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Family Event Recommendation

Asian Pacific Spring Festival Commences in Locke

The community of Locke, one of the hidden gems of Northern California, is holding its 3rd annual Asian Pacific Spring Festival on May 19th, from 11:00 to 5:00.

This festival is among the favorites of families who seek out the best in family friendly activities. There will be fantastic foods from recipes that will have your taste buds crying for more. In addition, visitors can find fashion, street vendors, Asian-Pacific music and dance, exhibits, martial arts, more food, and children's crafts.

The event will be kicked off with a Dragon Dance in celebration of the year of the Dragon. These ceremonies will bring to life the unique distinction this community holds as the only recorded town built solely by the Chinese for the Chinese.

Locke's historic main street will be alive with activities designed to tell the historic story of the town and bring the pageantry of the Chinese culture to the forefront with a wide variety of family friendly activities.

"The Locke Boarding House Museum, a partnership between California State Parks and the Locke Foundation, will be highlighting new exhibits depicting the way of life for Chinese people living in the town during different time periods," said Kelly Claar, Delta Sector Superintendent of the California State Parks Gold Fields District. "The spring cultural event will be the first opportunity the public has to view these glimpses into rural Chinese culture in the early part of this century. The Locke Foundation works hard to preserve and promote the town of Locke and this event will be a unique opportunity to have a great time as well as help support the efforts of the Foundation."

For the first time in many decades the historic Dai Loy Gambling Museum will open its doors for a genuine Poker Tournament with a cash prize going to the winner. There will be Mah Jong demonstrations in the Jan Ying Benevolent Association building. There will be a silent auction on Main Street featuring local art and other prizes.

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The community of Locke has much to celebrate, due to its unique culture and history. Founded in 1915, Locke was established when a fire in the Chinese-section of nearby Walnut Grove destroyed the Chinese community there. A committee of Chinese merchants secured the land in what is now known as Locke. Architects soon went to work and by 1920, the town looked much like it does today. In 1970, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Locke is located in the Southern portion of Sacramento County, and is bordered by the Sacramento River to the West. For directions and information call The Locke Foundation at (916) 776-1828, online at lockeca.com or email lockefoundation@frontiernet.net. The events will take place along the main drag of Locke at 13916 Main Street Walnut Grove, CA 95690.

There's no need to open that wallet or pocketbook, as the festival is completely free to the Public including free parking. So come on down to Locke and step back in time to celebrate the 2012 Asian Pacific Spring Festival!

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