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MESSAGE FROM NANCY PEARLMAN, Executive Director of Educational Communications



TALKS, RALLYS, AND FORUMS AS CULTURAL EVENTS

In small tribes, village leaders and community members would gather

under a tree, in a common long house, or other noteworthy place such as a religious institution or school to hear about the issues confronting their lives, get updates from traveling storytellers, or make decisions that affect them. With bigger nation states, such intimate gatherings, where everyone knows one another, simply is too cumbersome. Nonetheless, citizen organizations, political parties, labor organizations, business chambers of commerce, school groups and even individuals are regularly hosting events from "meet and greets" for individual political candidates to televised "panels" on topics confronting society.

With elections this spring in most cities in southern California, the campaigns are working hard to get voters to the polls. Candidates want to be seen and heard and educated voters want to hear their positions. Thus, I consider the political forum as a form of a cultural event. I recommend that you go to such forums, not just to personally hear an individual running for office but to learn more about the issues you have to deal with in your neighborhood, city, county, and state. You will find out about plans to tax or not tax businesses, cut or increase governmental employees' salaries, fix roads and sidewalks and other infrastructures, build new developments from commercial office structures to affordable housing, and how to improve the educational system and how to protect our environment and health.

Recently I attended the Los Angeles Mayor's Forum by the League of Women

Voters. It was held at Forest Lawn in the Hollywood Hills. A friend was surprised at the cemetery setting but they have an auditorium where I have attended free concerts by the Burbank Symphony and other performers. I did find it odd that, at a political event, candidates were not allowed to hand out their literature beforehand but only afterward. The best part of the evening was driving through the area and stopping to watch nine deer grazing down from their Griffith Park home.

Not only will the League have more events but most Neighborhood Councils are having political forums. Find out who yours is by contacting your City Hall. Local political parties' clubs are also having forums so look up yours on your party's website. As a cultural event, you will meet concerned and interested people and have a cultural exchange of ideas. You will also find out about other events and activities in your area. Plus, you will be making democracy work.

Issue rallies are also fun to attend while protesting for or against a cause. Again, stimulating debate and discussion are combined with a day visiting a different part of your city. If you care about climate change, then go to downtown Los Angeles on Feb. 17. Starting on historic Olvera Street, participants will walk to city hall where speakers will talk at a rally.

Most colleges and universities regularly have lecture series, many focused on specific areas. Contact the one nearest you and speak to the department of interest and get on their email list. Also, contact Consulate Generals of countries you are interested in. Many of them have free programs from art receptions to musicians and dancers and are delighted to have

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SEVEN STEPS

by Preston Ashbourne

For some reason, lost in the dim past, the number seven is special in some mystic or magic way. The



week has seven days, and there were seven Wonders of the ancient world, and the supposed Seven Seas.



Seven occurs in science, for example in astronomy the Pleiades are the seven sisters. (But with the naked eye you can only see six!) Seven occurs in religion: seventh heaven, seven days of creation. In cinema there are the Seven Samurai, and remember Marilyn Monroe in the Seven Year Itch? In music we use the seven-note diatonic scale and on TV

George Carlin gave us the Seven Words You Can't Say On Television.



Well, I started thinking about dance, naturally, and started with a German dance called Sieben Schritt, which means seven steps. So I am looking at dances that are or can be called 7-steps! Germany's Sieben Schritt and Norway's Rugen (which is also done by Ukrainians and Canadians) are basically modified Schottisches. They have 7 steps away and 7 steps back, then a standard schottisch sequence of 2 polkas and 4 slows. Germany also has a cousin dance called Sieben Sprungen (7 Jumps). Italy has Sette Passi (7 steps again). Romania has a circle dance called Alunelul with a 7 step figure for the A part, and shorter

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What to give your Valentine? Well, it's really yummy and starts with the letters "ch."

(hint, it's not chocolate!)

GIFTING CHEESE by Nancy Milligan

So you want to give your Valentine a Cheese Gift? First piece of advice, chocolate and cheese don't really mix but salsa and cheese do!

Go to a cheese store or a store with a good cheese selection (usually not the regular grocery store). If the store will cut to order, that's best. You usually can taste it before buying to be sure it is what you want. Also in such stores the workers are very knowledgeable. Tell them the food intended to be eaten with and/or drink to be had with it or any preferences or dislikes (eg: no Blues, no smelly cheese, or have an allergy). People working in these stores are very helpful.

