

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

APRIL 2019 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

2019: YEAR OF RETURN FOR AFRICAN DIASPORA TO GHANA

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, promoting the quest to unite Africans on the continent with their brothers and sisters in the Diaspora.

CHECK PAGES 25 - 26 FOR SPECIAL GHANA TOURS LISTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL ARTICLE ON THE GHANA PROJECT IN THE UNITED NATION'S AFRICA ONLINE NEWS WEBSITE:

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

SPECIAL ISSUE OF EBONY MAGAZINE ONLINE WITH INFO FOR THE 2019 YEAR OF RETURN AND GHANA HISTORY :

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

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

“SI ME A ONE, COME LIB WID ME A DE ADDA.”

(Jamaican proverb)

TRANSLATION: “Seeing me is one thing; coming to live with me is quite another”

EXPLANATION: people tend to mask their true characteristics until they become closely involved with others. One is quite often surprised to see the negative changes in one whom they might originally have thought of as the “perfect person”.

From: *The Jamaican Handbook of Proverbs*, p. 68 by Island Heart publishers, 1993

By: Vivien Morris Brown

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

“Be patient so that one may call on you concerning his or her just cause. Do not be angry for it does not become you. The brooding face becomes easily upset. Brood not on what has not yet happened, nor rejoice over what has not come to pass. Patience prolongs friendship and disposes of a past concern, for one does not know what is in the heart...”

From: “*The Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt*” /
The Book of Khun-Anup (p. 34), 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

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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 are below and will be posted on the WO'SE website. (<http://www.wosecommunity.org/>)

WO'SE ANNUAL CELEBRATION FOR MAMA JASHIRI

April 7th, part of the 10:30 am service

A special celebration for "Mama Jashiri", a WO'SE member who was one of the three founders of Ile Omode School, which has received local, national and international accolades as it expanded from a Pre-School to a Pre-School through Middle School. "Stones of Fire" choir will also share inspiring Pan African songs.

Minister Imhotep from Sacramento will provide the Sunday spiritual message;
and the Karamu (community meal) follows.

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

April 7th + April 21st (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

April 14th + April 28th (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.

WO'SE MONTHLY SOUL SESSSION

April 28th: A special Sunday 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. The session has three sets beginning at 10:30am, 11:30am and 12:30pm that will include: 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! The "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends will enhance the service.

AFRICAN DRUMMING SESSIONS

Fridays (April 5, 12, 19, 26), 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.

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR APRIL 2019

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

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/>

APRIL 2 (Tuesday), 6:30 pm (check-in 5:30 pm); \$10 - \$45

"BLACK FUTURES LAB AND THE BLACK CENSUS PROJECT"

The Black Futures Lab recently completed the largest survey of Afro/black people since Reconstruction, with nearly 40,000 respondents from diverse communities across the nation. The survey included questions regarding many defining characteristics, including gender, sexuality, age and other categories; and it dug into several key issues rooted in inequality. The results are meant to better understand what black communities desire for their futures.

Join Garza, author and historian Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, and other experts for a conversation about the inaugural data results and how to use this data to create solutions with lasting impact.

The Commonwealth Club (Taube Family Auditorium), 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-futures-lab-and-the-black-census-project-tickets-57842529563?aff=enews03062019>

APRIL 3 (Wednesday), 8 – 10 pm; \$36 +

"MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL TOUR: 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION STARRING CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT"

Jazz vocal sensation Cécile McLorin Salvant returns to Berkeley after her smash debut in February 2018, this time backed by the extraordinary musicians of the Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour. Ms. Salvant just won her second Grammy and has been charming critics and audiences alike with her gorgeous tone and a beguiling repertoire that traverses blues, folk music, and lesser-known jazz standards.

101 Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley (Lower Sproul Plaza) 94720

More info / Tickets: 510-642-9988 OR <https://calperformances.org/performances/2018-19/jazz/monterey-jazz-festival-on-tour-60th-anniversary-celebration-starring-cecile-mclorin-salvant.php>

APRIL 4 - 6 (Thursday - Saturday), 8 pm + (Saturday) 3 pm; \$20 +

"THE URBAN RETREAT"

"In this funny, gripping, raw and powerful play, A. Zell Williams gives much to consider regarding the power of words to heal or to destroy. He invites us to consider the personal fortitude it takes to be your authentic self, when hiding behind a mask can give you fame and fortune beyond your wildest dreams. But notoriety of this type comes at a price, and sometimes it means selling out and sacrificing your integrity and that of others." This is another Lorraine Hansberry

Theatre production, by A. Zell Williams and directed by Darryl V. Jones. NOTE: Volunteers are welcomed.

Buriel Clay Theater / African American Arts & Culture Complex, 762 Fulton Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: Phone: 415-474-8800 OR <https://www.lhtsf.org/>

APRIL 5 - 14 (Friday + Saturday on APRIL 5 + 6 & 12 + 13), 7:30 pm / APRIL 14 (Sunday), 5 pm
\$10 for youth / \$15+ for adults (sliding scale)

“JEWELS / HIPHOP + AERIAL DANCE, BODY PERCUSSION, THEATER, AND SONG”

Under the artistic direction of Sarah Crowell and Rashidi Omari, “JEWELS” will take audience members on a journey through four levels of the underground, where young people from a not-too-distant future have been sent to find the mythical Book of Secrets that just may contain the answers to save a world in danger. At each level of the underground the youth are faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges that, when overcome, reveal the jewels that lie within each of them— jewels of the presence, power and creativity that are required for the world to survive. Will they return to the surface and participate in the shaping of a new world or will they perish in the deep recesses of the earth? “JEWELS” features the teenage members of the Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company, their 9-12 year old counterparts in the Destiny Junior Company, and a group of 14 fierce grandmothers from Destiny’s Elders Project.

Odell Johnson Performing Arts Center, Laney College, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-597-1619 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jewels-tickets-57223227213>

APRIL 6 (Saturday), 1:30 pm; Admission \$11 + (this event is included with admission)

“COLLOQUIUM: ETHICS OF CARE: REFLECTIONS ON BLACKNESS, ART, AND THE INSTITUTION”

Anticipating the exhibition “About Things Loved: Blackness and Belonging”, this program aims for critical engagement around questions of belonging, curatorial possibilities, and the role of institutions. Coming together to discuss these issues are well known “AFRO ART” proponents: Bridget R. Cooks, Erica Deeman, Mildred Howard, and Naima Keith.

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/colloquium-ethics-care-reflections-blackness-art-and-institution>

APRIL 6 + April 20 + April 27 (Saturdays), 2 - 4 pm; No Fee

“JAZZ CLASSICS IN PERSPECTIVE”

This is a three-week drop-in class for coverage of the history and cultural contexts of jazz and blues music.

Participants will look at the earliest origins of West Coast Jazz to classics of the genre reconsidered.

