

WO'SE COMMUNITY



PAN AFRICAN AFFAIRS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"WHAT IS WO'SE THEOLOGY?"

A Discussion by Baba Jahi

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

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

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

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

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

JULY 2019 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

JULY 18TH IS INTERNATIONAL NELSON MANDELA DAY !!!

THIS YEAR IS HIS 101ST BIRTHYEAR !!!

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

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

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

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

WEBSITES FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

<https://www.mandeladay.com/>

<https://www.sa-venues.com/events/southafrica/mandela-day/>

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 23 - 25 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

A FEW OF NELSON MANDELA'S QUOTES:

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

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

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

MANDELA'S THREE RULES:

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

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

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

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

PAN AFRICAN 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/> OR

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/WOSESACRAMENTO>

WO'SE SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS WITH SPECIAL SEGMENTS

SUNDAYS, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join us for the Sunday Celebration that may include: Libation to Ancestors; an opening and closing Prayer Circle; Meditation; soul-stirring songs and music; the Litany of Sacrifice; and other inspiring activities and messages.

Celebrations end with a healthy Karamu (communal meal). Note the special events below for July.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY CELEBRATION ON JULY 21st. OUR OAKLAND WO'SE COMMUNITY WILL BE WITH THE WO'SE COMMUNITY IN SACRAMENTO FOR THEIR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

ILE OMODE 2019 SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS

UNTIL AUGUST 2nd, 7:30am – 5:30pm, Monday – Friday

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

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

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR & SUNDAY CELEBRATION

JULY 7th: 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 with artistic vocal, rhythmic and soul stirring performances. The Sunday Celebration on July 7th will include a special presentation by professor Manu Ampim about his projects and tours to Kmt (Kemet / Ancient Egypt).

The Karamu (community meal) follows.

WO'SE "SOUNDS OF MAAT" MUSIC SERVICE & SUNDAY CELEBRATION

JULY 14th + JULY 28th, Part of the 10:30 am Service

The "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends will provide music interlaced with soul inspiring songs that will get you on your feet! The Sunday Celebration will include a spiritual message from Minister Inhotep from the WO'SE in Sacramento. The Karamu (community meal) follows.

WO'SE MONTHLY SOUL SESSSION & CELEBRATION
JULY 28th: A Special Sunday Session for the 10:30 Service

During this special monthly session 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; and a Children's Activity Space. The "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends will enhance the service with music to lift the soul and spirit.

AFRICAN DRUMMING SESSIONS
JULY 5, 12, 19, 26 (Fridays), 7 – 8:30 pm

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

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR JULY 2019

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

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

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

Bring family and friends to enjoy a Jamaican style get together in the park. There will be vendors, food, music, dance competitions, sports, raffles with prizes and surprises! Donations requested for raffle. Bring your own picnic basket (but be ready to purchase Jamaican patties and other specialties). Learn more about JAANC.

Joaquin Miller Park, 3450 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland 94602 (Look for JAANC sign)

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

JULY 5 – AUGUST 4 (check performance website for days + times + special fees)

NOTE: Pay-What-You-Can Previews: July 5–11 / Opening Night: Friday, July 12

"KILL MOVE PARADISE"

The Shotgun Players in association with Lorraine Hansberry Theatre present this award-winning play that is an expressionistic view of the contemporary "all lives matter." Ben Brantley of the New York Times writes:

"Kill Move Paradise" radiates an urgent and hypnotic theatrical energy." The play is written by James Ijames and Directed by Darryl V. Jones; and it is the winner of the 2018 Kesselring Prize

Shotgun Players, 1901 Ashby Avenue, Berkeley 94703

More info / Tickets: 510-841-6500 OR

https://shotgunplayers.org/Online/default.asp?BOParam::WScontent::loadArticle::permalink=kill-move-paradise&BOParam::WScontent::loadArticle::context_id=

JULY 6 & 7, (Saturday + Sunday), 10 am – 6 pm; No Fee

"36TH ANNUAL FILLMORE JAZZ FESTIVAL"

Blending art and soul in one of the country's most unique neighborhoods, the Fillmore Jazz Festival is the largest free Jazz festival on the West Coast. Visitors can groove to the sounds of live music from multiple stages, browse the offerings of over 12 blocks of fine art and crafts and enjoy gourmet food and beverages. Asian to Cajun, paintings to pottery, old favorites and new directions, the Fillmore Jazz Festival is not to be missed.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities or communication needs. Call for assistance.

Fillmore Street from Jackson to Eddy, San Francisco 94115

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

JULY 6 & 7 + JULY 13 & 14, (Saturdays + Sundays), 3 pm; \$ 14 +

"41ST ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO ETHNIC DANCE FESTIVAL: 2019"

For two weekends at Zellerbach Hall there will be performances for the beauty and power of our diversity by world dance and music artists in the Bay Area in association with Cal Performances.

Performances July 6 + 7

Performances by 15 Bay Area dance and music ensembles that will include: Afro Urban Society + Bearettes (Pan-Afro Urban Drumline and HBCU-Style Majorette Dance) / Gâta Bantu (Congolese Traditional) / Jubilee American Dance Theatre (Cajun Country Social Dances) / Kiazi Malonga (Congolese Music) / O D K (Afro-Pop). Come early to enjoy a preshow performance by Taller Bombalele (Puerto Rican Bomba) in Sproul Plaza, beginning at 2:10pm.

