

31 City of Monterey Park's 2009 Lunar New Year Festival (Floral Street Fair)

For thousands of years, the tradition of the "Floral Street Fair" has ushered in the traditional Chinese festival and heralded the beginning of Spring with elaborate and beautiful flower arrangements, lively entertainment, and of course, great food. The two-day event features vendor booths, a food court, a kid zone, carnival rides, live entertainment, and more.

WHEN: January 31 & February 1, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SITE: Downtown Monterey Park

COST: Free

SPONSOR: City of Monterey Park

INFO: 626-239-6688, www.floralstreetfair.org

FEBRUARY

32 African American Heritage Celebrations

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WHEN: Through February and March

SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles

COST: Varies

SPONSORS: Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Our Authors Study Club, Inc.

INFO: www.AfricanAmericanLA.com

33 African American History Month Programs

Our Authors Study Club celebrates the African American History Month with an opening ceremony at City Hall, the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Scholarship and awards luncheon, an oratorical contest, and several church and community events.

WHEN: Through February

SITE: Various locations

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Our Authors Study Club, Inc.

INFO: 310-854-6967

34 Redondo Beach Super Bowl 10K / 5K Run

Join the 9,000-race participants at Southern California's greatest Super Bowl Celebration! It's how Redondo Beach celebrates the biggest day in sports. Run, Walk, Skate or Stroll in the Redondo Beach Super Bowl Sunday 10K Run, 5K Run, 5K Fun Walk, Baby Buggy 10K, and 10K In-Line Skate. Great food and beverages await participants and guests at the Race Expo.

WHEN: February 1, 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

SITE: Redondo Beach Seaside Lagoon & Downtown Redondo Beach

COST: \$25 before January 21, \$30 after January 11

SPONSOR: Spectrum Sports Management, LLC

INFO: www.spectrumsports.net

35 Little King & Queen Contest

Participants in this pageant include five and six-year-old boys and girls of Chinese heritage. A King, Queen, Prince, and Princess are chosen and will have the opportunity to attend the Chinese New Year festivities.

WHEN: February 1, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SITE: Lunar New Year Festival Site, Los Angeles Chinatown

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce

INFO: 213-617-0396 x13, www.lachinesechamber.org

36 Fiesta de la Candelaria

This final seasonal event commemorates the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple. Participants may join the procession and bring an elaborately dressed doll to be blessed. Best dressed doll winners will receive a prize. This celebration includes live entertainment and refreshments.

WHEN: **February 2, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

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WHEN: **February 5, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown San Pedro between 4th & 8th Sts.
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
INFO: www.1stthursday.com

38 Pan African Film & Arts Festival

America's largest black film festival showcasing over 150 new films from Africa, the United States, Europe, the Caribbean, the South Pacific, South America, and Canada. This event also features 100 black fine artists and craftspeople from the world over, poetry, fashion shows, free forums, and panels.

WHEN: **February 5 through 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 midnight**
SITE: Magic Johnson Theaters at Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza 3650 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Varies by event
SPONSOR: Pan African Film & Arts Festival
INFO: 323-295-1706, www.PAFF.org



Danny Glover in Bamako

39 Black History Tour of Los Angeles

The tour follows the progress of the African American community in Los Angeles. It includes Sugar Hill, The Island, Central Avenue, Leimert Park, and other locations throughout the City.

WHEN: **February 7, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Consolidated Realty Board of Los Angeles, 3725 Don Felipe Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Our Authors Study Club, Inc.
INFO: 323-758-4358, www.oasci.org

40 San Gabriel Valley Annual Lunar New Year Parade & Festival

One of the most exciting and largest celebrations of its kind, the Lunar New Year festival attracts over 50,000 attendants on the parade route and festival grounds. The event features colorful floats, marching bands, food booths, arts and crafts, games, rides, entertainment, and cultural exhibits.

WHEN: **February 7, Street Festival 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Parade 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Valley Blvd., between Garfield & Almansor, Alhambra
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Alhambra Chambers of Commerce
INFO: 626-300-5933, www.lunarnewyearparade.com

41 Undiscovered Chinatown Tour

Tours take visitors to a number of off-the-beaten-track points of cultural and historical interest, and will guide those interested in shopping to some of Chinatown's best bargains and trendiest shops.

WHEN: **February 7, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown
COST: \$20
SPONSOR: Chinatown Business Improvement District
INFO: 213-680-0243, www.chinatownla.com

42 World City: Diane Ferlatte, Linda Tillery, and the Cultural Heritage Choir

Celebrating its fifth season, World City is the Music Center's highly acclaimed free performance series reflecting the rich array of cultures making up the Los Angeles community. In addition to performances, free arts workshops for children are offered in the adjacent Blue Ribbon Garden.

