (Registration requested)

“ALAMEDA COUNTY FATHERHOOD SUMMIT 2019”

The groundbreaking Summit will showcase a wide variety of engaging workshops sessions discussing: Father's Rights and Responsibilities; Men's Health and Wellness; Education Is Power; Exploring the Skills Needed for Today's Workforce; and Strategies for Fathers to Reengage Their Families and Communities. There will be an abundance of information, tools and resources for participants to take away. Nationally renowned keynote speakers will make presentations at the free lunch and the closing plenary sessions. Additionally, this groundbreaking Summit will feature much more!

Merritt College 12500 Campus Drive, Oakland 94605

More info / Registration: <https://alamedacountyfathers.org/>

MARCH 16 (Saturday), 10 am – 4:30 pm (9:30am arrival and registration);

Tuition is sliding scale \$35-100, with scholarships available and no one ever turned away for lack of funds.

“HEALING BLACK LIVES: A DAY OF RENEWAL FOR ACTIVISTS OF AFRICAN DESCENT”

You are invited to join OneLife Institute for a special day of healing, renewal, and community for people of African Descent. Activists, changemakers, caregivers, educators, justice-seekers, and others at risk of burnout especially encouraged! The workshop will include: Practices for sustainability, resilience, and spiritual well-being; and Free mini-sessions with healing practitioners. Participants will: have Community connection and support; find strength in themselves and one another; share hopes and visions; and gather in a sacred space.

Participants are asked to please bring a dish to share for potluck lunch, a refillable water bottle, a journal or notebook, and anything you need to be comfortable for the day.

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 1330 Lakeshore Ave, Oakland 94606

More info / RSVP: 510-595-5598 OR onelife@onelifeinstitute.org OR <https://www.onelifeinstitute.org/>

MARCH 16 (Saturday), 7 – 8:30 pm; \$12 +

“SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF: LOVE YOURSELF”

Dimensions Extensions Performance Ensemble will present their annual spring production. These young dancers have worked hard over the past few months, developing new work and learning new and exciting choreography by great artists from the Bay to L.A. The evening will feature this work in progress, "Love Yourself," which speaks to how young folks, particularly young girls of African decent, must love themselves above all else.

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

More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dimensions-extensions-performance-ensembles-something-to-be-proud-of-love-yourself-tickets-56758523271>

MARCH 16 – 31 (Saturdays, 8 pm + Sundays, 3 pm); \$35

“BLACK EAGLES”

An extraordinary drama about the Tuskegee Airmen, the first fighter pilots for the USA. The play opens at a reception honoring the airmen. As the elderly WWII pilots reminisce, they are joined by their younger selves and the story of the brave company is retold.

Marines Memorial Theatre, San Francisco, 609 Sutter Street (2nd Floor), San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 415-762-2071 OR <https://www.african-americanshakes.org/>

MARCH 20 + 21 (Wednesday + Thursday), 8 pm; \$39

“DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER”

Over the course of a multifaceted career spanning four decades, Grammy and Tony Award-winning Jazz giant Dee Dee Bridgewater has ascended to the upper echelon of vocalists, putting her unique spin on standards, as well as taking intrepid leaps of faith in re-envisioning jazz classics. Throughout the 70's she performed with such jazz notables as Max Roach, Sonny Rollins, Dexter Gordon and Dizzy Gillespie. Bridgewater also pursued a parallel career in musical theater, winning a Tony Award for her role as “Glinda” in The Wiz in 1975. As a Goodwill Ambassador to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Bridgewater continues to appeal for international solidarity to finance global grassroots projects in the fight against world hunger. These and many other awards are part of her “Being”!

Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-238-9200 OR <https://www.yoshis.com/search/?q=Bridgewater>

MARCH 22 (Friday), 6 - 9 pm; No Fee

“HEALTH AND WELLNESS WOMEN'S PANEL”

Women professionals will share their insights, experiences and wisdom on the physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual and holistic wellness necessary for women in the 21st century and in the current political atmosphere.

Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-465-8928 OR https://www.sfarts.org/event.cfm?event_num=80622 OR <http://geoffreyslive.com/community-events/the-thread-that-binds-us-a-group-exhibition/>

MARCH 23 (Saturday), 8 – 10:30 pm; \$20 +

“MAMA AFRICA: SISTAS OF THE DRUM & ADWOA KUDOTO & THE DRUMGHANA AND Dance Ensemble”

Performance by Sistahs of the Drum who “respectfully represent the essence of our traditional African roots in harmony with our African-American cultural rearing. The resulting sound is from somewhere deep within; playing through us and resonating with you”. Another performance will be by Adwoa Kudoto and the DrumGhana and Dance Ensemble. **The** group is led by Adwoa Kudoto (an award winning Master Drummer in Ghana, 1999 to present), and plans to take you through a night of traditional Ghanaian Drumming, Dance, Storytelling and Songs. Adwoa is from Cape Coast, Ghana; and has travelled world-wide to teach drumming, and believes drumming to be healing and brings us together in love.

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

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5099 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2019/3/23/mama-africa-sistas-of-the-drum-and-adwoa>

MARCH 24 (Sunday), 1:30 – 6 pm; No Fee

“IFAYEMI ELEBUIBON: THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER”

This is your opportunity to come and witness a living legend! Chief Ifayemi Elebuibon, The Araba (most senior Ifa Priest and Traditionalist in Yoruba Land), is coming to Oakland during his 2019 World Tour. He will be giving a lecture and signing his new book “The Healing Power of Prayer”. Chief Ifayemi Elebuibon is also a playwright, a movie producer, and musician as well. He will have his world renowned Movies, Albums, and Books for sale as well.

The Greenlining Institute, 360 14th Street (between Webster and Franklin), Oakland 94612

More info: 510-682-3333

MARCH 28 + 29 (Thursday , 8 pm / Friday, 8 pm + 10 pm), \$36 +

“ABDULLAH IBRAHIM & EKAYA”

Abdullah Ibrahim, South Africa’s most distinguished pianist and a world-respected master musician, was born in 1934 in Cape Town and baptized Adolph Johannes Brand. His early musical memories were of traditional African Khoi-san songs and the Christian hymns, gospel tunes and spirituals that he heard from his grandmother and his mother. The Cape Town of his childhood was a melting-pot of cultural influences, and the young Dollar Brand, as he became known, was exposed to American jazz, township jive, CapeMalay music, as well as to classical music. His groundbreaking septet the Jazz Epistles, formed in 1959 included trumpeter Hugh Masekela and others recorded the first jazz album by South African musicians. After moving to Europe, in 1963, he had a recording session with Duke Ellington. Later he moved to the USA, and performed at the Newport Jazz Festival and Carnegie Hall. Check the webpage for more of his bio!

Yoshi’s, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-238-9200 OR <https://www.yoshis.com/search/?q=Abdullah>

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 March 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

FOLKLORIC AFRO-CUBAN RHYTHM & DANCE

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday, 3 – 5 pm

Come enjoy the Afro-Cuban folkloric drums, dances, and songs of rumba. Rumba is the word used for a group of related, community-oriented, music and dance styles in Cuba. Rumba developed in rural Cuba, with strong influences from African drumming and Spanish poetry and singing. Donations appreciated.

La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 94705

More info / Registration: 510-849-2568 OR <https://lapena.org/event/cuban-rumba-jam-community-event/all/>

CAPOEIRA ANGOLA

Instructor: Sergio Bitencour

Tuesdays 7pm-9pm (January 8th – July 30th) & Saturdays 2pm-4pm (January 12th – July 27th)

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-2/2019-01-29/>

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/new-events>

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://opcmusic.org/programs/#bgp_slide

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 and Johnatan Adams, 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"
<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=mviqiDKIqDc>
Additional lectures (2003 +): <https://www.nelsonmandela.org/content/page/annual-lecture>
12. Wanda's Picks Radio Show
<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/wandas-picks/2019/01/16/wandas-picks-radio-show>
13. INTERNATIONAL MEDIA TV with Johnnie Burrell, an independent internet television producer in San Francisco, California.
<https://internationalmediatv.com/video/broadcasts10.html>

PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR MARCH 2019

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NOTE: For 2019 worldwide carnivals and pre-carnival holidays 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 and continue for many days afterward. 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, Panama, 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").

