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CULTURAL DISTRICT:

"A geographic area or location within San Francisco that embodies a unique cultural heritage"

Purpose of Cultural District Program:

Stabilize- *Preserve and promote diverse communities' cultural assets, events & way of life.*

Strengthen-*Amplify and support the community's cultural traditions and improve the quality of life for its community members*

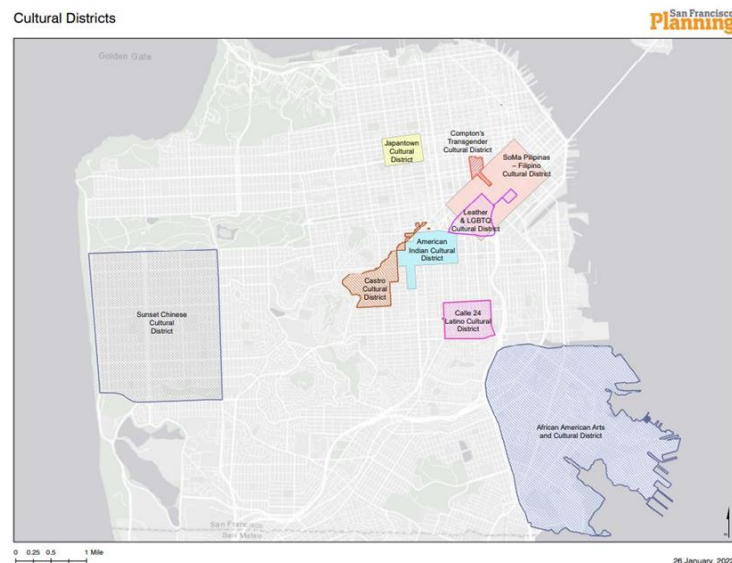
Streamline-*Coordinate City and community information, partnerships, and resources*

Cultural Heritage is defined as containing a concentration of cultural & historic assets, culturally significant enterprise, arts, services, or businesses and a significant portion of its residents, or people who spend time in the area, are members of a specific cultural community or ethnic group that historically has been discriminated against, displaced and oppressed.

April's Cultural District Newsletters will highlight the placemaking and place keeping work of San Francisco's Cultural Districts. The first newsletter addressed redistricting advocacy, development and display of public art, and maintaining the cultural integrity of community spaces. It also provides information on [COVID-19 testing](#) and [vaccination sites](#), as well as [MOHCD housing resources](#).

This newsletter highlights celebratory (upcoming and past) community events hosted or sponsored by the Cultural Districts as well as volunteer and career opportunities.

[Click here for a full list of San Francisco's Cultural Districts.](#)



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Community Events

Trans Visibility in STEM



Saturday, April 2, 2022
2-3PM | SF Exploratorium

In honor of Transgender Day of Visibility, join The Transgender District and the SF Exploratorium for a conversation on the importance of transgender representation in science, technology, engineering, & mathematics (STEM), inclusion and accountability, and how to build an equitable future in STEM education scholarship.



Kenya Boudreaux (*she/her*)
Software Engineer

Moderated by
Honey Mahogany



Terra Field (*she/her*)
Systems Engineer

Orion Lam (*he/him*)
PhD in Chemistry & professor
at Solano Community College



To register:
bit.ly/TDOV-STEM



In honor of Transgender Day of Visibility (March 31st), The Transgender District and SF Exploratorium partnered for a conversation on the importance of transgender representation in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) on April 2, 2022. Follow the Transgender District site for updates for future events!