All are welcome to attend and no advanced registration or materials are required for this course.

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

More info: 510-637-0200 OR

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/jazz-classics-perspective>

NOTE: check the website below for other events at all Oakland libraries. Events include: Lawyers in the Library; Tax Help; Computer Help; Mandela Marketplace with Community Produce Stand; African American Quilt Guild; and more!

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events?>

APRIL 6 (Saturday) + April 27 (Saturday) + April 28 (Sunday), check times below; \$5 - \$13

“AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL 2019”

(Selected April screenings from the series that runs through May 10th)

This year’s edition of the African Film Festival highlights the best of both new African cinema and films of the Afro / Black Diaspora. The African Film Festival National Traveling Series is organized by the African Film Festival, Inc. The Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA) presentation is coordinated by Film Curator Kathy Geritz and copresented by the Department of African American Studies and the Center for African Studies at UC Berkeley.

APRIL 6 (SATURDAY), 4 PM

“WALLY” + “BIRTH OF AFROBEAT”: Screenings = 91 minutes

“Wally” features a thirteen-year-old boy living in France who is excited to visit the homeland, Burkina Faso, until he realizes that he is trapped there indefinitely, under his uncle’s strict rules, expected to act as a man. His eventual initiation to adulthood is subtle; under his loving grandmother’s guidance, he appreciates his roots.

“Birth of Afrobeat” features Tony Allen, a 77-year-old drummer, who recounts how he and his partner, the legendary Fela Kuti, created the Afrobeat genre in Lagos, Nigeria.

APRIL 27 (SATURDAY), 5:45 PM

“I AM NOT A WITCH”: Screening time = 93 minutes

Features young Shula accused of witchcraft in her village. She is exiled, constrained in her movements, and expected to perform miracles. This is an original and unforgettable story.

APRIL 28 (SUNDAY), 7 PM

“BORDERS”: Screening time = 110 minutes

Features four women who meet while riding buses across West African borders, starting in Dakar and traveling to Lagos through Bamako, Cotonou, and Ouagadougou. Despite the gorgeous landscapes they face obstacles. To survive, the women must stick together and take care of each other. The consequences of this trip will change their lives.

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

More info / Tickets: 510-642-0808 OR <https://bampfa.org/program/african-film-festival-2019>

APRIL 8 (Monday), 6 pm; \$8 +

“THE PENALTY FOR SUCCESS: MY FATHER WAS LYNCHED IN ALABAMA”

Monday Night Philosophy investigates the painful reality that succeeding in business is not always an advantage in America. In fact, if you were black in the Jim Crow South, it could get you killed. Elmore Bolling, a successful entrepreneur, was lynched in Lowndes County, Alabama in 1947 when his youngest daughter, Josephine Bolling McCall, was five years old. Over 70 years later, Bolling is now honored in the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, which opened in Montgomery last year. In her book, “The Penalty for Success”, McCall tells the story of her father’s murder and the impact it had (and still has) on her family and her community. She offers a revealing narrative that challenges us to rethink the reality of life for both blacks and whites in the rural South during Jim Crow, where whites used lynching to destroy competition from black business owners as part of a pattern of racial violence that terrorized African-Americans for generations and has yet to be adequately addressed in the U.S.A.

Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-597-6700 OR

<https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2019-04-08/penalty-success-my-father-was-lynched-alabama>

APRIL 9 (Tuesday), 6 - 8 pm; \$5 (free for members)

“CAPITAL 101: FUNDING OPTIONS TO START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS”

Join the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Majority, Pacific Community Ventures and Working Solutions for an interactive presentation on the current small business funding landscape and funding options to help entrepreneurs and small business owners start and build a scalable business in California. The will discussion include: An overview of alternative lending options including SBA's loan guarantee program, community banks, and credit unions, CDFIs, and reputable online lenders; The Small Business Borrowers' Bill of Rights (BBOR); Key questions to consider when seeking funding; Resources and tips from mission-driven lenders in the room; and a Q&A.

Oakstop 14, 274 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Registration: 510-268-1600 OR <https://members.oaacc.org/events/details/access-to-capital-101-funding-options-to-start-and-grow-your-business-37>

NOTE: Also check the website below for the Fab Friday (Afro professionals networking event on April 26)

<https://members.oaacc.org/events/details/black-professionals-fab-friday-04-26-2019-28>

APRIL 9 – 14: 8 pm Tuesday – Friday / 2 pm + 8 pm Saturday / 3 pm Sunday; \$38 +

“ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER”

The revered Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, which first visited Cal Performances 50 years ago in 1968, returns to Berkeley for its annual residency. The company's program spans the full range of experience and emotion, from Jawole Willa Jo Zollar's “Shelter”, which explores the plight of the homeless, to artistic director Robert Battle's joyful jazz tribute, “Ella”. The residency also includes a new ballet by hip hop pioneer Rennie Harris, inspired by Ailey's life and legacy; Ronald K. Brown's “The Call”, that blends Bach, jazz, and Malian music; and Jessica Lang's vivid, celebratory work, “EN”. The two matinees culminate in his best-loved work, “Revelations”.

More info / Tickets: 510-642-9988 OR https://calperformances.org/performances/2018-19/dance/alvin-ailey-american-dance-theater.php?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=FB_aaadt_event_2018

APRIL 10 – 23, check the website below for the extensive listings, screening details and for tickets

“2019 SAN FRANCISCO FILM FESTIVAL”

Check for the complete listing that includes many documentaries, shorts and feature lengths about the life of African Americans. Boots Riley will be on site to discuss the “State of Cinema” and Madeline Anderson (a cherished documentarian) will be honored for her extensive works. You don't want to miss a few of the films about our heroes and sheroes: Miles Davis, Toni Morrison, Khalil Joseph and Jim Marshall / Jimi Hendrix.

More info / Films / Tickets: <https://sffilm.org/calendar/>

APRIL 12 (Friday), 2 – 7 pm; \$ 20

“BLOCKCHAIN FOR ALL”

This “high tech” event organized by the CageChain Media Group, LLC brings you a fun day of emerging technology discussion with media coverage provided by radio partners 102.9 FM KBLX. Some of the brightest minds of the industry will come together to share great stories of success in tech and Blockchain. Discussion Topics Include: Inclusion in Emerging Tech; Diversity and Inclusion / Distributed Networks; Blockchain to solve issues with Diversity; Social impact of Distributed Technology; and Issues in Tech. A portion of ticket sales are going back to select non profits!

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

More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blockchain-for-all-tickets-54149439431?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

APRIL 12 + 13 (Friday + Saturday), 8 pm; \$20 general (no one turned away for lack of funds)

“LIVE ARTS IN RESISTANCE (LAIR) / 52 LETTERS: A POETIC STAGE PLAY”

Presented by: EastSide Arts Alliance & NAKA Dance Theater

The play is written and performed by Regina Y. Evans with “poetry•movement•spirituals” that bring awareness to the tragedy of child sex trafficking in our communities. #ForTheBabies is directed by Cheri L. Miller with vocals by Rashida Chase. NOTE: from 6 – 7 pm activists will gather to discuss missing black girls/women and child sex trafficking led by documentarian Anthonia Onyejekwe at the Bandung Bookstore that is next door to the Eastside Cultural Center.