MARCH 2: "Adwa Victory Day" in Ethiopia; and "Birthday for James Ronald Webster (leader of the Anguilla Revolution)" in Anguilla. **MARCH 3:** "Martyr's Day" in Malawi. **MARCH 5:** "Carnival" in Angola. **MARCH 6:** "Independence Day" in Ghana. **MARCH 8:** "International Women's Day" in Angola, Burkina Faso, Chad, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zambia. **MARCH 11:** "National Heroes and Benefactors Holiday" in Belize; "Anniversary of King Moshoeshoe the 1st" in Lesotho. **MARCH 12:** "National Day/Independence Day" in Mauritius; and "Youth Day" in Zambia. **MARCH 13:** "National Decoration Day" in Liberia. **MARCH 14:** "National Heroes' Day" in Saint Vincent & The Grenadines. **MARCH 15:** "Joseph Jenkins Roberts' Birthday" in Liberia (1st and 7th President of Liberia, born in Norfolk Virginia, U.S.A.). **MARCH 18:** "Cheikh Al Marouff Day" in Comoros; and "National Anthem and Flag Day" in Aruba. **MARCH 20:** "Independence Day" in Tunisia. **MARCH 21:** "Independence Day" in Namibia; "Holi / Pagwa" in Guyana and Suriname; and "Human Rights' Day" in South Africa. **MARCH 23:** "Day of the Liberation of Southern Africa" in Angola. **MARCH 26:** "Martyr's Day/Democracy Day" in Mali. **MARCH 29:** "Barthelemy Boganda Day" in the Central African Republic; and "Martyr's Day" in Madagascar. **MARCH 30:** "Spiritual Shouter Baptist Liberation Day" (Traditional African Spirituality) in Trinidad & Tobago.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR MARCH

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

- March 1:** 1739 - Treaty of peace was signed between the Jamaican Maroons and the British colonials.
1871 - James Milton Turner was appointed Minister to Liberia.
1875 - The Civil Rights Act of 1875 was passed by U.S. Congress. This act outlawed discrimination in hotels, places of amusement, and other public conveyances. The House, however, removed clauses banning discrimination in churches, schools, and cemeteries.
1896 - Ethiopian army defeated Italians at the battle of Adowa (Adwa).
1896 - Over 300 Afro Americans immigrated to Liberia from Savannah aboard the steamship Laurada.
- March 2:** 1807 - Congress outlawed importation of enslaved persons into the jurisdiction of the U.S.
1866 - Alexandria, Virginia became the first southern city to allow Afro American votes.
1867 - Howard University in Washington D.C. was chartered by Congress.
1867 - First "Reconstruction Act" by U.S. Congress that enfranchised Afros.
1888 - The Savings Bank of the Order of True Reformers was chartered in Richmond, VA.
1896 - Ethiopia defeated Italy in the famous Battle of Adwa.
1919 - Claude Albert Barnett founded the Associated Negro Press.
1962 - Wilt Chamberlain, basketball legend, scored 100 points (the most ever) in a NBA game.