Performances July 13 + 14

Come early to enjoy a preshow performance by Parangal Dance Company (Philippine indigenous and folk-inspired music and dance) in Sproul Plaza, beginning at 2:10pm Performances by 13 Bay Area dance and music ensembles that will include: Awon Ohun Omnira - Voices of Freedom (African-American Ritual) / Cunamacué (Afro-Peruvian) / Diamano Coura West African Dance Company (Liberian Traditional).

101 Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley, Bancroft (near Telegraph), Berkeley 94720

More info / Tickets: 510-642-9988 OR http://worldartswest.org/main/edf_index.asp

JULY 8 – 12th (Monday - Friday), 9 am – 3:30 pm; No Fee (registration required)

“GIRL PROJECT SPIRITED: SUMMER SESSION”

Girls aged 11-14 are invited to participate in a week-long workshop of dance and artistic expression. This is a free art and empowerment workshop for middle school girls living in the San Antonio District of Oakland. Meals, snacks and materials are provided, and a culminating show is scheduled for July 12th at 2 pm. The “Girl Project” is a program that encourages sisterhood and creativity amongst the youth of Oakland. This is the 6th year for the project, and it is a partnership with Eastside Cultural Center. Sign up today!!

EastSide Cultural Center, 2277 International Boulevard, Oakland 94606

More info / Registration: 510-533-6629 OR <http://dnaga.org/registration-is-open-for-summer-2019-girl-project/>

JULY 10 + JULY 17 + JULY 24 + JULY 31 (Wednesdays), 6:30 – 9 pm

\$5 seniors + students / \$10 general / MoAD members Free

“CARIBBEAN IN MOTION: A FILM SERIES”

This film series, a combination of documentaries and fiction narratives, examines the various legacies of the Caribbean region, known for its history of slavery, colonialism and migration. The films also reveal the beauty, fierce resistance, regional interconnections, internationalism, dexterity of language(s) and vibrant music. The series complements the Caribbean art MoAD exhibit, “Coffee, Rhum, Sugar and Gold: A Postcolonial Paradox”.

SCREENINGS & DATES

(check website for each film teaser) All screenings at MoAD (see address below)

July 10: “HERO”

A documentary of Trinidadian war hero, lawyer and diplomat Ulric Cross. His life intersected with the great 20th Century movements and leaders of Caribbean and African independence and the key roles played by Caribbean activists in developing Pan Africanist ideas and practice.

July 17: “JOCELYNE BEROARD, AT HEART”

As a member of the iconic Kassav’ and as a solo performer and songwriter, Jocelyne Béroard is a leading purveyor of “Zouk Music” from the French Antilles. This documentary shows her exuberant performances with Kassav’ before huge audiences in Martinique, France and Africa.

July 24: “DOUBLE PLAY”

After living in Amsterdam, Ostriik, a middle aged doctor, returns to his birthplace, the former Dutch colony of Curaçao. This is a sensuous comedy/drama of Curaçaoan identity and social reality to life; with gorgeous imagery of the island, and the upbeat music that he comes home to.

July 31: “LIFE & DEBT”

This now-classic documentary addresses the impact that the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other financial programs have on Jamaica and other countries in the global South, that are the new form of colonialism. The film text is written by Jamaica Kincaid to help viewers understand the country’s colonial past and its current economic challenges.

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

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR 415-284-7800 (ext. 305) OR

<https://www.moadsf.org/blog/caribbean-in-motion-a-film-series/>

NOTE: Check MoAD website for other cultural activities / events / exhibits: <https://www.moadsf.org/>

JULY 13 – 14 (Saturday + Sunday), 2:30 pm; \$19 + (tickets available throughout Bay Area—check website)

“35th BILL PICKETT RODEO: KICKIN’ IN THE DIRT!”

The Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo (BPIR) celebrates and honor Afro/Black Cowboys and Cowgirls and their contributions to building the west; and the stories behind a sub-culture that is still strong today. BPIR also serves as a cultural event and opportunity for families to enjoy and embrace the cowboy culture, while being educated and entertained with reenactments, history highlights, and western adventure. BPIR is performed throughout the United States.

More info / Tickets: 303-373-1246 OR <http://www.billpickettrodeo.com/index.php/schedule/oakland-ca>

JULY 21 (Sunday), 2 pm; No Fee / No Tickets (or call to pay to reserve a picnic table)

“TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS LEE FIELDS AND THE EXPRESSIONS”

STERN GROVE FESTIVAL: 82ND SEASON”

(arrive 1-2 hours prior for a seat or lawn space + early events below)

Transport provided for seniors and handicapped from 19th Avenue entrance and special seating.

“TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS + LEE FIELDS AND THE EXPRESSIONS”

Come and JAM to a double-bill of reggae and funky soul with pioneering Jamaican group “Toots and the Maytals” and the prolific, soulful swagger of “Lee Fields and the Expressions”. Toots is one of the true architects of reggae – so much so that “Do the Reggay,” a 1968 single by Toots and his group, the Maytals, is credited with giving the genre its name. 68-year-old Lee Fields is one of soul's hardest-working and most prolific musicians. Bring your food or eat from the Food Trucks. Check the website for additional Stern Grove Festival events through August 18th.

NOTE: in the West Meadow section there will be: (1) [KidStage](#) at noon in the West Meadow with an instrument exploration station, reggae/dancehall dance with Shemica Johnson, and printmaking with Youth Art Exchange; and (2) [Free Yoga Class](#) at noon in the West Meadow, courtesy of Office Yoga.

Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove, [19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, San Francisco](#) 94132

More info: 415-252-6252 OR <http://www.sterngrove.org/july-21-2019/>

JULY 21 (Sunday), 5 pm (seating begins 4:30 pm); No Fee

“BLACK FUTURISM: SCREENINGS OF AFROFUTURIST SHORT FILMS”

A good opportunity to see short films with a social message by independent film makers. There will be free food; and discussion with one of the filmmakers, and a Liberated Lens member Shirah Dedman after the screenings.

Omni Commons, 4799 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 94609

More info: <https://liberatedlens.org/black-futurism-august-18th-2018/>

JULY 25 (Thursday), 6 – 9 pm; No Fee

“ARTIST’S TALK: THREADED MEMORIES – ARTWORKS BY WILLIAM RHODES”

NOTE: Art exhibition continues until August 2nd.

Through the power of politics, activism, Jazz and Hip Hop African Americans help shape San Francisco. Because of the continued decline of the San Francisco population, this project has become a race against time. Every day more history is being lost. This body of work serves as a way to record history. Come listen to the artist discuss his work of history.

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

More info: 415-922-2049 OR info@aaacc.org

JULY 27 + 28 (Saturday + Sunday), 12 – 6 pm; (Advance tickets on sale July 1st)

“19TH ANNUAL ART + SOUL FESTIVAL”

Another opportunity to enjoy: Live Music + Dance on 4 Stages that will provide Urban Dance, Blues + Gospel and a Turf Dance Battle! There will also be: an Artisan Marketplace, Craft Beer + Wine + Food, a Family Fun Zone, and much more! The Grammy Winning Headline Acts will be Estelle on Saturday and Fantastic Negrito on Sunday. Check the website for: directions from around the Bay; the brochure of events; and for what to bring and what not to bring.

14th Street & Broadway, Oakland 94612 (check website for other entrances)

More info / Tickets (after July 1): <https://www.artandsouloakland.com/>

JULY 31 (Wednesday); 10 am (promptly in front of AAMLO); No Fee

“NEW ERA | NEW POLITICS WALKING TOUR” (TOUR #8)

Stroll through downtown and discover places where Oakland African American leaders have made their marks. Learn how Lionel Wilson, Delilah Beasley, Robert Maynard, the Dellums family, Josephine Baker, and others changed the Bay Area and California. Parking is available at the City Center West Garage (Jefferson Street between 12th and 14th streets).

African American Museum and Library (AAMLO), 659 14th Street (at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way), Oakland 94612

More info: 510-238-3234 OR <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/tour-8-new-era-new-politics-walking-tour>

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 Clottey who has a MBA; and is a master drummer, storyteller, record producer, author and teacher. He is also the cofounder and Executive Director of the Attitudinal Healing Connection Inc., in Oakland, California and in Ghana, West Africa. He was born to the Ga Adagbe group in Accra that is rich with ancient codes of conduct, deep spiritual beliefs, and rituals of power. He is cherished for his contributions.

Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC), 1980 Mandela Parkway, Oakland 94607

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), 1980 Mandela Parkway, Oakland 94607

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

COMMUNITY PRODUCE STAND WITH MANDELA MARKETPLACE

On Thursdays, stop by the Community Produce Stand to purchase local farm fresh produce and wholesome basic staples at affordable prices in a convenient, and friendly atmosphere. Most products are certified organic or pesticide free and all EBT customers receive a 50% off their entire purchase. Mandela MarketPlace is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with local residents, family farmers, and community-based businesses to improve health, create wealth, and build assets through cooperative food enterprises.

Oakland Main Library (Outside the Children's Room), 125 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-238-3134 OR

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/main-library/community-produce-stand-mandela-marketplace>

NOTE: Check the following website for special activities at all Oakland Public Libraries that include: free lawyer services, housing assistance, movies for families, free computer help and workshops, job help and much more.

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>

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

PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JULY 2019

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NOTE: many African and Afro Diaspora nations celebrate Juneteenth in mid-June; and many Christian and Muslim holidays such as Whit Monday, Corpus Christi, Ramadan and more (dates may vary for each of the holidays).

Check worldwide public holidays for any nation on website: <http://www.gppstudio.net/publicholidays.htm>

JULY 1: "Independence Day" in Burundi and Rwanda; "Republic Day" in Somalia (except Somaliland); "Sir Serestse Khama Day" in Botswana; "CARICOM Day" in Guyana; "Heroes Day" in Zambia; "Constitution Day" in The Cayman Islands; and "Emancipation Day" in Bonaire/St. Eustatius/Saba, Suriname, and Saint Maarten. **JULY 2:** "Unity Day" in Zambia; and "National Flag and Anthem Day" in Curacao. **JULY 4:** "Liberation Day" in Rwanda. **JULY 5:** "Independence Day" in Algeria and Cape Verde. **JULY 6:** "National Day" in The Comoros; and "Independence Day" in Malawi. **JULY 7:** "Maonyesha ya Saba Saba" (Dar Es Salaam Trade Fair) in Tanzania. **JULY 8:** "Carnival Monday" in Saint Vincent & The Grenadines; and "Independence Day" in South Sudan. **JULY 10:** "Independence Day" in The Bahamas. **JULY 12:** "Independence Day" in Sao Tome & Principe. **JULY 14:** "Quatorze Juillet" (National Day) in French Guiana; and "Fete National" (National Day) in Guadeloupe, Martinique, Reunion, Saint Barthelemy, and Saint Martin. **JULY 15:** "President's Day" in Botswana. **JULY 17:** "King Letsie III's Birthday" in Lesotho. **JULY 22:** "Revolution Day" in The Gambia; and "King Father's Birthday" in Swaziland. **JULY 23:** "Revolution Day" in Egypt; and "National Remembrance Day" in Papua New Guinea. **JULY 25:** "Revolution Anniversary" in Cuba (continues until July 27th); and "Republic Day" in Tunisia. **JULY 26:** "Independence Day" in Liberia. **JULY 29:** "Carnival Monday" in Bonaire/St. Eustatius/Saba. **JULY 30:** "Martyr's Day" in South Sudan.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR JULY