WHEN: **February 7, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.**
SITE: W. M. Keck Foundation Children's Amphitheatre, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Music Center of Los Angeles County
INFO: 213-972-4394, www.musiccenter.org/education

43 Target Free Family Saturday: Be Animated!

Enjoy a day of family fun with anime and comic book activities and workshops.

WHEN: **February 7, 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Japanese American National Museum & Target
INFO: 213-625-0414, www.janm.org

44 African American Art Festival

Celebrate African American Heritage month with Capoeira, hip hop dancers, live music, spoken word, visual art, and jewelry. The event also features food vendors, crafts, and more!

WHEN: **February 7, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Star Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City
COST: Art exhibit and performances are Free
SPONSOR: Star Eco Station
INFO: 310-842-8060, www.ecostation.org

45 Be My Valentine

The Grier Musser Museum hosts its annual Valentine Party, featuring antique valentines, teddy bears, kewpie dolls, and other valentine items on display. Guided tours and refreshments are available. Please call for reservations.

WHEN: **February 9, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Grier Musser Museum, 403 S. Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles
COST: \$12 per adult, \$6 per children including tour and refreshments
SPONSOR: Grier Musser Museum
INFO: 213-413-1814, www.griermussermuseum.com

46 Downtown Art Walk

The Downtown Art Walk is a monthly, self-guided tour of the art exhibition venues in Downtown Los Angeles, which includes commercial art galleries, public museums, non-profit spaces, and grassroots arts venues.

WHEN: **February 12, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

47 Los Angeles Times Travel Show

The annual Los Angeles Times Travel Show features more than 500 travel-related companies offering the latest information on destinations, hotels, airlines, cruise lines, and other travel services. The two-day event includes a variety of panels offering money-saving tips and travel advice.

WHEN: **February 14 & 15, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St.,
Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Times
INFO: www.latimes.com/travelshow

48 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last Saturday of the month that brings big crowds to stroll the streets. Over a dozen galleries host receptions and open houses to showcase their latest exhibits and artists. Music, food, wine, and art from 6:00 p.m. on into the evening.

WHEN: **February 14 & 28, 5:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.**
SITE: Garey Park, 2nd & 3rd, Downtown Pomona
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Pomona Arts Colony
INFO: www.metropomona.com

49 Los Angeles Marathon

This event is the largest marathon held in California, the fourth largest in the country, and the seventh largest in the world. Ten major entertainment centers located throughout the course reflect the ethnic neighborhoods, in which they are situated, as well as the cultural diversity of Los Angeles and the marathon runners themselves.

WHEN: **May 25, 7:20 a.m.**
SITE: Course starts at Cahuenga Blvd. and Lankershim,
Los Angeles
COST: \$95 until April 1
SPONSOR: Honda
INFO: 310-444-5544, www.lamarathon.com

50 African American Heritage Celebration

This afternoon celebration includes poetry, storytelling, live gospel, jazz, and blues. African artifacts for sale such as kente cloth, mud cloth, soapstone, handmade masks, and tribal earrings add an authentic flavor to the event. Light refreshments will be served.

WHEN: **February 20, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Angelus Plaza, 255 S. Hill St., Downtown Los Angeles
(4th floor Auditorium)
COST: Free. Donations accepted
SPONSOR: Angelus Plaza
INFO: 213-623-4352 ext. 327

51 65th Annual Festival of Temple City

Local youth groups design, build, and decorate camellia bedecked floats that showcase in the parade on Saturday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m. Marching bands come from as far away as Lancaster and Victorville to participate and compete in this three-day festival. Other highlights include games, rides, arts and crafts, and food booths.

WHEN: **February 20 - 22, Friday 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Saturday 12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.**
SITE: Temple City Park, 9701 Las Tunas Dr., Temple City
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Temple
INFO: 626-285-2171, www.templecity.us

52 Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts

Celebrating 49 years as a community service event showcasing the arts. Enjoy artist demonstrations, exhibits, children's art workshops, an arts and crafts boutique, enter-

tainment, and food. View and shop for ceramics, sculpture, oil and watercolor paintings, jewelry, handmade clothing, mixed media, blown glass, carved wood, pottery, photography, and weaving. Featured artist Brad Faegre, contemporary impressionist painter.



"Warm Currents", Artist Brad Faegre.