- March 3:** 1798 - James Forten, Sr., abolitionist, entrepreneur, and inventor, patented a Sail-Handling device; and became the first African American to receive a formal patent.
- 1820 – The “Missouri Compromise” prohibited slavery in the U.S. north of the southern Missouri border.
- 1821 - Thomas L. Jennings was granted a U.S. patent for his technique to “dry-scour” clothes.
- 1865 - Congress established the Bureau of Freedmen, Refugees and Abandoned Lands.
- 1959 – Dr. Hasting Banda + 200 supporters arrested following anti-British riots in Nyasaland (now Malawi)
- 1988 - Juanita Kidd Stout of Pennsylvania, became the first Afro woman to sit on a State Supreme Court.
- 1990 - Carole Gist was crowned "Miss USA" and became the first Afro woman to win the pageant.
- 1991 - Rodney King was brutally beaten by four LAPD officers, who were found “not guilty”.
- 1998 - Larry Doby and "Bullet" Joe Rogan, Negro League pitchers, were named to the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.
- March 4:** 1837 - The “Weekly Advocate”, the second major Afro newspaper, was changed to the “Colored American”.
- 1871 - Josiah Thomas Walls, a winner in an at-large election, became the first Afro Congressman to represent an entire state (Florida). Walls served in the 42nd Congress.
- 1980 – ZANU-PF, under Robert Mugabe, won Zimbabwe’s the first free elections.
- March 5:** 1770 - Crispus Attucks was killed in the Boston Massacre, marking the start of the “American” Revolution.
- 1875 - Blanche Kelso Bruce from Mississippi was sworn into the U.S. Senate. Bruce was the first person of African-Descent to serve a full six-year Senate term.
- 1897 - The American Negro Academy was founded by Alexander Crummel to promote higher education through literature, science, and the arts.
- 1985 - Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of Bethune-Cookman College and the National Council of Negro Women, was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
- March 6:** 1857 - U.S. Supreme Court ruled against citizenship for African Americans in the Dred Scott decision.
- 1862 – Lincoln, as U.S. President, recommended freeing enslaved persons with compensation for owners.
- 1957 - Nkrumah led Ghana to Independence. 2017 = Ghana’s 60th Independence celebration.
- March 7:** 1965 - "Bloody Sunday" when Alabama state troopers and sheriff's tear-gassed and beat marchers in the Selma to Montgomery civil rights march.
- 1966 - The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was upheld by the Supreme Court.
- March 8:** 1876 - U.S. Senate refused to seat P.B.S. Pinchback, who was elected as Louisiana Senator in 1873.
- 1972 - The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Act was passed.
- 1977 - Henry L. Marsh became the first Afro Mayor of Richmond, VA.
- 2000 - A coalition of over 50,000 civil rights organization supporters, elected officials, labor leaders, and women's rights leaders rallied in Tallahassee to support Florida's affirmative action laws. Kweisi Mfume, NAACP President & CEO, led the march.
- March 9:** 1841 - The Supreme Court agreed with a circuit court of appeals' decision to uphold a not guilty verdict for murder and mutiny on the Amistad slaveship, that included Joseph Cinque.
- 1891 - The North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University was founded in Greensboro, NC.
- 1914 - The ‘new’ Southern University campus opened in Scotlandville, LA.
- 1919 - Afro Musicians formed the Chicago Musical Association.
- 1953 - Larry Doby signed with the Cleveland Indians and became the first Afro to play in the American league of Major League Baseball.
- 1961 - Clifton Reginald Wharton, Sr. was sworn in as the first Afro Ambassador to Norway.
- 1966 - Andrew F. Brimmer became the first Afro Governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

