

50

Year Remembrance

1992

will mark the 50th anniversary of Executive Order 9066. Signed by President Roosevelt on February 19, 1942, it allowed for the forced relocation and internment of over 120,000

Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War 2. In 1992, the 50 Year Remembrance will commemorate this tragic experience through a year-long series of programs and events in order to ensure that the basic democratic and civil rights of any group of people will never be violated in such ways again.

Since February of 1991, the Los Angeles Community Coalition to Commemorate 50 Year Remembrance: Japanese American Internment, has been planning a year-long series of community events. These events will "anchor" the commemoration. In addition, other community events can also be associated with the 50 Year Remembrance project.

We strongly encourage your participation in the 50 Year Remembrance activities. If you are interested in working on any of the programs or would like to associate your organization's events with the 50 Year Remembrance, please call the Coalition office at (213) 626-4471 ext. 13 for more information. Please join with others in the Japanese American community in remembering our past and preparing for our future. Help us make the 50 Year Remembrance Commemoration a milestone event for the Japanese American community in 1992.

Y

our participation and support will help ensure a successful 50 Year Remembrance

☐ Yes! Include me in the planning of the 50 Year Remembrance activities:

- ☐ Day of Remembrance
- ☐ Civil Rights Conference
- ☐ Manzanar Pilgrimage
- ☐ Future of the Nikkei Community Conference

☐ Please send me more information on the 50 Year Remembrance.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone () _____

Yes! I would like to contribute as follows:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor (\$1,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$500) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor (\$250) | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor (\$100) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor (\$50) | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend (\$) |

■ All donations are tax deductible
Make checks payable to "50 Year Remembrance"

Please return to:

50 Year Remembrance
244 S. San Pedro St.,
Rm. 507
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone:
(213) 626-4471 ext.13
FAX: (213) 626-4282

UCLA

Asian American
Studies Center

50 YEAR REMEMBRANCE



JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERMENT

Sponsoring Organizations

Japanese American Citizens League, PSWD

Japanese American
Cultural and Community Center

Japanese American Historical Society
of Southern California

Japanese American National Museum

Manzanar Committee

National Coalition for Redress / Reparations

UCLA Asian American Studies Center

UCLA Nikkei Student Union

Day of Remembrance February 15-16, 1992

The 50 Year Remembrance begins with the annual "Day of Remembrance" program. Accordingly, we are planning a series of events and activities in order to commemorate this historical occasion. With the passage of federal legislation redressing governmental injustices and granting reparations to survivors of the internment camps, the Japanese American community is at an important crossroad. While we have gained a greater understanding of the views and experiences of the internees, revealed flaws in governmental processes and have gained a better understanding of the dynamics of racism, it is equally important that we pass the knowledge gained through our history in America on to future generations. If we do not, we are in danger of forgetting both the pain of a community imprisoned by its own government, as well as the pride of a community united in the fight for redress.

The next "Day of Remembrance" will be an event-filled weekend in February of 1992 that will draw upon the importance of the past and future on the present day Japanese American community. Event programs include:

- Interfaith Commemoration
- Day of Remembrance Program
- Children's Workshop
- Camp Experience Workshops
- Cultural Performances
- Gallery Exhibition
- Film Series
- Microfilm Research Project

Associated Community Events

We strongly encourage you or your organization to plan events to commemorate the Japanese American Internment and to associate them with the 50 Year Remembrance program. For more information please call (213) 626-4471 ext. 13, between 9:30am-5:30pm, Monday thru Friday.

Civil Rights Conference March 7, 1992

"Lessons for the Future: The Civil Rights Implications of the World War II Internment Experience for the Next 50 Years," a major civil rights conference co-sponsored by the *UCLA Asian American Studies Center* and the *Los Angeles Community Coalition to Commemorate the 50 Year Remembrance: Japanese American Internment*. It will focus on major constitutional issues which were raised by the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, as well as the lessons that ought to be learned from the event to provide insights into our present and future conditions as a civilized society. Conference workshops will include:

- Summary of the Redress Movement
- The Broader Implications of Redress
- Successful Strategies for Civil Rights

Manzanar Pilgrimage April 25, 1992

The *Manzanar Committee*, in association with the *Los Angeles Community Coalition to Commemorate 50 Year Remembrance: Japanese American Internment*, will be hosting its 23rd annual Manzanar Pilgrimage. The Manzanar Committee is hopeful that this year's pilgrimage, on Saturday, April 25, 1992, will also celebrate the designation of Manzanar as a National Historic Site. The pilgrimage takes place at the Manzanar Camp site (200 miles north of Los Angeles of Hwy 395) and begins with a potluck lunch. The days activities also include an educational program, an interfaith service and informal tours. For more information, telephone Sue Embrey, Monday thru Friday, (213) 662-5102 between 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

Japanese American National Museum Grand Opening Spring, 1992

The *Japanese American National Museum* will culminate seven years of fundraising, artifacts gathering and national coalition-building with its Grand Opening on April 30, 1992, at its permanent site in the heart of Los Angeles' Little Tokyo. The Museum will hold a Gala Dinner Celebration on Saturday, May 2, 1992.

In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Japanese American Internment, the Museum, in partnership with UCLA's *Wight Art Gallery* and the *UCLA Asian American Studies Center*, will produce a traveling Camp Art Exhibit. The exhibit, which will feature various types of artwork produced by camp internees about their incarceration, is scheduled to premiere on Sunday, October 11, 1992, at the Wight Art Gallery.

For more information about either event, please contact the Japanese American National Museum at (213) 625-0414.

Future of the Nikkei Community Conference October, 1992

A conference addressing the present status and future directions the Japanese American community will take into the 21st century. Proposed agenda items include:

- Defining and Discovering our Culture and History
- Leadership Development
- Cultural Performances
- Education
- Racism and Hate Crimes
- Japanese & Nikkei
- Politics
- Arts / Media
- Agenda for 21st Century