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Asian Heritage Month

Although some people celebrate Asian Heritage Month in April, May is known as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. It was introduced in a congressional bill back in 1977 by Representatives Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California. The first Japanese settlers immigrated to the United States on May 7, 1843. May also marked the anniversary of the transcontinental railroad which was built on May 10, 1869 in which the majority of the workers were Chinese immigrants.



According to the July 1st, 2003 census population, Asians comprise about 12 million of the total 300 million populations, but the region still contributes fewer newcomers than Europe, Latin American, and North America. The McCarran-Walter Act was passed to eliminate race as a barrier to immigration by the U.S. Congress in 1952 which removed racial barriers to immigration and empowered the Department of Justice to deport immi-



grants or naturalized citizens engaging in subversive activities. The Immigration Act of 1990 increased the number of Asians coming to the U.S. by raising the total quota and reorganizing system of preferences to favor certain professional groups. As a result of this Act, nearly 5 million Asian immigrants arrived from Asian countries.



Sources:
**Ricco Villanueva Siasoco & US
Census Bureau**

The Asian Population

There are several factors and features in identifying each Asian group. There are over 30 specific Asian groups among the general Asian population. Never assume to know, Some Asians are very offended when you think they are of a certain race when they really aren't. You can always identify a group by their traditional clothing and if

you listen to their language, it is very different from group to group.



Kyoto Geisha



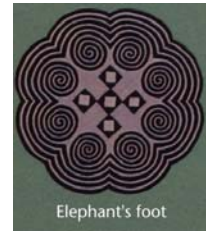
One of the many Hmong story cloths depicting the struggle to safety.

A Pattern in the Hmong History

The Hmong people migrated from Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam in the early 1800s. In 1970 when the communist took over Laos, the Hmong people were hired by the CIA to fight with the Americans during the Vietnam War. Many Hmong people feared their lives and had to leave their homelands in order to be safe.



In the Hmong culture, the word Hmong means being FREE. The most important attribute to the Hmong people is their freedom. When the Hmong people were forced to leave their homelands, families, and traditions behind, it was a very heartbreaking and frustrating struggle. Today, the majority of Hmong families settle in California, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The Hmong people are very well known for their distinctive cloth stitches as it exhibits their culture as well as their stories.



Source: University California, Irvine



Flowers, with peacock eyes at corners

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Universal Multicultural Association

Congratulations UMA!

During the first Fox Formal event hosted by SA on April 2nd, UMA took home the Fund-raising award in which they raised over \$1300 this year for their club and the UMA scholarships. Great job UMA, keep it up!

First UMA Scholarship recipients!

Congratulations goes out to Kao Hlee Moua and Stephanie Kirk for receiving the first UMA scholarships in the amount of \$400 each. Kao Hlee will be continuing at UW Oshkosh and Stephanie at Lawrence University. Good luck to both of them and all our other departing students. We wish you nothing but SUCCESS!

Great Job to all UMA members for their efforts in raising the funds to establish these scholarships!

Get to know your Resources!

Want to know more about other unique cultures? Just visit your local Library.

Here are some materials that come highly recommended!

UW Fox Library

The Silk Road by: Frances Wood

Dress, gender, and Cultural Change by: Annette Lynch

Sky is Falling by: Gayle Morrison

Speaking the Unspeakable by: Margaret Abraham

*The Split Horn-Video on the religion Shamanism

* indicates availability at UWFox and Appleton Public Library

Appleton Public Library

SPEAK by: Laurie Halse Anderson (#1 community book)

Torn Between Two Cultures by: Maryam Qudrat Aseel

Falling Leaves by: Yen Mah

*My Forbidden Face by: Latifata, preface by: Karenna Gore Schiff

Voices from Southeast Asia by: John Tenhula

Warrior Lessons by: Phoebe Eng

Important Dates and Events coming up!

Early Registration from April 10-23rd—sign up in Student Services to see an Advisor TODAY!

Chinese Acrobats—April 18th (noon in Union)

Between Hmong generation discussion—April 22nd (noon in 1346)

Diversity Plan 2008 Discussion—April 29th (noon in 1338)

Last Day of Classes—May 11th

Final Exams—May 13-19

Summer Classes begin—May 23 (visit our website at www.fox.uwc.edu for more information)

Out with the old and in with the New Freshman

As new students start their educational journey, continuing students are getting ready to depart. Congratulations goes out to all students who have achieved educational academic success here at UW-Fox and best of luck to them as they continue their education. We will miss you!

This Fall of 2005, UW-Fox will welcome over 80 New Freshman Multicultural students as they begin their education. Focus (Freshman Orientation Creates Understanding for Success) will be in May and June. UMA will be hosting a Fall get-together for new and returning Multicultural students in September. Watch for dates and time in the upcoming newsletter! Everyone is welcome to join in for a social greeting and food!



**Mark your calendar
Commencement on May 20th**

Good Luck Graduates!