EastSide Cultural Center, 2277 International Boulevard, Oakland 94606

More info / Tickets: 510-533-6629 OR <https://www.eastsideartsalliance.org/> OR <https://52letters.brownpapertickets.com/>

APRIL 13 (Saturday), 2 pm; No Fee

“BOBBY HUTTON DAY”

Join the annual Black Panther Party (BPP) celebration of the young revolutionary “Lil Bobby Hutton”. He was the first to join the BPP at 15 yrs old; and he led the Panthers when they went to Sacramento in 1967 to protest the Murford Act. “Lil Bobby Hutton” was killed by Oakland Police back in 1968.

West Oakland Library (Oakland Public Library), 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 916-455-0908 OR https://www.facebook.com/1513201675638059/photos/pb.1513201675638059.-2207520000.1552490875./2165677660390454/?type=3&eid=ARC_YnJ9T2pkG8S2A-gnvF3oHEV8cw3Fu_EcqSBYplmjkQ5N7Xpt1cJQalYldy6tcvveyWeawE3gS_7v

APRIL 13 (Saturday), 2 - 4 pm; Donation / Pay what you can

“WALKSHOP #16”

(Downtown Oakland Multi-Cultural Legends, Legacies and New Directions)

Join Mary White from “The Walk Discourse” on this walk in downtown Oakland, and learn about the legendary Joyce Gordon Gallery, Jeffery’s Inner Circle, historical tiles, the Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California, Malonga Casquelourd Center, Oakland Library and other legacy areas. This walk will also explore histories and artistic heritages of different local communities residing and located in Oakland’s downtown and will provide a glimpse into the rapidly changing downtown landscape. The Walk will end on Broadway and 8th Street (three blocks from the starting point). “The Walk Discourse” is a network that provides room for exchanges about the newly emerging genre of walking art.

Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612 (starting point)

More info / Registration: 510-465-8928 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walkshop-16-tickets-59349371568?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

APRIL 18 (Thursday), 3:30 - 6 pm; No Fee

“SPARK: HEALTH AND JOB FAIR / BERKELEY YOUTH ALTERNATIVES”

Join Berkeley Youth Alternative for their Health & Job Fair. There will be: Community Resources, On the Spot Interviews, Health Education, HIV Testing, Raffle Prizes and More!

Berkeley Youth Alternatives (BYA), 1255 Allston Way, Berkeley 94702

More info: 510-845- 9010 (Camryn Crump), OR [crrump@byaonline.org](mailto:crcrump@byaonline.org) OR <https://www.byaonline.org/>

APRIL 20 (Saturday), 1 - 3:30 pm; No Fee

“FRIENDS OF NEGRO SPIRITUALS PRESENT: A BRIDGE THAT BROUGHT US OVER”

A Bridge That Brought Us Over will explore core features and early purposes of spirituals. Angela Thomas and Sam Edwards, co-chairs of the Friends of Negro Spirituals' (FNS) Education Committee, will be presenting.

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

More info: 510-238-7352 (Library) OR 510-869-4389 (Friends of Negro Spirituals)

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/friends-negro-spirituals-present-bridge-brought-us-over>

APRIL 20 (Saturday), 8:30 - 11:30 pm; \$ 18 +

“AFOXÉ BLACK WITH THE COCOS”

The “Afoxé Black” group creates a relaxed, laid-back atmosphere, extolling beauty, joy, togetherness, peace, and comprehensive and conscious cultural enjoyment. The unique music consists of: the mixing of Brazilian music with the influences of African music; playing copyright songs; and interpretations of world music. Maracatu Pacific will also join Afoxé Black on stage for a few songs. Afoxé Black, has performed at many theaters, festivals, street festivals and more. The CoCos Band fuses Brazilian rhythms with the weight of Jamaican Reggae, and includes in their repertoire, songs and interpretations of the best of root Reggae. the CoCos band was created in Brazil and today plays on the California stage.

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

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5099 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2019/4/20/afoxe-black-with-the-cocos>

APRIL 27 + 28 (Saturday + Sunday), 2 – 8 pm; No Fee

“DANCE-A-VISION: OAKLAND DANCE FESTIVAL”

FREE to the public. Dance-A-Vision Oakland Dance Festival brings the best local dancers, choreographers, studios, and teachers to "Jack London Square" for two days of fabulous rhythm and fun. This festival will showcase a dazzling array of dance genres including jazz, ballet, modern, hip-hop, folkloric dance and more. Dancers of all ages will perform and celebrate the power of dance and culture. This event ends with a Large outdoor Public DANCE PARTY!

Jack London Square , Broadway at Embarcadero West, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-763-5180 OR 415-920-9181 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/281116489230634/>

ONGOING BAY AREA EVENTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

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“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 Sundays, 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 Clotney 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. He is cherished for his contributions.

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

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

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 APRIL 2019

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NOTE: April 19 (Good Friday) and April 22 (Easter Monday) are holidays in many African and African Diaspora states

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APRIL 3: "The Prophet's Ascension" in Comoros, Djibouti and Somalia; and "Second Republic Day" in Guinea. **APRIL 4:** "Peace Day" in Angola; and "Independence Day" in Senegal. **APRIL 6:** "President Ntaryamira Day" in Burundi (to commemorate his assassination in 1994); and "Ougadi/Ugaadi" (beginning of the new Hindu lunar calendar) in Mauritius. **APRIL 7:** "Women's Day" in Mozambique; "Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day" in Rwanda; and "Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume Day" in Tanzania. **APRIL 8:** "Fasika" (Ethiopian Easter), Ethiopia. **APRIL 9:** "Martyrs' Day" in Tunisia. **APRIL 12:** "Fast & Prayer Day" in Liberia. **APRIL 17:** "Women's Day" in Gabon. **APRIL 18:** "Independence Day" in Zimbabwe. **APRIL 19:** "King Mswat's 111th Birthday" in Swaziland. **APRIL 21:** "Tiradentes Day" (National Hero) in Brazil. **APRIL 22:** "Family Day" in South Africa. **APRIL 24:** "Concord Day" in Niger. **APRIL 25:** "Sinai Liberation Day" in Egypt / Kmt; and "National Flag Day" in eSwatini (Swaziland). **APRIL 26:** "Union Day" in Tanzania; and "Siklet" (Coptic Good Friday) in Eritrea and Ethiopia. **APRIL 27:** "Independence Day" in Sierra Leone and Togo; and "Freedom Day" in South Africa. **APRIL 28:** "National Heroes' Day" in Barbados; and "Coptic Easter" in Egypt / Kmt and Eritrea. **APRIL 29:** "Labor Day" in the Dominican Republic; and "Sham el Nessim" (beginning of Spring) in Egypt / Kmt. **APRIL 30:** "Carnival Day" in Sint Maarten;

