

24 Cause for Paws

Help raise awareness about the proper treatment of cats and dogs. The event features Brandon Mcmillan, from K-9 Mind Motion and Dr. Jennifer Conrad, PAW Project founder and animal advocate.

WHEN: **January 26 & 27, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Star Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City
COST: To Be Announced
SPONSOR: Star Eco Station
INFO: 310-842-8060, www.ecostation.org

25 37th Annual Whale Fiesta

In celebration of marine mammals and the annual several-thousand-mile migration of Pacific Gray whales, enjoy arts and crafts, puppet shows, crawl through an inflatable whale, make a life-sized one out of sand, or participate in creating a living whale using people. More than 20 organizations that work to protect marine mammals will have exhibits and information about their efforts. There will also be food and gift vendors, music, and more.

WHEN: **January 27, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**
SITE: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 1-888-LA PARKS (527-2757), www.laparks.org

FEBRUARY

26 African American Heritage Celebrations

Celebrate African American Heritage Month is a citywide commemoration of African American heritage and history in Los Angeles. The celebration will acknowledge Southern California's African American contributions in areas of education, religion, the arts, culture, and the humanities. Events include a reception hosted by Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, dance and music concerts, and gallery exhibitions.

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

27 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

28 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 2, 10:00 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

29 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 2, 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

30 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

31 Queen Mary Brazilian Carnaval 2008

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 2, 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.braziliannites.com



Alex Niella

32 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 3, 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**
SITE: Redondo Beach Seaside Lagoon & Downtown Redondo Beach
COST: \$25 before January 21, \$30 after January 21
SPONSOR: Spectrum Sports Management, LLC
INFO: www.spectrumports.net

33 60th Anniversary of Sri Lanka Independence

This is a celebration of the history and culture of Sri Lanka, an island nation in South Asia and a centre of Buddhist religion and culture from ancient times.

WHEN: **February 3, 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Consulate General of Sri Lanka
INFO: 213-387-0210, www.srilankaconsulatela.com



34 Mardi Gras

A spring celebration of traditional “Fat Tuesday” with Brazilian music, singing, dancing, a colorful parade at Paseo de la Plaza, and the traditional burning of the *mal humor*.

WHEN: **February 5, 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

35 1st Thursday San Pedro ART Walk

On the first Thursday of each month, the artists, entertainers, and business people of San Pedro celebrate the arts with an evening of open galleries, studios, street vendors, and live entertainment in the downtown San Pedro Arts District. Downtown San Pedro is magically transformed into a village of creativity surrounded by historical architecture, including the magnificent Warner Grand Theatre, quaint restaurants and cafes, plus plenty of places to shop for unusual items and gifts. Bring the whole family for an enjoyable evening in this seaside village.

WHEN: **February 7, 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

36 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 7 through 18, 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

37 World City: Junebug and Carolina Chocolate Drops

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. Honoring Black History Month, World City presents acclaimed theatre artist and storyteller John O'Neal together with the Carolina Chocolate Drops in their Music Center premieres.

WHEN: **February 9, 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: 213-972-4396, www.musiccenter.org/education

38 109th Annual Golden Dragon Parade

The Year of the Rat celebration features a parade with beautifully decorated cultural floats, colorful dance troupes, and the magical lion and dragon dancers. Watch the parade go through Los Angeles Chinatown and then visit the Chinese New Year Festival for an all-day family event!

WHEN: February 9, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 213-617-0396, www.lachinesechamber.org

39 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. In its sixth year, its focus not only lies in exhibiting the values and expressions of this form of dance, but also in promoting cultural awareness.

WHEN: February 9, 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Carpenter Center, California State University, 6200 Atherton St., Long Beach
COST: Call for prices
SPONSOR: Indian Sub-Continental Club at University of California, Irvine
INFO: 714-417-7620, www.garbawithattitude.com

40 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second 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 9, 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

41 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 9 & 10, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Long Beach Convention Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach
COST: \$10
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Times
INFO: www.latimes.com/travelshow

42 Chinese New Year Festival

Bring your family! Los Angeles Chinatown celebrates the Year of the Rat 4706. Enjoy entertainment, children's rides, food and games booths, freebies, and balloons. The event coincides with the annual Chinese New Year parade. The weekend will be filled with festivities for the whole family to enjoy.