An Italian Fontina is a good place to start. I'm not impressed with the American one. Whole Foods has a good Fontina. It is versatile and tasty - with good balance. Try it, you to may find your "new" cheese.

ONE PERFECT ROSE by Dorothy Parker

A single flow'r he sent me, since we met. All tenderly his messenger he chose; Deep-hearted, pure, with scented dew still wet -One perfect rose.

I knew the language of the floweret; 'My fragile leaves,' it said, 'his heart enclose.' Love long has taken for his amulet One perfect rose.

Why is it no one ever sent me yet One perfect limousine, do you suppose? Ah no, it's always just my luck to get One perfect rose.

TALKS, RALLYS, AND FORUMS AS **CULTURAL EVENTS**

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audience members who may not be of their heritage. These governmental representatives also have public mailing lists for which you can request to be added.

Culture is more than song, dance, and theater. It is a composite of all of our societal activities. And part of culture is to have dialogue, debate, conversation, and other exchanges of ideas-not just in writing but in person. So go out and discover another type of cultural event such as the political forum. In the United States, it should be okay to talk politics with friends and foes.

SEVEN STEPS

by Preston Ashbourne continued from page 1, column 3

B and C figures. The basic figure of an Irish Reel is a seven count crossing step. And there is the famous dance of the seven veils in Baladi ("belly") dance. But the folkdance that has me puzzled is a favorite of mine, the Hungarian dance Hetlepes (yes, "7 steps") from Szek, in Transylvania. It's their version of the Schottisch, and I cannot find a pattern of seven in it anywhere!



THANK YOU WIKIPEDIA

SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY,

commonly known as Valentine's Day, or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is observed on February 14 each year. It is celebrated in many countries around the world, although it remains a working day in most of them. It is the second most celebrated holiday around the world second to New Year's Day.

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints Valentinus. The most named popular martyrology associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire; during his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer Asterius. Legend states that before his execution he wrote "from your Valentine" as a farewell to her. Today, Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrates Saint Valentine's Day, albeit on July 6th and July 30th, the former date in honor of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and the latter date in honor of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni).

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. By the 15th century, it had evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.



Read more at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine%27s day



"mmm ... FOOD!"

THE FOOD OF JAPAN

by Nancy Pearlman

Lately, most events and receptions in Southern California serve sushi, even though this may not be a traditional dish of the host. So when checking with the Japan National Tourism Organization, I found out more about it.

Japan is the birthplace of Nigiri-zushi. Made of cooked rice with raw fish and now globally recognized as typical "sushi," Nigiri-zushi is also called as Edomae-zushi.

Kaiten sushi, or kaitenzushi, as it is pronounced in Japanese, is sushi that may be considered fast-food sushi, as opposed to sushi served at a traditional sushi restaurant. The sushi at kaitenzushi restaurants are on plates that sit on a rotating conveyor belt that runs through the restaurant and by every table and counter seat. Customers select the sushi that they want to eat as it passes by. If they don't see what they like on the belt, they may order it from one of the chefs. Desserts, soups, some beverages and sometimes other food are also available on the conveyor belt. Condiments, such as pickled ginger, wasabi and soy sauce are self-served, as is green tea or water. Restaurants keep track of how long the sushi has been on the conveyor belt so they remove the plates that have been in rotation too long.

Japanese food also includes Ramen noodles, Okonomiyaki, Udon noodles, and Donburi (a rice bowl dish with beef, pork-cutlet, egg etc.). I still love the Tempura because the light batter is delicious over vegetables and dipped in a soy sauce. Just give these dishes a try and I'm sure you will love them.

Japan National Tourism Organization

Little Tokyo Plaza, 340 E. 2nd. Street, Suite 302, Los Angeles, CA 90012, visitjapan@jntonyc.org, info@jnto-lax.org, www.japantravelinfocom

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With Tasty Recipes

In General

www.everylastrecipe.com

World Holidays Recipes

www.tasteofhome.com/Recipes/Holiday---Celebration-Recipes

www.whats4eats.com/holidays/

Recipes from Around the World

allrecipes.com/recipes/world-cuisine/

www.bbcgoodfood.com/content/recipes/ cuisines/

Recipes from Around the World -Vegetarian & Vegan

www.ivu.org/recipes/

www.vegetarianrecipesandcooking.com/

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FreeRice is a non-profit website run by the United Nations World Food Programme.

Have a good (or bad) food memory, recipe or restaurant? Write to us at: culturallyspeaking@earthculturesproject.org and you may see it published.