- March 10:** 1910 - Robert L. Vann published the first edition of the Pittsburg Courier newspaper.
 1913 - Harriet Tubman, abolitionist, author, and engineer of the "Underground Railroad," made her transition to the next life in Auburn, NY.
 1989 - The U.S. Senate confirmed Louis Wade Sullivan as Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- March 11:** 1874 - Frederick Augustus Douglass, orator, activist, and abolitionist, was elected President of the Freedmen's Bank and Trust.
 1919 – First National Congress of British West Africa (NCBWA) was held in Accra, Gold Coast (now Ghana).
 1959 - Lorraine Hansberry's drama, A Raisin in the Sun, was the first play written by an Afro woman to be performed on Broadway.
 1968 - A Civil Rights Bill that made it illegal to discriminate against Afros looking for housing sold through brokers, was passed by the U.S. Senate.
 1971 - Whitney Young, Jr., National Urban League Director, drowned (?) during a recreational swim at the group's international conference in Lagos, Nigeria.
- March 12:** 1791 - Benjamin Banneker and Pierre C. L'Enfant were commissioned to plan and develop Washington DC.
 1961 – The “New Congo Federation” was declared by President Kasavubu and Prime Minister Ileo.
 1964 – Malcolm X severed links with the Nation Of Islam.
 1982 - Charles Fuller won the Pulitzer Prize for “A Soldier's Play”.
- March 13:** 1773 - Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable founded the city of Chicago, Illinois.
 1932 - The “Atlanta Daily World” began publishing as the first Afro contemporary daily newspaper.
 1943 - Frank Dixon won the Columbian Mile in New York City in record time of 4 minutes, 9.6 seconds. He was the first Afro “Miler” in track.
 1979 - The New Jewel Movement overthrew the neocolonialist government in Grenada.
 1992 - The National Black Network and the Sheridan Broadcasting Network merged and formed the largest Afro-owned network.
- March 14:** 1889 - Menelik ascended to the throne of Abyssinia (Ethiopia).
- March 15:** 1947 - John Lee was commissioned as the first Afro Navy Officer.
 1961 – Resistance struggle against Portugal began in northern Angola.
- March 16:** 1827 - John Russwurm, the first Afro college graduate, published “Freedom’s Journal” (the first Afro newspaper) with Samuel Cornish.
 1965 - Martin Luther King Jr. led the Selma to Montgomery March to dramatize denial of voting rights for African Americans.
 1903 - Ernest Lyon was named Minister to Liberia.
 1984 – Mozambique and South Africa signed the Nkomati Accord for mutual non-aggression.
 1995 - After 130 years, Mississippi ratified the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery. However, it was not officially filed until 2013.
- March 17:** 1865 - Aaron Anderson won the Navy’s Medal of Honor for his heroic actions aboard the USS Wyandank during the Civil War.
 1891 - West Virginia State College was founded in Institute, WV.
 1896 - Charles Brooks patented the street sweeper.
- March 18:** 1877 - Frederick Augustus Douglass was appointed as the first Afro Marshal for the District of Columbia.
 1895 – Two hundred Afros sailed to Liberia from Savannah, Georgia.
- March 19:** 1872 - T. J. Byrd patented a device used to detach horses from their carriages (Patent # 124,790).
 1939 - Langston Hughes founded the New Negro Theater in Los Angeles, and the first performance was “Don’t You Want To Be Free?”.