WHEN: February 20 - 22, Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SITE: 2000 West Rd., La Habra Heights

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Hillcrest Congregational Church

INFO: 562-947-3755, www.hillcrest-church.org

53 Garba with Attitude

The Indian Sub-Continental Club at the University of California, Irvine will host Garba With Attitude, a national Garba/Raas (Indian folk dance) competition, attracting student formed teams, audience members of various ages, and organizations from across the nation. Garba With Attitude has grown to become America's premier Garba/Raas competition and is the only competition of its kind on the West Coast.

WHEN: February 21, 5:00 p.m.

SITE: Luckman Fine Arts Theatre, 5151 University Dr., Los Angeles

COST: Call for prices

SPONSOR: Indian Sub-Continental Club at University of California, Irvine

INFO: 626-242-5469, www.garbawithattitude.com

54 Queen Mary Brazilian Carnaval 2009

This Brazilian Mardi Gras celebration showcases bands directly from Rio de Janeiro and Bahia, featuring stunning samba dancers, costume contests, booths, food, and a large dance floor.

WHEN: February 21, 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

SITE: Queen Mary, 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach

COST: \$65, \$45, \$35

SPONSOR: Brazilian Nites Productions

INFO: 818-566-1111, www.braziannites.com



Alex Niella

55 African Heritage Festival

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific as it hosts its 6th annual African Heritage Festival, celebrating the richness and diversity of African and African American cultures. The weekend will feature live entertainment, including interactive drum circles, West African dance, live jazz, storytelling, ethnic food, arts and crafts, and more.

WHEN: February 21 & 22, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SITE: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach

COST: Free with Aquarium Admission. Admission Cost: \$20.95 Adults, \$17.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children under 3 and Aquarium members

SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach

INFO: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org



Aquarium of the Pacific

56 Black History Month Celebration

Journey into the heart of Africa at the L.A. Zoo. A new weekend-long celebration for the entire family will feature the traditions, culture, people, and music of Africa. The L.A. Zoo will participate in this citywide celebration of African American Heritage Month with featured children's crafts, festive foods, exciting entertainment, and much more. Animals from Africa will be featured during zoo keeper talks and self-guided tours.

WHEN: **February 21 & 22, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free with paid admission, \$12 Adults, \$7 Children (2-12)
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo
INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

57 Mardi Gras

Celebration of "Fat Tuesday" Olvera Street style with school workshops, sambala dancers, a festive parade, still walkers, and the crowning of little King and Queen of Olvera Street.

WHEN: **February 24, Call for time**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

58 African Marketplace and Fashion Show

The African Marketplace and Fashion Show features a wide range of vendors offering items such as clothing, food, designer jewelry, body oils, and framed paintings.

WHEN: **February 25, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
SITE: Bowron Fletcher Square (Triforium), Temple between Main and Los Angeles Sts.
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel
INFO: 213-928-9153, www.laabp.com

59 REDCAT International Children's Film Festival

REDCAT invites film lovers of all ages to discover a world of cinematic surprises. The event includes the best animated and live-action films for children.

WHEN: **Late February through Early March, Various Times**
SITE: REDCAT, 631 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSOR: REDCAT
INFO: 213-237-2800, www.redcat.org

60 14th Annual International Family Film Festival (IFFF)

The festival promotes socially responsible films and screenplays, suitable for a general audience, which express a fundamental respect for the positive values of life.

WHEN: **February 26 through March 1, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Raleigh Studios, 5300 Melrose Ave., Hollywood
COST: \$8
SPONSOR: IFFF
INFO: 818-332-7951, www.iffifest.org

61 Bones and Blues

Bones and Blues is a monthly concert series featuring live blues and jazz music, domino tournaments, and a hearty barbecue dinner.

WHEN: **February 27, 8:00 p.m.**
SITE: The Center, 10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles
COST: \$15 presale, \$25 at the door
SPONSOR: Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)
INFO: 323-563-5639, www.wlcac.org

62 Pillow Theatre – The Art of Puppets and Marionettes

This free performance series is designed specifically for families with children ages 3 through 6. Pillow Theatre features world-class artists in interactive performances, followed by a hands-on arts workshop. Giant puppets dance and act in this narrated ballet of the classic Beatrix Potter story, Jemima Puddle-duck.

WHEN: **February 28, 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Grand Hall, 135 N. Grand Ave.,
Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Music Center
INFO: 213-972-8000, www.musiccenter.org/education

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INFO: www.1stthursday.com

65 Fusion: The Los Angeles LGBT People of Color Film Festival

This is the only multi-cultural, gender-inclusive people of color film festival.

WHEN: **March 6 through 8, call for times**
SITE: The Egyptian Theatre, 6712 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
COST: \$10
SPONSOR: Outfest
INFO: 213-480-7089, www.outfest.org

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