EDUCATION THROUGH THE ARTS

ARTS FOR ALL

http://lacountyartsforall.org/about-artsfor-all/news-for-all/2013/01/17/it-allbegins-with-arts-education

IT ALL BEGINS WITH ARTS EDUCATION

"Otis College of Art and Design recently announced findings from the 2012 Otis Report on the Creative Economy of the Los Angeles Region. This is the sixth vear that Otis, working with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, has published research mapping the creative economy of the area. However, this is the first time the report includes statistics about arts education. And the news is heartening. The report indicates that the global workplace is changing with communication and collaboration replacing tightly controlled hierarchical environments. Arts education plays a huge role in developing a workforce to fulfill the needs of 21st Century employers in this region and beyond. Arts for All has been at the forefront of this effort for the last decade.

ARTS FOR LA

http://www.artsforla.org/arts-education Arts for LA's mission is to foster a healthy environment in which arts and culture may thrive and be accessible to all in Los Angeles County. Our mission statement is supported by our vision and statement of values. Arts for LA envisions the greater Los Angeles region as one in which government, education, business and residents value, support and fully integrate the arts-in all their diversity-into the fabric of civic life. Arts for LA affirms that the arts are critical to a healthy, prosperous society. Access to substantive arts and cultural experiences enriches the quality of life for both residents of and visitors to the greater Los Angeles region.

CAL HUMANITIES

http://www.calhum.org/

Cal Humanities has been bringing people together around their history and culture for more than 30 years. Cal Humanities connects Californians to ideas and one another in order to understand our shared heritage and diverse cultures, inspire civic participation, and shape our future. Cal Humanities produces, funds, and supports cultural experiences in media, literature, and discussion programs.

CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL

Mission: Advancing California through the Arts & Creativity

http://www.cac.ca.gov/programs

The California Arts Council encourages public participation in the arts; helps build strong arts organizations; assists with the professional development of arts leaders; promotes awareness of the value of the arts; and directly funds arts programs in California's communities. The arts spark creativity . . . and our goal is to make them available to every Californian. Programs include Artists in Schools, Creating Places of Vitality, State-Local Partnership, Statewide Networks, Research Grant, Arts and Accessibility, Poetry Out Loud, California Poet Laureate, and more.

LA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

http://www.lacountyarts.org

Read about John Anson Ford Theatres, Civic Art, Arts Education: Arts for All, Grants and Professional Development, Arts Resources, Public / Special Events, Communications and Calendar

LOS ANGELES FUND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION - ARTS MATTER

http://lafund.org/#the-artists

Arts Matter is an unprecedented campaign to revitalize arts education in the nation's second largest school district. The campaign has been developed to drive public awareness for the critical role of arts education in public schools. By bringing together leading contemporary artists, including Barbara Kruger and John Baldessari, as well as Los Angeles entertainment, civic, and education leaders, Arts Matter is focused on rebuilding arts education in the creative capital of the world

THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

NEA blog: http://artworks.arts.gov/
The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education. Established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government, the Arts Endowment is the nation's largest annual funder of the arts, bringing great art to all 50 states, including rural areas, inner cities, and military bases.

LA COUNTY ARTS EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

Subscribe: arts ed roundtablesubscribe@yahoogroups.com **CREATIVITY** ΙN **EVERY** The Arts Ed CLASSROOM ----Roundtable listserv provides a forum for the arts education community of Los Angeles County, inclusive of artists, educators and advocates, to share information. The site is moderated by staff of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission as a part of Arts for All, Los Angeles County's collaboration to bring creativity to every LA County classroom by restoring the arts to the curriculum and empowering LA County Schools to prepare all students for the workforce of tomorrow.

Latest news from arts ed roundtable

The California Arts Council's "Artists in Schools" program application is now open. Deadline is March 8, 2013. The AIS program supports the valuable link between community arts resourcesprofessional teaching artists and arts organizations--and local schools/school districts. K-12 students are offered comprehensive, California standards-based arts education that underscores the critical role the arts play in the development of creativity, overall well-being and academic achievement. Artists in Schools is the California Arts Council's largest grant program.