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

- JULY 1:** 1839 – Joseph Cinque and 50 other enslaved Africans seized the Amistad slave ship and killed the captain and most of the crew.
- 1863 - Slavery was abolished in Dutch Caribbean colonies.
- 1889 - Frederick Augustus Douglass was the first Afro to be named as Minister to Haiti.
- 1921 - The East African Association was established in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1960 - Ghana was declared a Republic with Kwame Nkrumah as President. NOTE: Ghana declared independence on March 6, 1957.
- 1960 - The Somali Democratic Republic, created from two ex-colonial states (British Somaliland and Italian Somalia), declared independence with Aden Abdullah Osman Daar as the first President.
- 1962 - Burundi and Rwanda declared independence from Germany.
- 1976 - Kenneth Gibson, mayor of Newark 1970 - 1986, became the first Afro president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.
- JULY 2:** 1777 - The state of Vermont abolished slavery in its constitution, dated July 8, 1777.
- 1822 - Denmark Vesey (Telemaque), leader of a slave rebellion in Charleston, SC, was hanged with five of his aides.
- 1848 - Revolt of enslaved persons in St. Croix that ended Danish – West Indies slavery.
- 1872 - Elijah "The Real" McCoy patented his first steam engine lubricator (Patent #129,843).

- 1964 - Civil Rights Act was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Lyndon Johnson in the presence of MLK Jr. and other Afro leaders. The Act established the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission (EEOC).
- 1973 - First broadcast for "National Black Network", the first Afro-owned/operated radio news network.
- 1986 - U.S. Supreme Court declared affirmative action in employment to be constitutional.
- 1925 - Patrice Lumumba, past prime Minister of Zaire (formerly Belgian Congo), was born in Kasai Province.
- 2009 - Gayleatha Beatrice Brown was appointed U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso by President Barack Obama. Previously, Brown had been appointed by President George W. Bush as U.S. Ambassador to Benin a post that she held from 2006 to 2009.
- JULY 3:**
 - 1775 - The Black Masons in Boston, Massachusetts formed the African Lodge No. 1 (first in the U.S.).
 - 1848 - Enslaved Africans were freed in Danish West Indies (now US Virgin Islands).
 - 1936 - Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the Olympic Games in Berlin. This angered Adolf Hitler, a Nazi.
 - 1962 - Jackie Robinson, was the first African American inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.
 - 1966 - Omaha, Nebraska rioting.
 - 1978 - U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of Bell Telephone system to use quotas to end race and sex discrimination in employment.
 - 1981 - Toxteth, Liverpool (U.K.) rioting, following alleged police harassment.
 - 1983 - Calvin Smith became the fastest man alive. He is a former World Record holder in the 100 meter sprint, and was twice World Champion over 200 meters.
- JULY 4:**
 - 1827 - Slavery was abolished in the state of New York.
 - 1876 - E. M. Bannister, African painter, was awarded the gold medal at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia for his exhibit "Under The Oaks".
 - 1881 - Tuskegee Institute opened in Alabama with Booker T. Washington as the first President.
 - 1910 - Jack Johnson, the first Heavyweight Boxing Champion of African Descent, retained his championship by knocking out Jim "The Great White Hope" Jeffries.
 - 1963 - Medgar Wiley Evers, NAACP Field Secretary was posthumously honored with the 48th NAACP Spingarn Medal for his steadfast courage. He was assassinated at his home on June 12, 1963.
 - 1963 - Marian Anderson and Ralph Bunche received the first Medals of Freedom from President John F. Kennedy, the creator of the award.
 - 1973 - Approximately 15 Caribbean nations met in Trinidad & Tobago to establish the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM).
 - 1991 - The National Civil Rights Museum (USA) officially opened at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee; the site of the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.
- JULY 5:**
 - 1809 - Eighteen African Descendents, under the leadership of Reverend Thomas Paul, established the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City.
 - 1892 - Andrew Beard was issued a patent for the rotary steam engine.
 - 1969 - Tom Mboya, Kenya's Economic Planning and Development Minister, was assassinated.
 - 1975 - Arthur Ashe, tennis icon, became the first man of African Descent to win the Men's Wimbledon singles championship.
 - 1982 - U.S. Supreme Court declared non-violent boycotts to achieve constitutional rights were protected by the free speech First Amendment to the Constitution.
- JULY 6:**
 - 1853 - 140 delegates of African Descent met in Rochester, New York for a National convention.
 - 1957 - Althea Gibson, tennis icon, became the first woman of African Descent to win the Women's Wimbledon singles championship.