- March 20:** 1883 - Jan Matzeliger received a patent for the “shoe-lasting” machine, which launched the mass production of shoes.
- 1950 - Ralph Bunche became the first Afro Nobel Peace Prize winner.
- 1970 – Successful student strike for more Afro students at University of Michigan.
- March 21:** 1946 - Kenny Washington became the first Afro NFL player when he signed with the Los Angeles Rams.
- 1960 - Sharpeville Massacre in South Africa during a protest of 6,000 people against apartheid. The Pan African Congress (PAC) and the African National Congress (ANC) were banned shortly after.
- 1965 – Selma-to-Montgomery Freedom March began, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 1986 - Debi Thomas became the first Afro-Descent person to win the Women's World Figure Skating Championship in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1990 – Namibia proclaimed its independence.
- March 22:** 1873 – Slavery abolished in Puerto Rico, a Spanish Caribbean colony.
- 1965 - Martin Luther King began the Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.
- 1988 – U.S. Congress overturned Reagan’s veto of Civil Rights Restoration Bill.
- March 24:** 1827 - Canada granted people of Afro-Descent the right to vote.
- 1896 - The Ndebele and Shona initiated the struggle against British colonialism.
- March 25:** 1931 - The nine “Scottsboro Boys” who were falsely accused of raping two white women, were arrested.
- 1965 – Fifty thousand marchers rally in Montgomery, Alabama.
- 1975 - Salem Poor, who fought in the American Revolution with others of African-Descent was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
- 1996 - Rev. Jesse Jackson led a protest of 75 people outside a California television studio in protest of the absence of Academy Awards nominees of Afro-Descent.
- March 26:** 1780 - Seven African Americans challenged the “Taxation Without Representation”.
- 1911 - William Henry Lewis, athlete, coach, and lawyer, was appointed U.S. Assistant Attorney General.
- 1937 - William Henry Hastie was confirmed Judge of the Federal District Court in the Virgin Islands and became the first Afro-Descent federal judge in the U.S.
- 1991 - Emanuel Cleaver was elected as the first Afro American Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.
- March 27:** 1969 - The “Black Academy of Arts and Letters” was founded in Boston, MA, and Dr. C. Eric Lincoln was elected president.
- 1976 - Angola/Cuba/Pan-African forces defeated South Africa.
- March 28:** 1870 - Jonathan S. Wright became the first Afro American state supreme court justice in South Carolina.
- 1939 - The “Renaissance”, the first Afro pro basketball team, became the first Afro team on record to win a professional world's championship.
- 1968 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led 6,000 protesters in support of striking sanitation workers, through downtown Memphis, TN. One person died and 50 were injured in an attack by mobs and police.
- 1999 - Carolyn Peck, coach for the Purdue Boilermakers, became the first Afro-Descent woman to win a women's NCAA basketball final. Peck had been head coach for only two years.
- March 29:** 1904 - Granville T. Woods, and his brother patented the first of two improvements on Railroad Brakes. (Patent # 755,825).
- 1981 - Dr. Eric Williams, Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago and author of “Capitalism and Slavery”, made his transition to the next life.
- 1996 – Sierra Leone returned to civilian rule under president Ahmad Tejan Kabbah.

March 30: 1867 - Augusta Institute, later renamed Morehouse, opened in Atlanta, GA.
1923 - Zeta Phi Beta sorority was incorporated.
1960 - Eighteen Southern University students involved in lunch counter sit-ins and anti-segregation rallies were suspended.
1993 - Jamaican elections returned the People's National Party (13 people killed).
March 31: 1988 - Toni Morrison won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel "Beloved".

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/africandescentdecade/upcoming-events.shtml>

CHECKFOREVENTS:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/2019/events.shtml>

UNTIL 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 5, 2019 / 7:30 – 10 pm; No Fee (RSVP requested)

"AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTS SHOWCASE"

A leadup event for the National Black Arts Festival presented by Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company, National Black Arts Festival, and Alliance Theatre to highlight African American artists and the organizations that support them. With performances by Jayme Alilaw, Theresa Davis, Jon Goode, and the August Wilson Monologue Competition finalist. There will also be a sneak peak of Fashion Forward - Student Fashion Design Competition, Fine Art + Fashion event, and the world premiere of "Angry, Raucous, and Shamelessly Gorgeous". Space is limited so RSVP today!

Southwest Arts Center, 915 New Hope Road, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30331

More info / RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/606248479841007/>

Check website for future events: <http://nbaf.org/the-season/>

MARCH 25, 2019 / 2 Events: 3 pm & 6:30 – 8:30 pm

“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF SLAVERY AND TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE”

The United Nations (UN) will commemorate this special International Day at UN Headquarters in New York. Highlights will include a commemorative meeting of the General Assembly in the General Assembly Hall at 3:00 p.m. The meeting is expected to feature remarks by the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, Member States and a keynote speaker. The annual cultural event at UN Headquarters will highlight foods and live music from the African Diaspora from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Visitors’ Lobby. The gathering will showcase foods contributed by Member States and music from Africa and the African Diaspora, illustrating legacies of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

More info / Registration: <http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/2019/events.shtml>

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/>

MARCH 28, 2019 / 11 am – 1:30 pm

“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF SLAVERY AND TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE”

The United Nations Department of Global Communications will host and moderate a briefing for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the public, entitled “The Role of Memorials in Preserving History”. This Civil society gathering will discuss the role of memorials in educating the public about the history of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and the contributions of people of African descent. The event will bring together architects, curators and experts of African and Caribbean heritage to discuss how best to preserve, promote and manage sites of memory. Speakers will include representatives of three slavery memorials and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), as well as a youth representative. The event is organized by the Remember Slavery Program in partnership with the NGO Relations, Advocacy & Special Events Section.