What Is 'Artistic Literacy'? Framework for Arts Standards Takes Look By Erik Robelen on January 24, 2013

We talk a lot about literacy here. The ability to read and write. Math literacy. Science literacy. But what does it mean to be artistically literate? A document issued last week by the National Coalition for Core Arts Standards takes a stab at this question. The coalition has drafted a framework for forthcoming arts education standards. And one of the central issues it tackles is defining artistic literacy. At the heart of it is a belief in the need to "do" art, or to make it. http://nccas.wikispaces.com/file/view/ FRAMEWORK%20FINAL1-13-13. pdf/398083540/FRAMEWORK%20 FINAL1-13-13.pdf

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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Spring 2013

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http://web-app.usc.edu/ws/eo2/calendar/32/list/category/Exhibits

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GYPSY FOLK ENSEMBLE



The Gypsy Folk Ensemble is a world dance performing company based in Los Angeles, California which was formed in 1978 to preserve, perform and teach traditional folk dances from countries around the world. See website for workshops and assemblies available. Gypsy will perform at the Laguna Folk Dance Festival on Saturday night, February 2, 2013.

www.gypsyfolkensemble.com

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT: THE FUSION OF FOOD AND CRAFT

An Exhibition in Three Servings

The Craft in America Study Center at **8415 West Third Street** proudly inaugurates a three-part series of exhibitions focusing on the intersection of contemporary craft and food.

Food as impetus for craft: November 17, 2012- January 19, 2013 (passed) Food as subject for craft: February 2, 2013 - April 6, 2013 Food as medium for craft: April 20, 2013 - June 22, 2013

Food was a motivational font for craft from its earliest origins. Objects have facilitated and elevated the act of cooking and consumption throughout history, from woven baskets to clay storage jars, blown glass vessels and metal utensils. A lecture and workshop schedule is forthcoming: Laura Wood, "Love-Hunger," Katherine Gray, "Decanter Tower," Kristin duCharme, "Figure" in chocolate

Craft in America is a Los Angeles-based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and advancing original handcrafted work, through educational programs in all media, accessible to all.

The Study Center is open Thursday - Saturday from 12:00 - 6:00 pm. For more information: info@craftinamerica.org or (323) 951-0610. Contact: Emily Zaidenm (323) 951-0610m emilyzaiden@craftinamerica.org

Always check with venues to confirm dates, times, and locations.

WORTH WATCHING ON YOUTUBE

FLASH MOBS

Amsterdam

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAXAs03xsI8&feature=related

Madrid

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iop2b3oq1O0

Russia

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gc4xbmFpDRA

HISTORY OF AMERICAN DANCE

Frankie Manning - Ambassador of Lindy Hop - Tribute Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQIWFOU-bp4

Vernon & Irene Castle plus Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers - Ballroom Styles http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5TE74e9vAg

Appalachian Big Set Dance

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DANCE MOVEMENT WORKSHOP

with Olivia Regalado olivia.regalado@rocketmail.com

February is . . . Black History Month

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The Autry National Center www.theautry.org

Bowers Museum

www.bowers.org

Craft & Folk Art Museum www.cafam.org

The Getty www.getty.edu

Metropolitan Museum of Art

(search the database for works of art, costumes & more)
www.metmuseum.org/works of art/

Museum of Latin American Art www.molaa.org

Museum of Making Music www.museumofmakingmusic.org

Museum of Tolerance ww.museumoftolerance.com

Pacific Asia Museum www.pacificasiamuseum.org

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA

Current Cultural Happenings Around Los Angeles by Fran P. groups.yahoo.com/group/caltechfolkdance

Olvera Street in Los Angeles http://olvera-street.com

Folkworks (click on "calendar") www.folkworks.org/

FOLK DANCE & FOLK MUSIC INFORMATION

Dick Oakes' Folk Dance Pages www.phantomranch.net/folkdanc/folkdanc.

Folkways (ethnic music) www.folkways.si.edu/index.aspx

ARC Music (ethnic music CDs) www.arcmusic.co.uk

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BYKI

Free language software downloads www.byki.com/

FREELANG

Free bilingual dictionary downloads www.freelang.net/

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Smithsonian Magazine Arts & Cultures

www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture

Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage

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SOME CULTURAL CENTERS

Acadian Cultural Center

www.nps.gov/jela/new-acadian-cultural-center.htm

Croatian Cultural Center

www.croatianamericanweb.org/index.php

Hibulb Cultural Center

http://www.hibulbculturalcenter.org/

Ilanka Cultural Center

www.ilankacenter.org/

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

www.indianpueblo.org/

Levantine Cultural Center

www.levantinecenter.org

Polynesian Cultural Center

http://www.polynesia.com/

Skirball Cultural Center

http://www.skirball.org/

West Virginia Division of Culture and History

www.wvculture.org/

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Yahoo's site for kids to learn about the world's countries

www.kids.yahoo.com/reference/world-factbook

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CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS

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