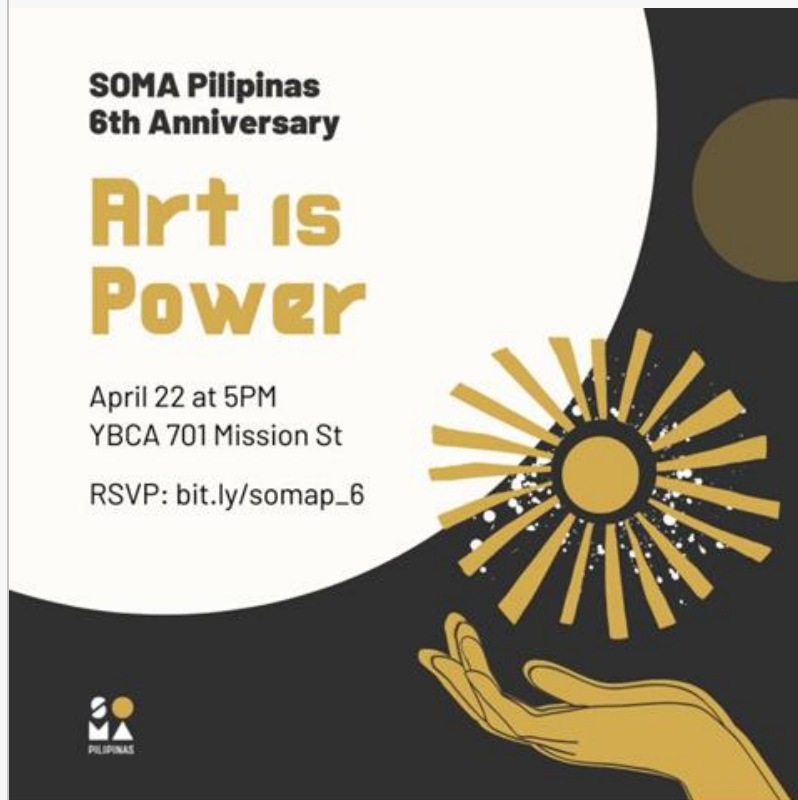


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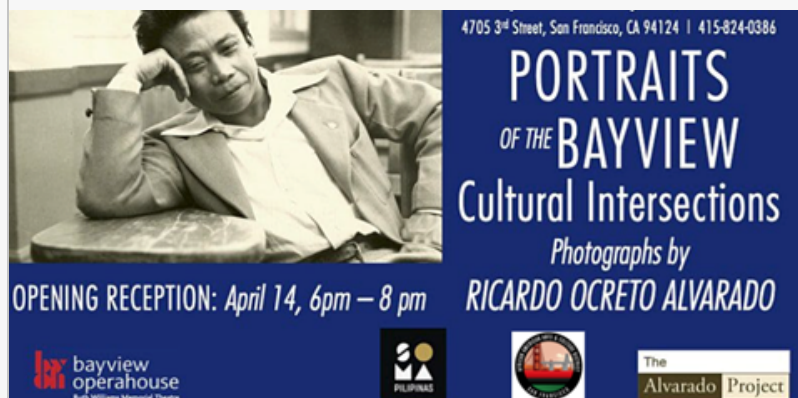
SOMA Pilipinas is hosting their 6th Anniversary Celebration on **April 22, 5pm-8pm** at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Volunteers are needed for the celebration between 4pm-9pm at Yerba Buena, 701 Mission St. If you are interested in supporting this event, please [sign-up here!](#)



Portraits of the Bayview: Cultural Intersections



In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, please join the Alvarado Project for an opening reception for *Portraits of the Bayview: Cultural Intersections* on **Thursday, April 14th, 2022 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM** at the Bayview Opera House. Guests can view featured photographs by Filipino artist, Ricardo Ocreto Alvarado, from April 14-May 30. Current partners and sponsors include the Bayview Opera House and SOMA Pilipinas.

SAVE THE DATE!

Flores de Mayo (Filipino Flower Festival) will be hosted at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts 701 Mission St. on **May 20th, 3pm-5pm**. For additional information you can email info@somapilipinas.org or visit SOMA Pilipinas website.



Native American Family Day

A day of health, learning, and sharing traditional Native culture, will be held on **April 9th, 11am-2:30pm** at Nicholl Park, MacDonald Avenue and 33rd St. Richmond, California.



NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILY DAY

Let's come together for a day of health, learning and sharing traditional Native culture.

Saturday, April 9
11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Nicholl Park
Macdonald Ave. and 33rd St.,
Richmond CA

Free COVID-19 vaccination clinic for people 5 and older. No appointment needed.

Get your COVID-19 vaccination or booster for a prize and a chance to win A's or Giants tickets, while supplies last!

- Free food! Free event!
- Register to learn and play Native American stickball, or sign up for finger weaving class
- Nutrition education and other health resources and information, including behavioral health, mental health crisis services and how to enroll in health coverage through Contra Costa Health Plan

Funded by the Contra Costa Regional Health Foundation

Register for finger weaving and stickball activities. Registration is limited.