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR APRIL

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

- April 1:** 1868 – Hampton Institute (University) was established by Samuel Armstrong in Hampton, Virginia.
1965 - The Lowndes County Freedom Organization (LCFO), the first Black Panther Party, was founded by Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Toure) and African Americans in Lowndes County, Alabama.
1966 – First World Festival of Afro Arts was held in Dakar, Senegal.
- April 2:** 1796 - Haitian Revolt leader, Toussaint L' Ouverture took command of forces at Santo Domingo.
1895 – J. Cooper patented the elevator device.
- April 3:** 1944 – U.S. Supreme Court Ruling, "Smith v. Allwright" declared white primaries to be unconstitutional.
1963 – Anti-segregation demonstrations began in Montgomery, Alabama led by Martin Luther King, Jr.
1984 – John Thompson became the first Afro coach to win a NCAA basketball tournament.
1996 – Ron H. Brown was killed in a plane crash??? He was the first U.S. Afro Secretary of Commerce and former Democratic National Committee Chair.
- April 4:** 1967 - Martin Luther King, Jr. called for an end to U.S. involvement in Vietnam.
1968 - Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.
1988 - MPLA, SWAPO and Cuba, with general Pan-African support, defeated South Africa, UNITA and US-CIA in the battle of Cuito Canavale in Angola.
2002 - Angola's government and UNITA rebels signed a peace treaty, ending the civil war of 27 years.
- April 5:** 1995 – Ethiopia and Eritrea signed an agreement to establish an economic and customs union.

- April 6:** 1712 - New York Slave Revolt, when 23 enslaved Africans killed nine Europeans and injured another six.
 1909 - Matthew Henson became the first African American explorer of the North Pole. He received many posthumous awards, including a monument at Arlington National Cemetery.
 1959 - The Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) was founded in Soweto, South Africa and organized a campaign against racist "pass laws". Its armed wing was the Azanian People's Liberation Army.
 1968 - Bobby Hutton, Black Panther Party activist, was shot and killed by police in Oakland.
 1994 - Presidents Juvenal Habyarimana of Rwanda and Cyprien Ntaryamira of Burundi were killed in an air crash at Kigali airport.
- April 7:** 1803 - Toussaint L' Overture, leader of the Haitian Revolution died (was killed?) while imprisoned.
 1867 - Johnson C. Smith University was founded in Charlotte, North Carolina.
 1959 - Lorraine Hansberry was the youngest and the first Afro to receive the New York Drama Critics' Circle award for her play, "A Raisin In The Sun".
 1972 - Tanzanian Vice-President, Sheikh Karume was assassinated.
 1975 - Frank Robinson of the Cleveland Indians became the first African-American hired to manage a Major League baseball team.
- April 8:** 1760 - Rebellion of enslaved Africans led by "Tacky" in St. Mary Parish, Jamaica.
 1974 - Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's major league record with 715 career home runs.
 1990 - Percy Julian and George Washington Carver became the first African-American inventors inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. They were not previously included because of racism.
- April 9:** 1950 - Juanita Hill became the first African American to win a Tony Award for live Broadway theatre.
- April 10:** 1941 - Dr. George Washington Carver developed a drug to treat pyorrhea (gum disease) from the persimmon fruit.
 1993 - Chris Hani, South African Communist Party leader and ANC executive member, was assassinated.
- April 11:** 1881 - Spellman College for African American women was founded.
 1947 - Jackie Robinson became the first professional African American major league baseball player.
 1966 - Emmett Ashford became the first Afro umpire for the major league.
 1968 - The U.S. Civil Rights Fair Housing Act was signed by President Lyndon Johnson.
 1972 - Benjamin Lawson Hooks was the first Afro head of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).
 1996 - "Treaty of Pelindaba", making Africa a nuclear-free zone, was signed by all African states.
 1996 - Forty-three African nations signed the African Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Treaty. They pledged not to build, bury, stockpile or test nuclear weapons.
- April 12:** 1787 - The Philadelphia Free African Society was created by Richard Allen, Absalom Jones and six others.
 1968 - African-American students at Boston University occupied the administration building to demand Black History courses and admission of more Afro students.
 1983 - Harold Washington was elected as the First Afro Mayor of Chicago.
- April 13:** 1907 - Harlem Hospital opened in New York City to service African Americans.
 1964 - Sidney Poitier became the first Afro to win the Best Actor Oscar award.
 1997 - Tiger Woods became the youngest and the first Afro to win the Masters Golf Championship.
- April 14:** 1775 - The first abolitionist society was formed in Philadelphia by Quakers.
 1789 - Benjamin Banneker, inventor, astronomer and Washington DC planner, predicted the solar eclipse.
 1816 - Rebellion of enslaved Africans led by "Bussa" in the British colony in Barbados.

- April 15:** 1896 - Booker T. Washington received an honorary degree from Harvard University.
 1929 – Oscar DePriest was sworn in as Illinois Congressman and the first Northern U.S. Afro Congressman.
 1958 - African Freedom Day was declared at the All-African Peoples' Conference in Accra, Ghana. NOTE: It is also celebrated as "African Liberation Day" OR "Africa Unity Day" on May 25th.
- April 16:** 1862 - Slavery was ended in Washington D.C. by the U.S. Congress.
 1868 – Francis L. Cardozo elected South Carolina's Secretary of State; and was the 1st Afro Cabinet member.
 1895 – C.J. Dorticus, inventor, patented the Photo Embossing Machine (Patent #537,442).
 1960 - SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) was formed at Shaw University with a grant from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Stokley Carmichael and H. Rap Brown were among the first members. Marion Davis (former Chicago mayor) was the first president.
 1973 - Leila Smith Foley was elected as the first Afro Female mayor of Taft, Oklahoma. She continued to hold the position for 13 years.
 1987 – August Wilson was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his play "Fences".
- April 17:** 1868 – Oscar J. Dunn elected Louisiana's Lieutenant Governor; and Antoine Dubuclet as State Treasurer.
- April 18:** 1966 - Bill Russell signed to become the first African American National Basketball Association / NBA coach.
 1975 – James Benton Parsons became the first Afro Chief Judge of the Federal District Court in Chicago, Illinois.
 1980 - Zimbabwe became independent under the Patriotic Front.
 1983 – Alice Walker received the Pulitzer Prize in fiction for "The Color Purple" novel.
- April 19:** 1837 - Cheney State College in Pennsylvania was founded for African American boys.
 1960 - SWAPO (South West African People's Organization) was founded.
 1999 – Rosa Parks won the Congressional Medal of Honor for not giving up her bus seat in 1955.
- April 20:** 1853 - Harriet Tubman began working on The Underground Railroad.
 1866 - Fisk University was founded in Nashville, Tennessee.
 1971 – U.S. Supreme Court declared bussing to achieve school integration as constitutional.
- April 21:** 1878 – Over 200 Afro emigrants sailed from Charleston on the AZOR ship to Liberia.
 1970 – Mutiny of the army in Trinidad & Tobago as part of the Black Power uprising.
 2014 – Meb Keflezighi became the first Afro to win the Boston Marathon.
- April 22:** 1526 - The first recorded "New World" slave revolt occurred in what is now South Carolina.
 1958 – First meeting of the Federation of the West Indies Parliament.
- April 23:** 1872 - Charlotte Ray became the first African-American woman admitted to practice law before the District of Columbia Supreme Court.
 2015 - Loretta Lynch became the first African-American woman to serve as Attorney General for the U.S.
- April 24:** 1884 – The Medical-Chirurgical Society, the oldest Afro Medical Association, was formed in Washington D.C. because the American Medical Association refused admission of Afro physicians.
 1950 - The first African-American student attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
 1993 - Oliver Tambo, leader of the African National Congress (ANC), died from a stroke (?) in Johannesburg.
- April 25:** 1882 – W.B. Purvis, inventor, patented a paper bag fastening device (Patent #256,856).
 1944 - The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) was founded by Frederick D. Patterson.
 1950 – Charles Cooper became the first Afro basketball player to sign with the NBA (Boston Celtics).
 1974 - The MPLA (People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola), PAIGC (African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde) and Frelimo (Mozambique Liberation Front) defeated Portugal.
 1986 – Mswati III became King of Swaziland.