WHEN: February 9 & 10, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.,
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 213-617-0396, www.lachinesechamber.org

43 Lunar New Year Celebration

This two-day event offers an educational and unique way for guests to learn about Asian culture, art, and history. Children's crafts, lion dances, martial arts demonstrations, and ethnic foods are some of the highlights.

WHEN: **February 9 & 10, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free with paid admission, \$10 Adults, \$5 Children (2-12)
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo
INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

44 Chinese New Year Car Show

The annual Chinatown Car Show features imported super streetcars and accessories. The show not only hosts over 150 of the top cars in California but the event is also surrounded by a rich cultural carnival. Food, games, and rides provide a traditional Asian culture atmosphere.

WHEN: **February 9 & 10, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.,
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 213-617-0396, www.lachinesechamber.org

45 City of Monterey Park's 2008 Floral Street Fair (Lantern Festival)

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: **February 9 & 10, 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

46 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 10, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Grier Musser Museum, 403 S. Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles
COST: \$12 per adult, \$5 per children including tour and refreshments
SPONSOR: Grier Musser Museum
INFO: 213-413-1814, www.griermussermuseum.com

47 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. A fashion show featuring a variety of African fashions will be held on February 14 at 12:00 noon.

WHEN: **February 13 & 14, 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

48 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 14, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Gallery Row Organization
INFO: 213-842-8574, www.downtownartwalk.com

49 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 16, 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

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 22, 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 48th Annual Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts

Celebrating 48 years as a community service event showcasing the arts. Enjoy artist demonstrations, exhibits, children's art workshops, an arts and crafts boutique, entertainment, 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 Adrian van Suchtelen, watercolorist and printmaker.

WHEN: **February 22 through 24, 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



52 64th Annual Camellia Festival of Temple City

Local youth groups design, build, and decorate camellia bedecked floats that showcase in the parade on Saturday, February 23, 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 22 - 24, 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

53 Pillow Theatre – Hobey Ford’s Golden Rod Puppets

This series of Saturday morning performances is designed for families with children ages 3 through 6. Imaginative artists in music, theatre, and dance engage children in lively shows that encourage creative thinking. An interactive arts workshop will follow each performance. Award-winning artist Hobey Ford is one of the leading creators and performers of puppet theatre, incorporating a variety of styles including Bunraku, rod, marionettes, and shadow puppetry.

WHEN: February 23, 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

54 Chinese American Museum Lantern Festival 2008

This re-creation of a traditional village street fair features lantern displays, musical, acrobatic, and lion dance performances, magic shows, a children’s lantern design contest, a lantern parade, and arts and crafts workshops. Visitors can learn lantern-making, Chinese-opera face painting, kite-building, puppet-making, Chinese paper-cutting, origami, and Chinese calligraphy.



Ezekiel Tarango

WHEN: February 23, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: Chinese American Museum, 425 N. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Friends of the Chinese American Museum & El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8567, www.camla.org

55 6th Annual Great Los Angeles Air Raid Anniversary Celebration

Commemorating the 66th anniversary of the Great Los Angeles Air Raid at a site that was involved in the incident, this event will feature eyewitnesses to what actually happened on February 25, 1942, re-enactors using authentic military vehicles from the era, a 1940s-style swing dance, an after-dark searchlight display, food vendors, and more. Come dressed for the occasion.

WHEN: February 23, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Fort MacArthur Museum, Angels Gate Park, 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro
COST: \$20
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 1- 888-LA PARKS (527-2757), www.laparks.org

56 6th Annual 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 23 & 24, 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: 562-591-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org



Aquarium of the Pacific

57 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 23 & 24, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles

COST: Free with paid admission, \$10 Adults, \$5 Children (2-12)

SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo

INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

58 13th 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. The IFFF promotes and encourages the creation and sharing of family film and screenplays through film exhibition, professional and children's hands-on film camps, seminars, and post-film discussions.

WHEN: **February 28 through March 2, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

SITE: Raleigh Studios, 5300 Melrose Ave., Hollywood

COST: \$8

SPONSOR: IFFF

INFO: 818-332-7951, www.iffilmfest.org

59 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 29, 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