

From the Director: Tom Ikeda

I am grateful to George Takei for his willingness and ability to keep the Japanese American incarceration story alive. On Sunday he reached millions with a lengthy CBS Sunday Morning interview about his family's incarceration experience. George then posted the interview link on his Facebook page, reaching another 4.4 million fans. On top of this, George is helping to create *Allegiance*, a Broadway musical, about a Japanese American family during World War II. George reaches more people than any other individual or organization about the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans.

While on the topic of reaching a larger mass market, there was a widely circulated Associated Press (AP) article last week (here, here, here, and here) about a little-known World War II internment camp being uncovered in Kooskia, Idaho. I received several messages wondering if I knew about this camp or if this was a new discovery. Ironically, this camp, one of 70 that we document on our Sites of Shame website, is one of the more researched, thanks to Dr. Priscilla Wegars, who wrote a detailed book about Kooskia titled *Imprisoned in Paradise: Japanese Internee Road Workers at the World War II Kooskia Internment Camp*. Dr. Wegars also wrote an excellent article about the Kooskia camp in the Densho Encyclopedia. She is one of over 80 scholars and researchers who have contributed to this new online reference about the World War II Japanese American experience. See below about three new articles recently added to the encyclopedia. Take some time to read a few of the encyclopedia articles and then contact me at tom.ikeda@densho.org and let me know what you think. We will be adding about 600 more articles in the next year.



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Archive Spotlight

Izumi Hirano: Surviving the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima

Izumi Hirano was born in Hilo, Hawaii, but moved to Japan with his family as a child. He was in his classroom near the epicenter when the United States dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. Izumi Hirano's full interview is available in the Densho Digital Archive.

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Densho News

New Articles in the Densho Encyclopedia

Densho recently published new articles to our public encyclopedia about the Japanese American experience during World War II, including:

Hawaii: *End of the Rainbow* (book) contributed by Kelli Y. Nakamura, University of Hawai'i



Harry Ueno contributed by Arthur A. Hansen, California State University, Fullerton

Resettlement in Chicago contributed by Ellen D. Wu, Indiana University

Funding for the encyclopedia is provided in part by the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program, administered by the National Park Service. The encyclopedia will expand to over 1,000 articles when completed in 2014.

Early-Bird Tickets to Sushi & Sake Festival are Available

After a one year break, Sushi & Sake Festival returns on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. We are returning to the roots of the festival with great sushi, premium sake & beer, live music, and a fun environment to see old friends and meet new ones. Making it even more interesting, we will be holding the event at the new MOHAI at South Lake Union, and will be offering a private viewing of MOHAI's exhibits for Fest attendees. The event is designed for mingling and fun, so there will be no sit-down dinner or long speeches.

We are offering the first 300 tickets sold at an early-bird discount price of \$100. After the first 300 are sold, the price will go up to \$150 each. Attendance will be limited to 500 people to prevent long lines.

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Teacher Workshops this Fall

This fall, Densho will conduct seven teacher training workshops in five different states.

- Honolulu, HI - September 14th in partnership with the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i.
- Pullman, WA - September 25th in partnership with Washington State University
- Olympia, WA - October 5th in partnership with Evergreen State University
- Klamath Falls, OR - October 19th in partnership with Tule Lake Unit, NPS
- Portland, OR - November 2nd in partnership with Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center
- Manzanar, CA - November 23rd in partnership with Manzanar National Historic Site, NPS
- Montgomery County, MD - Dec 7th in partnership with National Japanese American Memorial Foundation

These workshops will examine how to use primary source materials to develop analysis and reasoning skills using thinking routines and content about the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans. Funding for the workshop is provided, in part, by a grant from the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program, administered by the National Park Service, the Teaching with Primary Sources Program of the Library of Congress, and the National Park Foundation.

>> [For more information or to register for a workshop](#)



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Community News and Events

Seattle Viewing of Roger Shimomura's An



American Knockoff

Greg Kucera Gallery will be exhibiting Roger Shimomura's *An American Knockoff* featuring paintings that explore racism from a Japanese American's perspective. The exhibition will be open from August 22nd through September 28th at 212 3rd Ave S, Seattle.

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