- April 26:** 1892 – Sarah Boone, inventor, patented the ironing board (Patent #473,653).
 1964 – Zanzibar amalgamated with Tanganyika to form the United Republic of Tanzania.
 1969 – “Black Manifesto” demanding \$500 million compensation for slavery was issued in the U.S. by the Black Economic Development Committee.
- April 27:** 1960 – Togo became an independent nation.
 1961 - Sierra Leone became an independent nation.
 1972 - Kwame Nkrumah died of prostate cancer, after many attempts were made to assassinate him.
 1994 - South Africa’s first “all-races elections” were held and ended 350 years of Euro domination.
- April 28:** 1941 – U.S. Supreme Court ruled that railroad facilities for Afros must be equal to facilities for Euros.
 1966 – Zimbabwe patriots began the armed struggle.
 1967 - Muhammad Ali’s Heavy Weight Boxing Champion title was stripped after he refused to enter the U.S. armed forces during the Vietnam War.
 1983 – Gloria Naylor won the American Book Award for her novel, “The Women of Brewster Place”.
 1992 – Alpha Oumar Konare was elected President of Mali.
- April 29:** 1854 - The Ashmun Institute (later, Lincoln University) opened in Oxford, Pennsylvania.
 1977 – Alex Haley won the Pulitzer Prize for his novel, “Roots”.
 1992 - The Los Angeles riots began after acquittal of four police officers for the beating of Rodney King.
- April 30:** 1865 - The Freedmen’s Bureau was established after the U.S. Civil War to assist persons formerly enslaved as well as poor Europeans.
 1926 – Bessie Coleman, the first licensed Afro aviator, died (was killed?) in an airplane accident.
 1983 – Robert Maynard purchased the “Oakland Tribute” and became the first Afro to own a major, daily metropolitan newspaper.

SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

REGIONAL & GLOBAL CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH OCTOBER 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>

Check for Events:

<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/>

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/>

APRIL 25 – MAY 5, 2019; \$85 per day (\$5 child's ticket for ages 2 – 10)

"50TH ANNIVERSARY JAZZ FEST / THE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL"

The Festival features: national touring and local acts on 12 stages; more than 70 food vendors; local, regional and international arts and crafts; interviews; kids' activities; demonstrations; cultural displays; AND MORE!

This year's featured musicians include: Diana Ross, Al Green, Earth, Wind & Fire, Gladys Knight, Herbie Hancock, The O'Jays, Ziggy Marly, Taj Mahal, Frankie Beverly, Bahamas Revue Band, Crocodile Gumbo Dancers of South Africa, AND MORE! Look for Jazz Fest Memories and #JazzFest50 social media posts on most social media platforms.

New Orleans Fair Grounds / Race Course, 1751 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

More info / Tickets: 504-410-4100 OR 504-558-6100 OR <http://www.nojazzfest.com/>

MAY 4 - 12, 2019; check website for venues, tickets and more details

“SAINT LUCIA JAZZ FESTIVAL 2019”

Experience and enjoy the celebration of Saint Lucian, Caribbean and international jazz music, with events in all parts of the island. There will be a mix of free and paying concerts and educational activities targeted at Saint Lucian and visiting musicians. The Festival remains one of the world’s first and biggest jazz festivals. Performers include: Christian McBride, Dianne Reeves, Etienne Charles & Creole Soul, Ledsi, Gregory Porter, AND OTHERS! Through a first-time collaboration, Saint Lucia Jazz Festival and Jazz at Lincoln Center will stage the 2019 Saint Lucia Jazz Festival. DON’T MISS IT!

More info / Tickets: 1-758-458-6076 (Events Company of St. Lucia) OR <https://eventssaintlucia.com/saint-lucia-summer-festival/saint-lucia-jazz-in-collaboration-with-jazz-at-lincoln-center-3/> OR <http://www.stlucia.org/experiences/festivals-events/saint-lucia-jazz-festival>

MAY 24 - 26, 2019; Some events are free; check website for events + dates, tickets and more details

“ORIGINAL GULLAH FESTIVAL”

The Original Gullah Festival of South Carolina was first held in 1986 by natives of Beaufort to continue a three-day celebration of the historical significant Sea Island heritage. It continues to take place annually every Memorial Day weekend. The 2019 festival includes: a food court with local and Gullah cuisine; an extensive vendor market; Reggae and Blues concerts; storytelling; night parties; African drumming; theater productions; Gullah Cultural Tours; and workshops for quilting, basket weaving and African Adinkra symbols. The festival is a non-profit, non-alcoholic three day public event designed for family, friends, church groups, youth groups, class reunions and many other groups.

NOTE: The “Lest We Forget” segment is FREE and includes an educational platform for panel discussions on the history, customs and culture of Gullah. This event will take place on Friday, May 24th and Saturday, May 25th from 10 am to 3 pm.

Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park, 1010 Bay Street, Beaufort South Carolina 29902 (and other venues)

More info / Tickets: 843-321-9288 OR 843-525-0628 OR <http://theoriginalgullahfestival.org/>

MAY 24 - 27, 2019; \$ 25+ Check website for venues, tickets and more details

“DANCEAFRICA 2019”

In its 42nd year, this event has become the nation’s largest festival dedicated to African dance and music. This beloved annual tradition is a jubilant celebration of culture from Africa and its diaspora. This year, DanceAfrica offers a taste of the rhythm, movement, and spirit of Rwanda. The full weekend of activities includes art, workshops, community events, the annual FilmAfrica series, and the one-and-only DanceAfrica Bazaar.

