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Summer Trips for 2007

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This is our third annual summer travel article. Check our June 2005 and June 2006 articles for some other ideas on places to visit. If you have some more suggestions for Asian Pacific American places and events of interest we'd love to hear them. Let us know if you go to any of our suggested destinations and send us your pictures. Have fun :).

- June 2005 - <http://asianamericanbooks.com/newslets/nl0605.htm>
- June 2006 - <http://asianamericanbooks.com/newslets/nl0606.htm>

International District - Seattle, WA

There is an area, in the heart of Seattle, rightfully dubbed as the "International District." Founded as the new Chinatown in 1889, after the Great Seattle Fire destroyed most of the original, it eventually became home to many other Asian ethnicities. Today it is known as the only place in the United States where Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Vietnamese, Koreans, and Cambodians, settled together to build one neighborhood.

- <http://www.chinatownconnection.com/seattle-international-district.htm>

International District History

In the beginning, men from China came by ships in search of shelter from poverty and war. They crowded into hotels, storefronts and employment halls near the railroad station and waterfront. These men came to work in the canneries, railroads, and mines.

After racial discrimination had driven many Chinese Americans out of Seattle, and the Great Seattle Fire of 1889 had destroyed much of the original China Town, the remaining Chinese had established a new China Town on King Street. Shortly after that, Japanese began to settle in a Japan Town, or Nihonmachi, two blocks north on Main Street. Following the Japanese, Filipinos also began to settle in the neighborhood.

After the Vietnam War, in the late 1970s, a large wave of Immigrants from Southeast Asia established an area known as "Little Saigon."

In 1987, the neighborhood gained federal status as the "Seattle Chinatown Historic District," and has since then become more commonly known as the "International District."

- <http://www.chinatownconnection.com/seattle-chinatown-history.htm>
- <http://www.chinatownconnection.com/seattle-asian-attractions.htm>

Wing Luke Asian Museum

The Wing Luke Museum is committed to engaging the community in exploring issues regarding the art, culture, and history of Asian Pacific Americans. Founded in 1967, the Museum was named in honor of Wing Luke, who was the first Asian American elected to public office in the Pacific Northwest.

The exhibition "How the Soy Sauce Was Bottled" will be on display until November 30, 2007. The gallery displays works of five local artists, using conventional Asian artifacts and photographs from the museum's own collection to convey their own experiences within modern Asian Pacific American communities.

- http://www.nwsources.com/ae/scr/nws_rev.cfm?c=&rtype=e&id=23420

Slant Film Festival - San Francisco, CA

On July 21, 2007 the Slant Film Festival will feature Asian American short films. Films are playing will range from wacky comedies to heart warming family stories. The entrance fee is \$8, and the films start at 7pm.

- <http://manja.org/events/2007/07/19/the-7th-annual-slant-film-festival>

Foreign Mission School - Cornwall, CT

In May, 1817 the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions established a school in Cornwall, Connecticut for the education of youth of all races.

In its first year there were 12 students - seven Hawaiians, two South Asians, a Native American, and two white Americans. The following year the make-up of the school included seven Native Americans, two Chinese, two South Asians, a South East Asian, six Hawaiians, two Marquesans, and three white Americans.

One of the Hawaiians by name of Henry Obookiah writes the first Hawaiian translation of the book of Genesis. Obookiah began work on a Hawaiian grammar, dictionary, and spelling book, but died before its completion. He is buried at Cornwall Cemetery.

The Foreign Mission School was forced to close in 1826 after the community was sent into turmoil when two of the Native American students married prominent white members of the community. The school had a short history, but is notable for being one of the first multi-racial schools, which included some of the earliest Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. The site of the school is marked with a plaque near the St. Peter's Church in Cornwall, Connecticut.

- Oklahoma Historical Society's on the Foreign Mission School
<http://digital.library.okstate.edu/Chronicles/v007/v007p242.html>
- Cornwall Historical Society's on the Foreign Mission School
http://www.cornwallhistoricalsociety.org/foreign_mission_school.htm
- Places to visit in Cornwall, CT
http://www.cornwallhistoricalsociety.org/places_to_see.html
- Wikipedia's Article on Cornwall, CT
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornwall,_Connecticut

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Give Us Your Feedback

Please feel free to send us your reviews, comments, and book suggestions. You can contact us at - aacpinc@asianamericanbooks.com

Up Coming Events

Here are some events that AACCP will soon be attending. Invite us to your events.