- 1964 - Malawi declared independence from Britain with Hastings Kamuzu Banda as President.
- 1971 - Henry Sampson, an African-American, invented the cellular phone. He was awarded a patent, with George H. Miley, for a gamma-electrical cell.
- JULY 7:** 1967 - African American anti-racism rebellion in Newark, New Jersey. Part of a nationwide set of riots.
- 1991 - Nelson Mandela replaced Oliver Tambo as president of the African National Congress (ANC).
- JULY 8:** 1924 - DeHart Hubbard won the Olympics Broad Jump.
- JULY 9:** 1893 - Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performed the first successful open heart surgery without anesthesia at Provident Hospital in Chicago.
- 1985 - The African Nations of Chad and Zaire signed a military co-operation agreement.
- JULY 10:** 1993 - Yobes Ondieki, Kenyan runner, became the first man to run 10,000 meters under 27 minutes.
- 1973 - The Bahamas declared independence from the United Kingdom.
- JULY 11:** 1905 - WEB Dubois, activist, co-founded the Niagara Movement.
- 1960 - Katanga province declared independence from Belgian Congo under leadership of Moïse Tshombe.
- JULY 12:** 1872 - Elijah "The Real" McCoy, inventor, patented his first Steam Engine lubricator (Patent # 129,843).
- 1936 - Cornelius Johnson, High Jumper, set a new world record.
- 1975 - Manuel Pinto da Costa became the first President of the newly independent Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe.
- JULY 13:** 1787 - Slavery was banned in the Northwest Territory (USA).
- 1965 - Thurgood Marshall, the first Afro Solicitor General of the USA, was appointed.
- 1980 - Sir Seretse Khama, first president of Botswana, died from pancreatic cancer. (true ???).
- 1985 - Arthur Ashe, was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.
- JULY 14:** 1891 - J. Standard, inventor, was awarded a patent for his refrigerator (U.S. patent #455,891)
- 1949 - F.M. Jones, patented the Starter Generator (Patent # 2475842) and the Air Conditioning Unit (Patent # 2475841)
- 1951 - The George Washington Carver National Monument was dedicated in Joplin, Missouri, and was the first national monument dedicated to an African American.
- JULY 15:** 1970 - James McGhee was sworn in as the first African American mayor of Dayton, Ohio.
- JULY 16:** 1944 - Dr. Charles Drew, blood plasma pioneer, was awarded the NAACP Spingarn Medal.
- 1960 - Emperor Haile Selassie announced the creation of a constitution for Ethiopia.
- 1977 - Janelle Penny Commissiong, from Trinidad and Tobago, became the first Afro to be crowned Miss Universe.
- JULY 18:** 1863 - Sergeant William H. Carney was the first person of African Decent to perform a military action for which a Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded. He was awarded the medal in 1900.
- 1899 - L.C. Bailey was issued a patent for the folding bed.
- 1905 - Granville Woods was issued a patent for railroad brakes.
- 1918 - Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was born at Mvezo, Umtata District in what is now South Africa. Nelson Mandela International Day was declared by the United Nations in 2009.
- JULY 20:** 1967 - The first National Conference of Black Power opened in Newark, New Jersey.
- 1967 - Chief Albert (John Mvumbi) Luthuli, anti-Apartheid leader and President of the African National Congress from 1951 to 1967, died while "crossing a railway track". (true ???)
- JULY 21:** 1864 - The New Orleans Tribune, the first "daily" Black newspaper, was published in English and French.
- 1896 - Mary Church Terrell founded the National Association of Colored Women in Washington DC.
- 1970 - Lake Nasser, formed as a result of the Aswan High Dam. It flooded the site of the Great Temple of Sbu Simbel and the Temple of Hathor.

- JULY 22: 1939** - Jane Bolin became the first female African American judge when she was appointed to New York City's Domestic Relations Court.
- JULY 23: 1868** - 14th Amendment validated citizenship for "African Americans".
- 1891** - Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, was born.
- 1900** - First Pan-African Congress, organized by Henry Sylvester Williams, was held in London.
- 1994** - The Gambia President, Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara was overthrown in a bloodless coup and replaced by Lieutenant Yahya Jammeh.
- JULY 25: 1916** - Garrett T. Morgan, inventor of the gas mask, used the mask to rescue six people from a gas-filled tunnel in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1972** - U.S. government officials admitted to the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment, in which African Americans were unknowingly used as "guinea pigs" in syphilis experiments.
- JULY 26: 1847** - Liberia was declared an Independent Republic.
- 1865** - Patrick Francis Healy became the first African American to earn a PhD.
- 1948** - Executive Order 9981 was issued by President Harry S. Truman. It abolished racial discrimination in the United States Armed Forces and eventually led to the end of segregation in the services.
- JULY 27: 1880** - A.P. Abourne, inventor, was awarded a patent for refining coconut oil.
- 1915** - U.S. invaded and colonized Haiti.
- 1990** - 30 persons killed in an attempted coup by Black Muslim militants in Trinidad & Tobago.
- 1996** - Donovan Bailey, a Jamaican running for Canada, became the "world's fastest human" in the Atlanta Olympics, setting a world record of 9.84 seconds in the 100-meter dash.
- JULY 28: 1868** - The 14th Amendment was ratified; granting U.S. citizenship to African Americans.
- 1917** - The "New (York) City Fifth Avenue March" occurred, where thousands of African Americans marched in silent protest of lynchings and racial inequalities.
- 1975** - House of Representatives, USA extended to 1965 Voting Rights Bill for another 7 years.
- 1996** - Ethiopian, Fatuma Roba, became the first African woman to win a medal in the Olympic marathon.
- JULY 29: 1895** - National Conference of Colored Women held its first convention.
- 2002** - Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. became a USA astronaut. He joined NASA in 1986.
- JULY 30: 1987** - 68 people injured in an alleged ANC (African National Congress) explosion in Johannesburg. Police admitted responsibility in 1996.
- JULY 31: 1874** - Father Patrick Francis Healey, the first African American man to receive a PhD, was inaugurated as President of Georgetown University.
- 1914** - Marcus Garvey organized the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA).

SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

REGIONAL & GLOBAL CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 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>

NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2019; (check website for exhibit times, special events + entry fees)

"SOUL OF A NATION: ART IN THE AGE OF BLACK POWER 1963-1983"

Featuring the work of more than 60 influential artists and including vibrant paintings, powerful sculptures, murals, street photography, and more, this landmark exhibition is a rare opportunity to see artworks that changed the face of art in the U.S. This exhibit shines a bright light on the vital contribution of Black artists beginning in 1963 at the height of the civil rights movement; and examines the influences on artists such as Romare Bearden, Barkley Hendricks, Noah Purifoy, Martin Puryear, Faith Ringgold, Betye Saar, Alma Thomas, Charles White, and William T. Williams. The exhibit also focuses on the significant role of Los Angeles in the art and history of the civil rights movement (and the subsequent activist era). Free admission is available: on Thursdays from 5-8 pm; for Family Weekend Workshops on May 4-5 and June 8-9; and for school visits for students in grades 6-12.

The Broad, 221 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90012

More info / Tickets: <https://www.thebroad.org/soul-of-a-nation>

NOW 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/>

JULY 14 - JULY 19, 2019; Check website for fees and more details

**“NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE:
46th ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRAINING INSTITUTE”**

Theme: “NABCJ: Taking a Look at the Line of Justice: Is it Broken or Bent?”

This Criminal Justice Solutions Organization is a non-profit association that provides leaders dedicated to improving the administration of criminal justice. Created in 1974, the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) has made a goal of achieving equal justice for blacks and other minorities. Members consist of criminal justice professionals such as those in law enforcement, institutional and community corrections, courts, social services, academia, religious and other community-based interests as well as criminal justice students and community leaders. The event will include: workshops, correctional tours, networking, exhibits, a justice forum, and other special activities.

Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa, Florida 33607

More info: 919-683-1801 OR <https://nabcj.org/conferences/46#section-01>

Conference brochure: <https://nabcj.org/conferences/46>

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. Some events are free. All Week Tickets will include admission to both Main Festival Nights, The Colorfest Beach Party, The All White Party, and other special events.

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>

JULY 21 – JULY 27, 2019; Check website for more details

“SEMINAR IN SOCIAL THEORY AND PRACTICE”

A week long seminar in Kwaifida thought and practice, providing critical analysis, discussion and strategies for addressing major moral and social issues confronting African people and the world, including: reparations, police violence and community security, Pan-Africanism, peace and much more. The seminar will be led by Maulana Karenga, Professor and Chair of Department of Africana Studies at Cal State University at Long Beach, Chair of the US organization, and author of many important books and essays for / about persons of African Descent.

African American Cultural Center (US), 3018 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90043

More info: 323-299-6124 OR <http://africanamericanculturalcenter-la.org/education/kipas/>

JULY 29 - AUGUST 3, 2019; Check website for events, fees and more details

“16TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE FESTIVAL”

You are invited to experience the passion, splendor and valor of the African and the African American cultures as Black Theatre takes center stage in Winston-Salem, NC over six exciting days. There will be free workshops, FilmFest, Readers’ Theatre, the International Colloquium, the Youth Celebrity Project and TeenTastic activities. You can also also purchase cultural garments and artwork at the International Vendors’ Market; and buy a 2019 Souvenir Journal to learn more about the participating companies, the distinguished NBTF honorees, a map of the performance venues and much more.

The event is produced by the North Carolina Black Repertory Company.

More info / Event details / Register: 336-723-2266 OR <https://ncblackrep.org/all-2019-nbtf-events/>

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 and night!

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

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

SEPTEMBER 9 – 11, 2019

“BLACK COMMUNITIES: A CONFERENCE FOR COLLABORATION”

This is a multi-disciplinary conference to connect scholars and black communities around the world, featuring panel discussions, local tours, film screenings, workshops, keynotes, and more. The event is hosted by the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise and the Institute of African American Research.

Venue: Carolina Theater, 309 West Morgan Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701

Registration: <http://blackcommunities.unc.edu/2019/index.php/event-registration/>

Call for Proposals: <http://blackcommunities.unc.edu/2019/index.php/call-for-proposals/>

SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 3

“100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT: CLASS OF 2019 RECOGNITION WEEK”

In support of the International Decade for People of African Descent, the Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) identifies high achievers of African descent in public and private sectors from all around the world as a progressive network of relevant actors to join together in the spirit of recognition, justice and development of Africa, it's people on the continent and across it's Diaspora. The event will be in New York City.

For congratulatory ads, sponsorship & speaking opportunity, please contact:

917-541-8394 (Tope Esan, New York), OR 678-818-6032 (Niclette Mundabi, Atlanta)

For media & pr inquiries, please contact:

917-244-8984, Eloïne Barry, African Media Agency (AMA)

More info / event location / registration: <https://www.mipad.org/#event>

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)

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE

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

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

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

SAVE NUBIA PROJECT

A special project coordinated by Bay Area's Professor Manu Ampim to document that the areas designated for dam construction in northern and central Sudan should be preserved. The areas are valuable UNESCO World Heritage Sites in danger of being destroyed, and are homelands of the Nubians who have occupied the area for millennia.

More info / to assist with the project: 510-273-2456 OR info@savenubia.org OR www.SaveNubia.org

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

FOR MORE INFO AND TOURS:

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

BLACK FAMILY LIFE AND CULTURE, INC.