This event is a project of the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM).

Peter Jay Sharp Building, 30 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11217

More info / Tickets: 718-636-4100 (x1) OR <https://www.bam.org/dance/2019/danceafrica>

JUNE 7 - 9, 2019 (11 am-9 pm each day); FREE Admission

“36TH ANNUAL CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL”

The Chicago Blues Festival is the largest free blues festival in the world. During three days on four stages, blues fans enjoy free live music in the "Blues Capital of the World". The Festival shares the great Chicago-born music tradition with the world while shining a spotlight on the genre’s contributions to soul, R&B, gospel, rock, hip-hop and more. This year’s performers include: Charlie Musselwhite, Bill Boy Arnold, Bobby Rush, Bettye LaVette, Ruthie Foster, AND MORE!

There will also be many “Blues Around Town” events before, during and after the Festival.

Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph Street / Michigan Avenue / Columbus Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601

More info: 312-742-1168 OR https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_blues_festival.html/

JULY 14 - JULY 21, 2019; Check website for events, fees and more details

“REGGAE SUMFEST 2018: JAMAICA”

Jamaica’s premier festival is also the world’s biggest and best Reggae festival. Now Confirmed....Buju Banton, Beres Hammond, Tarrus Riley, Elephant Man, Dexta Daps, and many more will perform. Check the website for the complete lineup. All Week Tickets will include admission to both Main Festival Nights, The Colorfest Beach Party, The All White Party, and other special events. Some events are free.

Catherine Hall Festival Grounds & Various Venues in Montego Bay / Saint James Parish, Jamaica

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reggae-sumfest-2019-tickets-54253145619>

AUGUST 17 (Saturday), 2019, 1 – 12 midnight; check website for events, fees and more details

“GOOMBAY SUMMER FESTIVAL: BAHAMAS”

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism’s annual summer festival features live displays of Bahamian culture in the form of food & music. Come and experience the local culture as you: listen to the sweet sounds of “Goombay”; indulge in local delicacies; browse through the most authentic Bahamian arts and crafts; dance to the beat of “Junkanoo”; and then relax on the beaches! Bring the entire family out for a fun-filled day!

More info / Bookings / Deals: 1-800-224-2627 OR 1-242-338-8668 OR

<https://www.bahamas.com/event/goombay-summer-festival>

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 April 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

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

FOR MORE INFO AND TOURS:

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

BLACK FAMILY LIFE AND CULTURE, INC.

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

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

<http://blackfamily-life.org/>

INSPIRE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC!

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

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

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.myafricais.com/>

ONE AFRICA HEALTH RESORT, RESTAURANT & WELLNESS CENTER

Tours or retreats to this healing retreat, at the One Africa Health Resort in Ghana, provide rejuvenation in a quaint Afrikan village style environment. Fourteen day tours are priced from \$2,500 and include roundtrip airfare from New York City. Tour sites included in the itinerary are the: W.E.B. DuBois Centre, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial, Cultural Art Center, Makola Market, Elmina and Cape Coast Slave Dungeons; and more.

More info / Tickets: 011-233-20-750-1221 OR <http://www.oneafricaghana.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

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

SPECIAL TOURS & EVENTS FOR THE GHANA 2019 YEAR OF RETURN

NOTE: 2019 marks the 400th year since the MIDDLE PASSAGE. 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. The annual Chale Wote Festival is August 22 – 29.

SPECIAL ARTICLE IN THE UNITED NATION'S AFRICA ONLINE NEWS WEBSITE:

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

SPECIAL ISSUE OF EBONY MAGAZINE ONLINE WITH INFO FOR THE 2019 YEAR OF RETURN AND GHANA HISTORY.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GHANA: THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS + CULTURE (MOTAC)

<http://motac.gov.gh/>

MINISTRY OF GHANA IN WASHINGTON D.C. FOR INFO + ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT TRAVEL TO GHANA

<https://www.ghanaembassydc.org/>

JULY 1 – 10, 2019 (10 days / 9 nights) NOTE: A December tour is also planned.

“2019 THE YEAR OF RETURN: RETURN TO OUR ROYAL ROOTS”

COST = \$2,850 + (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

The Royal Diaspora Group, LLC is hosting 2 epic trips to Ghana (July 2019 & December 2019) in celebration of returning to our royal roots. The tour departs from Houston, Texas and arrives next day in Ghana. The Ghana itinerary includes tours to: Elmina Castle and Cape Coast Dungeons; Kakum National Rain forest; Kumasi; Aburi Mountains; Labadi Beach; Makola Market; and some Accra Night Life. Tour Price Includes: Round Trip Flight Ticket with 2 checked bags and a carry on; Lodging; Transportation; and Entrance fee for scheduled tourist stops. Check the website for what is not included in the tour price (such as passport and visa fees, immunization fees), and anything not specified in the itinerary.

More info / Registration: 281-975-2624 / 832-799-2293 (Royal Diaspora Group LLC) OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-the-year-of-return-return-to-our-royal-roots-tickets-55620350967?aff=erellivmlt>

NOTE: Details for the December 16, 2019 – January 2, 2020 trip will be released later on the Royal Diaspora Group, LLC website and will have a separate Eventbrite page / <https://www.facebook.com/RoyalDiasporaGroupLLC/>

AUGUST 5 – 14, 2019 (10 days / 9 nights)

“HISTORIC TOUR OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA”

COST = \$ 4595 + (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

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 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 many historical components of the transatlantic slave trade. Ghana was the first sub-Saharan African country to gain its independence from Europeans, and is today a thriving democracy with its traditions, customs and culture almost undiluted. Tour participants / Returnees will be welcomed by the government and people of Ghana, and will be taken to RETURN through the infamous “DOOR OF NO RETURN” at the 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/>

AUGUST 15 – 24, 2019 (10 days / 9 nights)

“2019 JUNETEENTH FAMILY REUNION IN GHANA”

Cost = \$4495 + tax (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

To exhibit the power of the Creator, our ancestors and the Black community, the African Genesis Institute is making a triumphant return to Africa-our ancestral homeland– by leading a delegation of 100 people, to Ghana, West Africa. The tour itinerary will visit Accra and Cape Coast and the tour includes: Round trip airfare from U.S. to Ghana; Ground transportation in air conditioned buses; Hotel (double occupancy - Single supplement available for \$950.00); Breakfast daily; Marcus Garvey Birthday Celebration Dinner; Farewell dinner; Royal Homecoming Parade and Festival; City Tour of Accra; African Marketplace; Tour of site where 2020 Group is building homes; Naming Ceremony; Pre-dawn libation pouring ceremony on the banks of the Atlantic Ocean; Placing of permanent plaques at the “Door of no Return” at Elmina and Cape Coast Slave Dungeons recognizing our return and the fulfillment of prophecy; Workshops on Dual citizenship, Retirement and vacation housing, Real estate development, Business and employment opportunities.