More info (Registration not yet open): <http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/2019/events.shtml>

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 14 – 16, 2019

“PRESERVING AN AFRICAN LEGACY: KUSHITE-NUBIAN HERITAGE CONFERENCE:

This 3-day conference in Washington DC will feature historians, principal researchers, environmental experts and organizations leading workshops and panel discussions focusing on the dam projects, current construction status, alternative means to harvest energy, and archeological preservation in the homeland. In addition it will focus on the current issues facing Nubians and other indigenous populations in the area. There will be food, fun, cultural entertainment, and opportunity to network with like-minded supporters, and to connect with Diasporal Nubian and Sudanese brothers and sisters. Online registration will be available. A conference itinerary will be provided on the official website. Information on workshop abstracts, accommodation and travel details to come.

Check website for updates: <https://kushitenubian.org/#services> OR KNC-info@kushitenubia.org

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/>**

AUGUST 15 – 25, 2019 (10 days/9 nights)

“YEAR OF RETURN TO GHANA 2019: AKWAABA!!”

Cost: \$1,750 / First half of balance due by March 15, 2019 \$875.00Final payment due by July 1, 2019

NOTE: COST Does not include airfare, passport, visa, yellow fever shot and malaria pills

2019 marks the 400th year since the MIDDLE PASSAGE. The country of Ghana has extended open arms for all African Americans and descendants in other countries whose ancestors were victimized by the brutalities of slavery to return home during this year of memorial observance. August is a wonderful time to travel to Ghana because it is the month of the Chale Wote Festival, which is a cultural arts festival held yearly and is steadily growing. The tour is jointly organized by The Wysteria Group/INEZ INTERNATIONAL.LV. Inez International.LV is the certified travel agency that will book your travel, and the Wysteria Group is a budding organization located in Wilmington, North Carolina. Check website below for day by day itinerary for the 10 day tour, all items included in the tour price, details for payment, and more.

More info / Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/year-of-return-to-ghana-2019-akwaaba-tickets-51744027780>

OCTOBER 2-6, 2019

“ASALH: THE 104TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING”

Check website for Association for the Study of African American Life & History / ASALH details and events

<https://asalh.org/events/the-104th-annual-conference-and-meeting/>

ONGOING PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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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/>

MALIDOMA PATRICE SOMÉ

Check the schedule of events for Malidoma Patrice Somé, Ph.D., who is a West African Elder, world-renowned author and teacher, who has international training programs and projects to share the ancient wisdom, technologies and practices which have supported his people for thousands of years.

More info / Register for events: 407-574-5350 OR <http://malidoma.com/main/calendar/>

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

The listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for March 2019

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/#>

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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. **NATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S JUSTICE INSTITUTE (NBWJI):** works to reduce racial and gender disparities affecting Black women, girls, and their families, by conducting research, providing technical assistance, engaging in public education, promoting civic engagement, and advocating for informed and effective policies.
<https://www.nbwji.org/>
94. **NCOBRA / National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America:** for African descendants in the U.S.
<http://www.ncobraonline.org/>

95. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
96. **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/>
97. **PROJECT SAFE:** works to improve the services offered to criminalize black women who are survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault.
<https://www.courtinnovation.org/project-safe>
98. **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>
99. **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>
100. **REGGAE WELLNESS:** Connecting Natural Health Care Seekers with Natural Health Care Givers. Based in Jamaica.
<https://reggaewellness.com/>
101. **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>
102. **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/>
103. **UWITV:** the online news from all campuses of the University of the West Indies and the Caribbean region.
<https://www.uwitv.org/>
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 ELECTRONIC AND PRINT AFRO-CENTRIC BOOKS

(REVIEWS AND PURCHASE)

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