



**Greater Los Angeles Chapter  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Newsletter 462, revised June 2024**



**Greater Los Angeles JACL  
presents:**



# “Let’s Dance”

**Scholarship and Chapter Fundraiser Mini-Dinner/Dance**

Saturday, July 27, 2024 ▪ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute ▪ 1964 W. 162nd St, Gardena, CA 90247

**RAFFLE DRAWING**

*Line dancing led by: Toru Nagao*

*Live music and DJ by:*



**\$35.00 Dinner/Dance RSVP by July 20, 2024 / \$45.00 at Door**

**\$25.00 Dance Only RSVP by July 20, 2024 / \$35.00 at Door**

\$35.00 Dinner/Dance x \_\_\_\_\_ Number in your party = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

Table of 8 – \$280.00 (Advance only)

Name of guests (Please print)

\$25.00 Dance Only x \_\_\_\_\_ Number in your party = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

Table of 8 – \$200.00 (Advance only)

Name of guests (Please print)

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| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |          |

**Make checks payable to: Greater LA JACL**

Mail checks with order form to:

Greater LA JACL  
834 W. 148th Place  
Gardena, CA 90247-2726

I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

For info and RSVP: [greaterlajacl@gmail.com](mailto:greaterlajacl@gmail.com)

Or call: (310) 634-9032

## GLA Scholarship and Chapter Fundraiser Dance Raffle Prizes

Hawaiian Musubi 2024 4"x6"x4" Oil,  
Mixed Media on Hand-Cut Canvases.  
By Eileen Oda Leaf.



Desert Storm 2017 14"x17"  
framed Oil on Canvas  
By Eileen Oda Leaf



Reproduction limited edition "Samurai Warrior" wood block print 15"x15" image by Robert Tamura, former JACL member and WWII Army MIS veteran interned at Rowher, Arkansas camp.

Reproduction "Planting Rice" 17"x15" Robert Tamura, painted after he saw the scene during a bus trip while he served US Army in occupied Japan in the 1940's.



"Samurai" Reproduction. By Noe Yamabe.



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## GLA Scholarship and Chapter Fundraiser Dance Raffle Prizes

14" x 4" Rice Paper Scrolls "Kwan Yin Face" "Kwan Yin Hand"  
Original Digital Photograph on Archival Cotton Rag Rice Paper  
By Jaimee Itagaki



Jen Chan 10 blank greeting cards with original art.  
<https://www.destination-art.net/jennifer-chan>



Plant basket arrangement and gift card donated by  
Sunflower Farms 17609 S Western Ave, Gardena CA  
(310) 527-8371 Lisa Akiyama Robinson



"L.A. Haneto" 2016  
10 1/4"x 13 1/2", 13 3/8"x18 3/8"  
framed, Acrylic, by Alvin Takamori

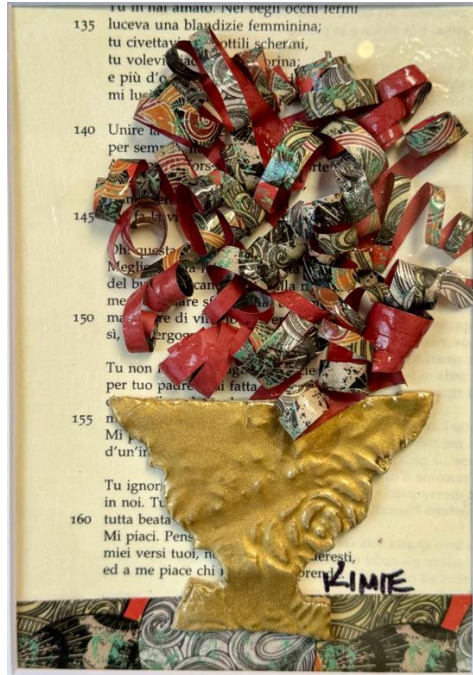


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## GLA Scholarship and Chapter Fundraiser Dance Raffle Prizes

"Fishing with Dad at Lake Biwa" 14"x11" Oil on canvas panel. By Kimie Joe.

"Floral With a Twist in Gold Vase" 5"x7" Mixed media on canvas panel. Handwoven papers crafted into paper petals adorn a handmade ceramic tile vase, creating a fusion of texture and form. By Kimie Joe.



'Bird in Flight' 6"x 6", glazed ceramic tile. Mounted in 10"x10" shadow box frame. By Trace Fukuhara.



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## **GLA PICKLEBALL FREE LESSON**

**Learn the basics, pickleball rules, and free play**

**Saturday, June 22, 2024, 10am to 12 noon**

**Stevenson Park**

**17400 Lysander Dr**

**Carson, CA 90746**

**GLA members and their families are invited.**

**First 20 players that RSVP to: [greaterlajacl@gmail.com](mailto:greaterlajacl@gmail.com)**

**Must include first names in email. Bring your own paddle. Let us know if you need one.**

**We will provide 10 paddles.**

**Event chair: Mitchell Matsumura**

**Instructors: David Endo and Mika Matsumura**





## Greater Los Angeles JACL “May Flowers Art Exhibition” Gallery of Hermosa Opening Night May 10, 2024

Greater Los Angeles JACL attended a sold out and exciting opening reception of Kimie Joe's Gallery of Hermosa "May Flowers" exhibition. We appreciate all that came and brought many friends and fellow GLA JACL members. A special thank you to Miyako Kadogawa who purchased Eileen Oda Leaf painting, "Santa Fe Irises," this was quite a surprise and Eileen was grateful for her kindness.

A special thank you to South Bay artist Eileen Oda Leaf who hosted this event. She is also GLA JACL's newest member!

Eileen Oda Leaf's next art event is Gallery of Hermosa Opening Reception: Friday June 7th from 5-8PM 138 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. Featuring Match Point 2018 24"x30" Oil on Canvas by Eileen Oda Leaf.



Miyako Kadogawa with Eileen Oda Leaf. "Santa Fe Irises" painting is right top.



Gallery of Hermosa opening night was standing room only.

**Keiichi “Kei” Sakita, of Torrance passed away peacefully at home on  
April 12, 2024 at the age of 86.**

**He is survived by his wife, Jane Sakita; children Sondra, Dina, and Danny Sakita; grandchildren, Zoe and  
Tori (Leiva) Sakita; siblings Adeline Manzo and Johnny “Mits” Sakita, Cousin David Hozaki;  
nieces/nephews, Jeffrey, Eddie, Kenny Sakuda, and Caryn Aizawa; Mark Manzo and Deborah Vasquez;  
Jenny (Morinaka) Pretkus; Donna (Utsunomiya) Chinn, Tammy (Gina) Nakamura; and many grand-  
nephews/nieces.**

**Kei was a Greater Los Angeles JAACL board member. Kei brought his portable microphone to programs  
for speakers to use. Kei made musubi with spam for the snack table. Kei made donations to GLA.**





## Registration is now open for the 2024 JAACL National Convention!

Join us in historic Philadelphia this summer, July 10-14, as we celebrate our community and build on our convention theme:  
“Looking into the Future Together!”

For information: <https://jacl.org/2024-jacl-national-convention>



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July 10 - 14, 2024

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