More info / Registration: 215-247-5121 (African Genesis Institute) OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-juneteenth-family-reunion-in-ghana-tickets-48890579038>

AUGUST 15 – 25, 2019 (11 days / 10 nights)

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

Cost = \$1,750 (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

This tour is jointly organized by The Wysteria Group/INEZ INTERNATIONAL.LV., and Inez International.LV is the certified travel agency that will book your travel. 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, payment and other details.

More info / Registration:

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

AUGUST 20 – 26, 2019 (7 days / 6 nights, Extension Available);

“GHANA: YEAR OF THE RETURN”

Cost: \$2549 + (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

You are invited to Experience Ghana during the Year Of The Return on this tour that is facilitated by: Traveling Black (a travel company with tours to learn about different Afro/Black cultures around the world); and I Love Being Black (a positive cultural movement that aims to uplift Black people worldwide). This tour will take you through 3 major cities in Ghana where you will visit the slavery dungeons, make kente cloth with the Ashanti and party at the Chale Wote festival. Check the website below for requirements for travel (passport + medical requirements for travelers); vegan options and more. After you submit your deposit you will be contacted within 48hrs to answer any remaining questions and you will be assisted in booking your flights to Ghana.

More info / Registration: <https://traveling.black/tours/ghana-year-of-return/>

OR <https://www.facebook.com/lovebeingblack>

NOTE: this listing of tours is part of the WO’SE “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” for April 2019. Updates will be included in the May 2019 newsletter. You may view current and past monthly issues online if you log on to the WO’SE Community website <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> and click on “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” under Latest News.

LINKS FOR LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION / RESOURCES / EVENTS

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BAY AREA

1. **AFRICA TODAY WITH WALTER TURNER:** check updates on contemporary developments in Africa, the Caribbean, South America, the United States, and more. Mondays, 7 – 8 pm on KPFA Radio, 94.1 FM. Listen online to current and past programs.
<https://kpfa.org/program/africa-today/>
2. **AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AAGSNC):** check details and dates for Bay Area monthly study groups and weekly assistance with African Heritage / Genealogy research.
<http://www.aagsnc.org/> OR 510-531-3905
3. **AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY COUNCIL:** an independent community group in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health's African American Health Initiative. Committed to close the gap of negative health disparities affecting people of African descent by sharing e-health information and resources that promote effective health policies, community action and well being.
<http://www.bcoa.org/> OR <http://rafikicoalition.org/news.html#events>
4. **AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS -- BAY AREA**
 - San Francisco BayView (online): <http://sfbayview.com/>
 - The Sun Reporter + California Voice (subscription info only)
<http://www.sunreporter.com/tosubscribe.html>
 - The Oakland Post and Post Newspaper Group Online. Includes news for Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, San Francisco, Marin, South County and Vallejo.
<http://postnewsgroup.com/>
5. **AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAPAC)**
<http://www.sfusd.edu/en/councils-committees/african-american-parent-advisory-council.html>
The mission of the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) is to provide a forum to hear the ideas of the San Francisco Unified School District's African American parent community, and respond to those ideas by educating and informing parents of district resources, policies, and programs.
6. **AFRICANA STUDIES COMMUNITY RESEARCH CENTER AT MERRITT COLLEGE:** The Department of African American Studies provides curriculum for African American history to be used on ipads and/or computers that is fully ADA compliant for hearing and visually impaired learners and accessible in Spanish. It also includes a Black Family Research Specialist who works 2 days a week to train persons on genealogy processes.
<http://postnewsgroup.com/> OR <http://www.merritt.edu/wp/afam/> OR 510-434-3935 OR 510 -531-4911
OR https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E_9UJQOUJg&feature=youtu.be
7. **AFRICANA STUDIES / PROFESSOR MANU AMPIM:** check his Save Nubia Project, African studies / radio program, educational tours, e-store, publications, special events, lectures and more.
<http://www.manuampim.com/>

8. **AFROCENTRIC OAKLAND:** promote individual and community rejuvenation and cultural pride through art.
<http://www.afrocentricoakland.com/>
9. **AKILI DADA:** check details and activities of the Africa and San Francisco Branches coordinate transformative leadership for young women from underprivileged backgrounds in Africa and the U.S.
<http://www.akilidada.org/#home>
10. **AUSAR AUSET SOCIETY---WEST COAST:** check details for the West Coast chapter that carries on the mission of Ausar Auset Society International by: offering monthly classes on the material created by Ra Un Nefer Amen I; providing an outlet for the supplies and materials of AASI; and by creating a community environment through which one can live out the Kamitic spiritual system with others.
<http://www.ausarasetwestcoast.com/>
11. **AVOTCJA:** check info and links to Avotcja's activities as a D.J., poet, musician with Modupe; and more.
<http://www.avotcja.org/>
12. **BAOBOB:** Bay Area Organization of Black Owned Businesses: supports Black owned businesses and their customers, who agree that keeping our dollars circulating within our community is tantamount to Black empowerment in the Bay Area and beyond.
<http://baobobdirectory.com/>
13. **BARBARA LEE'S CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #13:** keep up-to-date on international /national / regional / local issues and events that impact on the Bay Area represented by Congresswoman Barbara Lee.
<http://lee.house.gov/>
14. **BAY AREA BLACK UNITED FUND (BABUF):** strives to improve Bay Area African-American wellness by: putting needed resources into the community; compiling a Health Conductors list; and by engaging the community in leading healthier lives. Check info and more.
<http://www.babuf.org/>
15. **BAY AREA PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTIVE:** Established in 1987, the organization writes, directs and produces quality production throughout the Bay Area; and is based at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts.
<http://bayareapac.wix.com/bapac>
16. **BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP):** working for racial, social and economic justice through grassroots community organizing and policy-change.
<http://blackorganizingproject.org/>
17. **CENTER FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION:** a Bay Area group building powerful movements from below and the left through education, analysis, theory, and dialogue.
<http://www.politicaleducation.org/>
18. **DELLUMS INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE:** to apply and adapt strategies used in past social justice movements to today's greatest challenges to global peace and justice.
<https://dellumsinstitute.org/>
19. **DIAMANO COURA WEST AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY:** provides classes / workshops for West African dance and music at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts in Oakland. The Company has professional performances locally, nationally and internationally.
<http://www.diamanocoura.org/>