Date/Time	Event	Location
June 28 - July 1	OCA National Convention	Sheraton Grand Hotel Sacramento, CA
July 12 7:30pm	William Poy Lee reads from his new book <i>The Eighth Promise</i>	Foster City Library Foster City, CA
July 14-15	San Jose Obon Festival	SJ Buddhist Temple San Jose, CA
July 21-22 Sa 1-10pm Su 11-8pm	Ginza Bazaar & Obon Odori	Buddhist Church of SF San Francisco, CA
Other Event of Interest that AACCP May Not Attend		
June 29 - July 1	JACL National Youth Conference	Santa Clara University Santa Clara, CA
July 8	Monterey Obon Festival Monterey Peninsula	Buddhist Temple Seaside, CA
July 13-15	30th Anniversary of the Lotus Festival	Echo Park Los Angeles, CA
July 20-22	The 9th Annual KAAN Conference (Korean Am. Adoptee Adoptive Family Network)	Royal Sonesta Hotel Boston, MA
July 21-22	Mountain View Obon Festival	575 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View, CA

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Chinese American Museum of Northern California

232 1st Street, Marysville, CA 95901

Back in our June 2005 travel article we had a very short mention of this museum. At that time we did not have any information on it. As it turned out, the Chinese American Museum of Northern

Editor's Message

Hello Everyone,

I have to make this editor's message short, I still have to finish packing for the OCA convention in Sacramento. By the time you get this I'll probably already be there. I may even be sending this from Sacramento.

Authors William Wong, Helen Zia, William Poy Lee, and possibly others will be on hand at the OCA convention to sign books. The exhibit area in the Sacramento Convention hall is open to all visitors. We hope you can come.

We will also be on hand for William Poy Lee's reading at the Foster City Library on July 12. We hope you can make that and any of the other events listed on our calendar.

Thank you to our intern Austin Djang for writing our summer travel article.

Have a great summer everyone.

Leonard Chan
Executive Editor

California was not officially completed until earlier this year. AACCP had a chance to participate in this museum's grand opening and we are please to tell you that you can visit this museum on the first Saturday of each month. To learn a little bit about the museum, read our March 2007 newsletter interview with the museum's owner and curator Brian Tom.

- June 2005 - <http://asianamericanbooks.com/newslets/nl0605.htm>
- March 2007 - <http://asianamericanbooks.com/newslets/nl0307.htm>

The following books are discounted an additional 20% from the listed price for subscribers to our newsletter. The discounts on these books end July 17, 2007.

	<p>Driven Out The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans</p> <p>By Jean Pfaelzer 2007, 400 pages, Hardback.</p> <p><i>Driven Out</i> begins with a retelling of the abominable event of November 3, 1885 in Tacoma, Washington where hundreds of Chinese American were forcibly expelled from the town in what could only be describe as "ethnic cleansing." <i>Driven Out</i> is not fiction - this actually happened and author Jean Pfaelzer goes on to describe much more of this little know part of Chinese American history that took place throughout the West and North West regions of the United States.</p> <p><i>Driven Out</i> is not only a retelling of a horrific part of American history, it is also a testament to the heroics of a community that persevered in a climate of extreme duress.</p> <p>Item #3463. Normally \$27.95 ... for newsletter subscribers \$22.36</p>
	<p>The Story of Cherry the Pig</p> <p>By Utako Yamada First American Addition 2007, 32 pages, Hardback.</p> <p>Pigs can't fly, but in this delightful story about <i>Cherry the Pig</i>, they certainly can cook. Follow Cherry as she enters her apple cake in a bake-off at the local harvest festival. Even the finicky mice wouldn't keep this pig down.</p> <p>Author Utako Yamada is both a dessert shop owner and a picture book author living in Tokyo.</p> <p>Item #3459, Normally \$15.95 ... for newsletter subscribers \$12.76</p>
	<p>Twenty-Five Chickens and a Pig for a Bride Growing up in a Filipino Immigrant Family</p> <p>By Evangeline Canonizado Buell 2006, 190 pages, Hardback.</p> <p>Autobiographies are only as good as the life described by the author - the more interesting the life the more interesting the book. In <i>Twenty-five Chickens and a Pig for a Bride</i>, you'll discover that author Evangeline Canonizado Buell is one fascinating Filipina American with an equally interesting family history. Follow her story as she describes her Buffalo Soldier grandfather through to her works with the Filipino American National Historical Society.</p> <p>Item #3461, Normally \$24.95 ... for newsletter subscribers \$19.96</p>
	<p>The Zoo</p> <p>By Suzy Lee First American Edition 2007, 32 pages, Hardback.</p> <p>A girl and her parents visit <i>The Zoo</i>. The parents only notice empty exhibits while their daughter wanders off to have fun with the animals. In this picture book, first published in Korea, you'll find that a visit to the zoo is universally magical in the eyes of a child.</p> <p>Item #3460, Normally \$15.95 ... for newsletter subscribers \$12.76</p>
	<p>Hello Hello</p> <p>By Fumiko Takeshita Illustrated by Jun Takabatake First American Edition 2006, 31 pages, Paperback.</p> <p>Alexander Graham Bell wanted people to use the word "ahoy" to answer phones. In <i>Hello Hello</i> young children will discover the concept of phones and learn that it's "hello" that we say upon starting phone conversations.</p> <p>Item #3462, Normally \$4.95 ... for newsletter subscribers \$3.96</p>

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