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

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

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

INSPIRE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC!

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

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

MALIDOMA PATRICE SOMÉ

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

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

MY AFRICA IS

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

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

ONE AFRICA HEALTH RESORT, RESTAURANT & WELLNESS CENTER

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL TOURS & EVENTS FOR THE GHANA 2019 YEAR OF RETURN

NOTE: 2019 marks the 400th year since the MIDDLE PASSAGE. Ghana has opened arms for all African Americans and descendants in the Diaspora whose ancestors were victimized by the brutalities of slavery to return home during this year of memorial observance. Ghana's 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/>

CONTACT THE EMBASSY OF GHANA IN WASHINGTON D.C. FOR:

LISTING OF GHANA EMBASSY EXTENSIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO + OTHER U.S. CITIES; ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT TRAVEL TO GHANA (SUCH AS PASSPORT AND VISA FEES, IMMUNIZATION FEES)

<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 OR 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 – 11 (Monday 10 am – Sunday 1 pm), 2019

NOTE: times are GMT(Greenwich Mean Time) that is 7 hours ahead of Pacific Time

“THE HACSA SUMMIT : 400 YEARS ON”

COST = \$800 - \$1,200

The Heritage and Cultural Society of Africa (HACSA) facilitates this flagship international summit to be held in Ghana. It will bring together Heads of State, opinion leaders, practitioners, academics and participants from Africa and the Diaspora to have open and meaningful debate on the 400 Year Legacy of the Trans-Atlantic Trade in Enslaved African People. It will also “Link, Reunite and Reconcile” affected Communities and share examples of innovation and creative strategies to overcome its debilitating and persisting effects. The Summit will include: Keynote Speakers, Panel Discussions, Academic Presentations, Exhibitions, a Film Screening, a Remembrance and Candlelight Vigil, a Gala Dinner Dance showcasing African Food, Fashion and Music, and Guided Tours of key Heritage Sites in Ghana. HACSA is a non-profit NGO with a mission to highlight the importance of heritage and culture for sustainable socio- economic development and wealth creation in Africa.

General Admission Tickets Include: Tour of Accra / 3 Day Full Conference Access (including lunch and tea breaks) / Welcome Reception / Film Screening / Gala dinner (with musical performances and fashion show) / Archaeological Exhibition / Made in Africa Fair & Business Expo.

Event location: Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City Accra, Gamel Abdul Nasser Avenue, Accra, Ghana

More info / Register: <https://thehacsa.org/> OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-hacsa-summit-400-years-on-tickets-57091806129?aff=erellivmlt>

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 take 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 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>

AUGUST 20 – 22, 2019 (10 days / 9 nights) OR

AUGUST 20 – 31, 2019 (12 days / 11 nights and includes Kumasi)

“GHANA: KNOW YOUR ROOTS”

COST = \$3,500 OR \$4,000 with Kumasi (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

2019 is the Year of the Return! In commemoration of 400 years since the first ship carrying Africans landed in Virginia. The country of Ghana is opening its doors for you to return home, while offering an opportunity to recognize the past and celebrate the future. On this cultural and historical tour, you will see the former slave castle at Cape Coast, and receive your African name in a ceremony at the Door of No Return. You will also: shop at the Makola Market; bathe in the highest waterfall in West Africa; create authentic fabric in your Adinkra cloth stamping class; and take a breathtaking walk across the rain forest Kakum Canopy. Halfway through your trip, you will experience the Chale Wote Arts festival and close with a few relaxing trips to Accra's beaches. It's time to go back to Africa, it's time to go home. Check website below for: day by day itinerary for the tour, payment and other details. Call for assistance with international flights or to schedule the add-on to Benin & Togo.

More info / Register: 1-347-746-8172 OR <https://www.awaytoafrika.com/chale-wote-festival-ghana/>

Add-on Available for 4 Days in Benin & Togo (check: <https://www.awaytoafrika.com/benin-togo/>)

DECEMBER 26, 2019 – JANUARY 4, 2020 (10 days / 9 nights)

NOTE: Bay Area meeting to discuss the tour: June 15 (Saturday), 2019, 12 - 2pm (call Phone # below to RSVP)

GHANA “YEAR OF RETURN”

COST = \$1,824 + (estimated flight cost: \$1,800.00) + (estimated trip insurance: \$150.00 based on age)

Check link below for the tour brochure with complete details and website

You are invited to join this special Ghana “Year of Return” tour with Bay Area's Cardum & Adeshima (Dr. Marcus Penn), co-facilitators of “R-Evolution: Dialogues in the Diaspora”. The tour will visit Accra, Kumasi, and Elmina/Cape Coast. Check the link below for further details regarding the tour itinerary, what to pack, payment schedule and more.

Meeting Venue: Prescott Joseph Center For Community, 920 Peralta Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Register: 510-214-3206 OR

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7078ba_51f9a64cf67d4b75bf90014314bc7d43.pdf

NOTE: this listing of tours is part of the WO'SE “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” for July 2019.

Updates will be included in the August 2019 newsletter. View current and past monthly issues of the newsletter online if you log on to the WO'SE Community website <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> and click on “Pan African Affairs Newsletter”.