20. **DOWNTOWN TAY:** Empowering the young adult community (16-24 years old) in Alameda County. Connecting to culture; inspiring hope; cultivating creativity; supporting wellness and promoting critical thinking.
<http://www.downtowntay.org/>
21. **EAST OAKLAND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (EOYDC):** EOYDC develops the social, higher education and leadership capacities of youth and young adults (ages 6 – 24).
<http://eoydc.org/>
22. **ELLA BAKER CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS:** advances racial and economic justice to ensure dignity and opportunity for low-income people and people of color.
<http://ellabakercenter.org/>
23. **FREEDOM FARMERS' MARKET:** check the African American farmer's site for ordering your "Harvest Box" and to learn about farming or assist those wishing to maintain or create sustainable farms.
<http://freedomfarmersmarket.com/>
24. **HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA:** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
25. **HUNTERS POINT FAMILY:** grass-roots, community-based organization providing holistic programs supporting at-risk youth and young adults living in BayView Hunters Point, San Francisco.
<http://hunterspointfamily.org/>
26. **IJO ADULAWO ORISA TEMPLE OF OAKLAND:** Ijo Adulawo means the temple of Black Theology. Main objective is to promote spiritual development in the Bay Area through the study and practice of the Orisa Lifestyle. Online products and services available.
<http://ijoadulawo.weebly.com/> + <http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
27. **JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC):** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.jaanc.org/>
28. **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SACRED WOMAN CIRCLE:** receive and provide Sisterhood support through the Gateways and beyond! Services include Kemetic & Womb Yoga; and products include holistic teas, tonics, elixars, soaking salts and more.
<http://www.holisticpsr.org/>
29. **OAKLAND PUBLIC CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC (OPC):** community music classes with Afro energy for all ages.
<https://www.opcmusic.org/>
30. **ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY:** organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
31. **OUSD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE:** Oakland Unified School Districts program that pilots a three-tiered model of prevention/ intervention/ supported reentry in response to conflict/harm.
<http://www.ousd.org/Page/12324>
32. **OUTDOOR AFRO:** reconnects African-Americans with natural spaces and one another through camping, hiking, biking, fishing, gardening and more.
<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Afro/>

33. PAN AFRICAN CITY ALIVE: check the online store and Resource Center in Sunnyvale, CA for African art, clothing, books, culture, etc.
<http://www.panafricanstore.com/default.aspx>
34. PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK: check the Oral History Project (“I Hear, I Keep: Stories From Oakland’s Griots”). Wednesdays – Sundays, 2465 34th Avenue, Oakland, 510-532-9142
www.peraltahacienda.org
35. PRIORITY AFRICA NETWORK (PAN): check the Bay Area’s website for Pan African affairs, resources, organizations, events, news and updates, African Immigration, African restaurants, etc.
<http://www.priorityafrica.org/index.html>
36. QILOMBO: a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.
<http://qilombo.org/>
37. RADIO 97.5 FM/KDEE: A Community Radio Station, owned and operated by the California Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Includes news and updates, business directory, community events and more.
<https://www.kdeefm.org/>
38. RED BAY COFFEE: Check the website to purchase coffee and gifts in Oakland or San Francisco, at some Farmer’s Markets or online. Fosters single origin, fair trade, direct trade, organic and sustainable coffees.
www.redbaycoffee.com
39. USHIRIKA KENYA Inc.: check details and activities for the community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to building a strong, united and thriving Kenyan community in Northern California and throughout the U.S.
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ushirika-Kenya-Inc/119089438101741?hc_location=timeline
40. VILLAGE-CONNECT: the mission is to build the capacity of people to become more self-aware and self-directed, resulting in sustainable positive transformation. The Project has received many awards.
<http://www.village-connect.org/>
41. WANDA’S PICKS: check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
42. YOUTH SPEAKS: founded in 1996 in San Francisco, and champions a local, national, and increasingly global movement of young people picking up pens and stepping proudly onto stages, declaring themselves present.
<http://youthspeaks.org/#>

REGIONAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

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

45. AFRICA GREAT LAKES NETWORKING FOUNDATION (AGL): a Canadian Non-profit Organization that provides support, services and referrals, working with other agencies to smoothly integrate the Newcomers and Refugees mainly from the African Great Lakes Region and other parts of the world to Canadian Society.
<http://africagreatlakesnetworkingfoundation.org/>
46. AFRICA TIMES NEWS: THE AFRICAN NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER: comprehensive access in French and English to events in and about all countries in Africa. Organized by a group of young African journalists.
<http://www.africa-times-news.com/>
47. AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS—NATIONAL
- The Final Call: <http://www.finalcall.com/>
 - National Newspaper Publishers Association – list of member newspapers
http://www.nnpa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=45
48. AFRICA GREAT LAKES NETWORKING FOUNDATION (AGL): committed to transform communities in Kenya and the Diaspora through education, information dissemination for knowledge, skills and sustainability.
<http://africagreatlakesnetworkingfoundation.org/>
49. AFRICAN GLOBE: BLACK NEWS, POLITICS AND INFORMATION: dedicated to the propagation and the dissemination of news and information relating to, and of importance to African Peoples worldwide. Includes videos, biographies, etc.
<http://www.africanglobe.net/>
50. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
51. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET: provided by Stanford University.
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
52. AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>
53. AFRICAN UNION (AU): official organization for 53 member African nations and the African Diaspora, with the head office in Ethiopia. Formerly Organization of African Union (OAU).
- For info on each nation, and all AU programs and projects: <http://www.au.int/en/>
 - For info about “Agenda 2063” (50 year proposals / projects for Africa): <http://agenda2063.au.int/>
 - For live stream of important meetings: <http://summits.au.int/en/livestream?q=livestream>
54. AFRICAN VIEWS / E NEWS SELECTION
<https://www.africanviews.org/news>
55. AFRICAN WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT FUND - USA: a coalition of African women and their U.S. allies for various projects.
www.awdf.org/awdf-usa OR www.awdf.org (sister organization)
56. AFRICANS RISING: a growing and self-selecting collective of social movements, NGOs, peoples and popular social justice movements, intellectuals, artists, sports people, cultural activists and others, across the continent and Diaspora.
<http://www.africans-rising.org/>

57. **AFROPOP: THE ULTIMATE CULTURAL EXCHANGE:** links to special worldwide Afro TV / Media presentations. A series on the present day realities and contemporary lifestyles of Africans, on the continent and the Diaspora.
<http://afropop.tv/>
58. **AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS:** Coordinated by Baba Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma'at, Life Member & Past National Co-Chair of N'COBRA (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America), and Founder of Foundations for Our New Alkebulan/Afrikan Millennium (FONAMI) and AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS.
<http://www.africansdeservereparations.com/index.html>
59. **AFRICOLOGY: THE JOURNAL OF PAN AFRICAN STUDIES:** a trans-disciplinary and scholarly journal devoted to intellectual synthesis of research, scholarship and critical thought on the African experience around the world.
<http://www.jpanafrican.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 EQUITY 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/>