

# PIEAMM

## PACIFIC ISLAND ETHNIC ART MUSEUM

Newsletter May 2011

### Pasifika Living Arts Highlights

On May 7-8, we held our first annual Pasifika Living Arts event. Below are snap shots of some of the traditional workshops and demonstrations.



**Save-the-Date** for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pasifika Living Arts  
First weekend of May 2012, May 5-6  
Noon to 5 pm

*You are Invited to be a Museum Member*

*2-for-1 Membership Promo Ends May 31*

**Promo membership purchases valid for only: \$15 Educator/Student; \$30 Individual; \$60 Household; \$140 Ultimate (Permanent Recognition as a Founding Member *(limited time offer)*).**

You can also purchase a membership as a gift in honor or in memory.

**Honorary Gifts:** We all know birthdays, weddings, and anniversaries can challenge gift creativity. Celebrate a special occasion with a gift to the Pacific Island Ethnic Art Museum in the name of a friend or family member.

**Memorial Gifts:** You may also wish to remember someone with a memorial gift to the Museum. These thoughtful tributes are acknowledged with a letter to the family or friends you designate.

[Click here](#) to purchase membership. For more information, please contact us at [membership@pieam.org](mailto:membership@pieam.org) or call 562-216-4170.

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## FACES OF CEREMONY:

### Second Community Exhibit Coming Soon

Why and how we paint ourselves: has it changed over the years? Were we decorating ourselves to be in harmony with nature, for ritual, to make a statement, to fit in, to defy, to make a political statement or just to look different? *Faces of Ceremony* explores why people of the Pacific Islands paint themselves.

Exhibit Opens to the Public: September 16, 2011

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## PIEAM OUT AND ABOUT

The Aquarium of the Pacific is having its Pacific Islander Festival June 4-5, 2011, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Discover the rich and diverse cultures of the Pacific Islands. Experience traditional island music and dance. Try on a traditional Yapese attire at PIEAM's booth. See weaving demonstrations. Make your own fresh flower lei. Enjoy island games, storytelling and children's crafts. [Click here](#) to download a coupon to save \$5 off adult admission.

# Congratulations Monique and Jessica!



PIEAM's administrative assistant, Monique Matautia, is heading to Washington D.C. for a summer internship with OCA, a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans.

PIEAM's intern, Jessica Unpingco Solis, received a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in Anthropology from CSULB, May 26.

We wish you a safe and happy summer!

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## Continuing Announcements

### Group Tours

As summer break approaches, add PIEAM to your list of places to visit. Discounted group tours are available for groups with 10 or more people. [Click here](#) to inquire for details or call (562) 216-4170. *We enjoyed meeting the students and teachers from Miracle on 4<sup>th</sup> Street After School Program, Tincher Preparatory School, and USDA's Long Beach team.*

### Street Closure

I-405/Seventh Street bridge will be closed and northbound traffic on the 405 rerouted through Long Beach for one year beginning the week of April 18. For more info, go to [OCTA](#).

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## Inside the Community House



When we opened the museum in October last year, we hoped for the museum to serve as a community house, which is a central meeting place common throughout all the regions of the Pacific Islands. Recently, Tau Alpha Omega (the first Pacific Islander fraternity) and PELE (the first Pacific Islander sorority) held a Kava Ceremony for its newest members inside the museum's community meeting house. Both organizations help build the community house.

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