LINKS FOR LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION / RESOURCES / EVENTS

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

BAY AREA

1. **AFRICA TODAY WITH WALTER TURNER:** check updates on contemporary developments in Africa, the Caribbean, South America, the United States, and more. Mondays, 7 – 8 pm on KPFA Radio, 94.1 FM. Listen online to current and past programs.
<https://kpfa.org/program/africa-today/>
2. **AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AAGSNC):** check details and dates for Bay Area monthly study groups and weekly assistance with African Heritage / Genealogy research.
<http://www.aagsnc.org/> OR 510-531-3905
3. **AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY COUNCIL:** an independent community group in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health's African American Health Initiative. Committed to close the gap of negative health disparities affecting people of African descent by sharing e-health information and resources that promote effective health policies, community action and well being.
<http://www.bcoa.org/> OR <http://rafikicoalition.org/news.html#events>
4. **AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS -- BAY AREA**
 - San Francisco BayView (online): <http://sfbayview.com/>
 - The Sun Reporter + California Voice (subscription info only)
<http://www.sunreporter.com/tosubscribe.html>
 - The Oakland Post and Post Newspaper Group Online. Includes news for Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, San Francisco, Marin, South County and Vallejo.
<http://postnewsgroup.com/>
5. **AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAPAC)**
<http://www.sfusd.edu/en/councils-committees/african-american-parent-advisory-council.html>
The mission of the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) is to provide a forum to hear the ideas of the San Francisco Unified School District's African American parent community, and respond to those ideas by educating and informing parents of district resources, policies, and programs.
6. **AFRICANA STUDIES COMMUNITY RESEARCH CENTER AT MERRITT COLLEGE:** The Department of African American Studies provides curriculum for African American history to be used on ipads and/or computers that is fully ADA compliant for hearing and visually impaired learners and accessible in Spanish. It also includes a Black Family Research Specialist who works 2 days a week to train persons on genealogy processes.
<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_9UJQ0UJg&feature=youtu.be
7. **AFRICANA STUDIES / PROFESSOR MANU AMPIM:** check his Save Nubia Project, African studies / radio program, educational tours, e-store, publications, special events, lectures and more.
<http://www.manuampim.com/>

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

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

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

REGIONAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

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

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

57. **AFROPOP: THE ULTIMATE CULTURAL EXCHANGE:** links to special worldwide Afro TV / Media presentations. A series on the present day realities and contemporary lifestyles of Africans, on the continent and the Diaspora.
<http://afropop.tv/>
58. **AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS:** Coordinated by Baba Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma'at, Life Member & Past National Co-Chair of N'COBRA (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America), and Founder of Foundations for Our New Alkebulan/Afrikan Millennium (FONAMI) and AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS.
<http://www.africansdeservereparations.com/index.html>
59. **AFRICOLOGY: THE JOURNAL OF PAN AFRICAN STUDIES:** a trans-disciplinary and scholarly journal devoted to intellectual synthesis of research, scholarship and critical thought on the African experience around the world.
<http://www.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/maatinstitute-aboutus.html>
91. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
92. **NAARVA.com:** the National African American RVer's Association, Inc. is a special RV Organization for "US" like no other RV Camping Organization.
<http://naarva.com/>
93. **NATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S JUSTICE INSTITUTE (NBWJI):** works to reduce racial and gender disparities affecting Black women, girls, and their families, by conducting research, providing technical assistance, engaging in public education, promoting civic engagement, and advocating for informed and effective policies.
<https://www.nbwji.org/>
94. **NCOBRA / National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America:** for African descendants in the U.S.
<http://www.ncobraonline.org/>

95. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
96. **PAN AFRICAN NETWORK IN DEFENSE OF MIGRANTS RIGHTS (PANIDMR):** an Africa-led organization that promotes the well being and interests of migrants, refugees and stateless persons from Africa.
<http://www.panidmr.org/>
97. **PROJECT SAFE:** works to improve the services offered to criminalize black women who are survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault.
<https://www.courtinnovation.org/project-safe>
98. **RACE FOR THE TIMES (RFT):** provides links to national and global projects for understanding racial issues. Includes in-depth interviews, conscious hip hop, radio archives and more.
<http://www.raceforthetimes.com/tags/african-internationalism>
99. **RACIAL EQUALITY TOOLS:** this site offers tools, research, tips, curricula and ideas for those working toward racial equity and racial justice at every level – in systems, organizations, communities and the culture at large.
<http://racialequitytools.org/home>
100. **REGGAE WELLNESS:** Connecting Natural Health Care Seekers with Natural Health Care Givers. Based in Jamaica.
<https://reggaewellness.com/>
101. **RESTITUTION STUDY GROUP (RSG):** a non-profit institute based in New York City to examine and execute innovative approaches to healing the injuries of exploited and oppressed people. The RSG partners with community advocates bringing about litigation, legislation, genealogy and DNA research.
<http://www.rsgincorp.com/index.html>
102. **SISTA WORKS:** an organization to connect women and girls of African Descent worldwide to enrich one another and discover the resources to fulfill their dreams.
<http://www.sistaworks.org/>
103. **UWITV:** the online news from all campuses of the University of the West Indies and the Caribbean region.
<https://www.uwitv.org/>
102. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU):** Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
103. **YENOBA.COM:** free website featuring many major achievements and important dates for /by people of African Descent. It includes inventions, and leadership that have helped mankind world-wide.
<http://www.yenoba.com/>
104. **ZENVIBA CAPITAL CORPORATION:** a non-profit investment bank that makes direct measurable impacts in underserved urban and rural communities.
<http://www.zenviba.com/index.html>

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>

BOOK SALES FOR AFRICAN / AFRODESCENDENT HISTORY & HERITAGE

A SHORT LIST OF SITES FOR ELECTRONIC AND PRINT AFRO-CENTRIC BOOKS

WITH REVIEWS AND PURCHASE INFO

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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/>