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NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CENTER

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SFUSD Indian Education Program's 13th
Annual Wisdom Moving Forward Cultural
Event

Wisdom Moving Forward is a community event celebrating and honoring American Indian/ Alaskan Native students K-12, Graduates and Elders in the community. This event will be held on **June 4th, 1pm-5pm** at St. John The Evangelist Episcopal Church 1661 15th St. San Francisco.

Volunteer Opportunity:

For additional information or to volunteer please contact Indian Education Program Coordinator,

Jason Losoya, losoyaj@sfusd.edu or call (415) 517-4573.

Volunteer at Black Point Historic Gardens

Date: April 30th, 12:00-3:00pm **Location:** Black Point Historic Gardens (2 Fort Mason 11, San Francisco)

Join Native American Community Coalition (NACC) for an afternoon of volunteer gardening and community building overlooking the beautiful bay shoreline. Activities primarily include weed removal, pruning, and planting. All necessary tools, gloves, and training will be provided. Meet at the top of the stairs leading down to Black Point Historic Gardens, past the General's Residence at Fort Mason. To sign up as a volunteer contact Palomaf@AmericanIndianCulturalDistrict.Org and please fill out the volunteer form in advance.

Calle Limpia, Corazon Contento, "Clean Street, Happy Heart"

Join Calle 24 and American Indian Cultural District for the kick-off event to **Calle Limpia, Corazon Contento, on May 7th at 10am**, an economic recovery program to support and engage community members in the economic recovery of our cultural district. Clean Street, Happy Heart will be a day of events in which our community will come together to clean and decorate our Cultural District (16th Street/Mission St. Corridor) with beautiful, bright American Indian identifying art, colors, and cleaning strategies. This project will be repeated quarterly on a smaller scale.

Volunteer Opportunity: To sign up as a volunteer, please contact

Palomaf@AmericanIndianCulturalDistrict.Org.

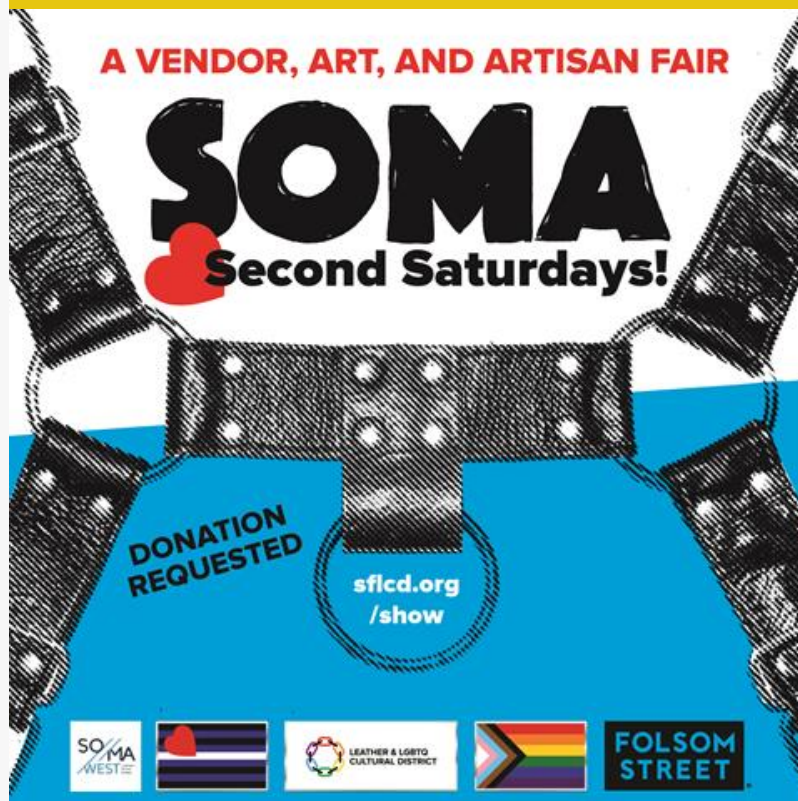
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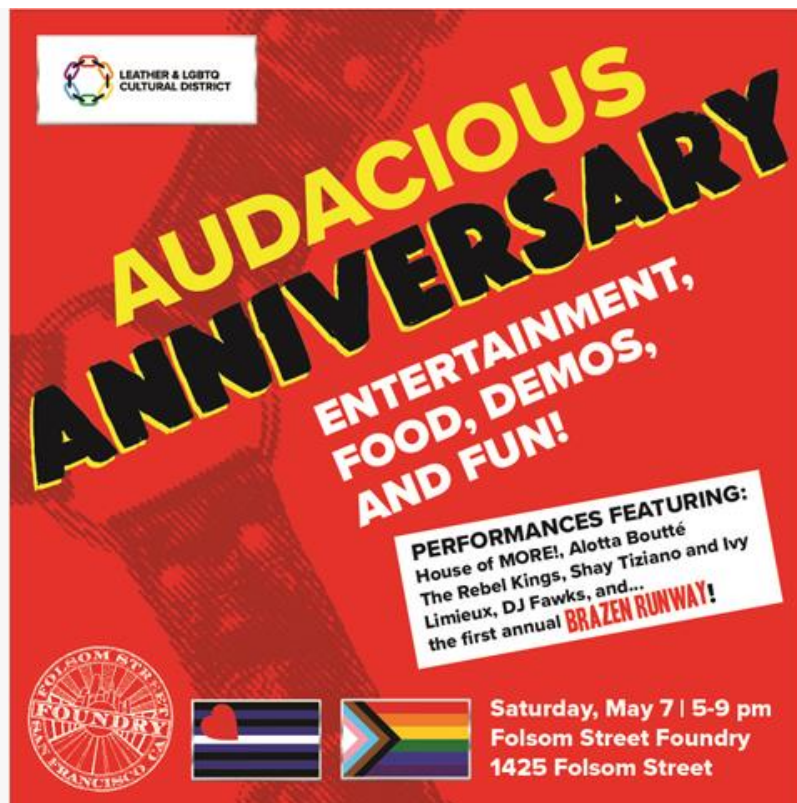
SOMA Second Saturdays!

Come shop with some of the finest local queer and kinky artists, artisans, and craftspeople. SOMA Second Saturdays will be hosted on **April 9th, May 14th, and June 11th** at Eagle Plaza, 12th Street between Folsom and Harrison.



Volunteer Opportunity:

Entrance Greeters are needed to greet attendees at the entrances of monthly arts and artisans vendor fairs and SOMA Second Saturdays! **Shift times are 11:30 am - 2:30 pm, or 2:00 - 5:00 pm** at Eagle Plaza, 12th Street between Folsom and Harrison. Contact Cal Callahan, District Manager, cal.callahan@sflcd.org.



Audacious Anniversary!

Help celebrate the LEATHER District's Fourth Birthday Celebration Saturday, **May 7, 5-9 PM**, Folsom Street Foundry, 1425 Folsom Street.



Sunday Streets Bayview:

"On May 22nd, 2022, Sunday Streets SF will open up the streets of Bayview for an afternoon of fun for the whole family. Stay tuned for the new route and get ready to enjoy over a mile of car-free streets in the sunny side this spring."



SF Black Culture Contributions

SFAAACD is hosting Community Focus Groups for their Cultural Heritage Housing & Economic Stabilization Strategy (CHHESS) report. Focus groups will be held **April 4th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, and 20th.**

Visit the MOHCD website to learn more about the [CHHESS report process](#). To participate in the focus groups contact Ericka Scott at ericka@sfaaacd.org



SF BLACK CULTURE
OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

SFAAACD is hosting Community Focus Groups for the SF Cultural District Program's CHHESS Report

Focus Groups will highlight the 7 areas of sustainability:

- 1) Preservation of cultural assets and arts
- 2) Quality of life
- 3) Health and environment
- 4) Land use
- 5) Arts and culture
- 6) Advocating for Economic Vitality and Sustainability
- 7) Cultural competency

Join the Conversation!
Share your expertise about one of the topics

APRIL 2022

DATES: APRIL 4, 12, 13, 14, 19 & 20TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ERICKA@SFAAACD.ORG



JAPANTOWN CULTURAL DISTRICT

Cherry Blossom Festival!

The Cherry Blossom Festival Weekends will be held over two weekends in April- **4/9-4/10 and 4/16-4/17** and will include traditional music, dance and other activities related to Japanese culture.



Songs for J-Town!

“Emmy Award winning composer Mark Izu presents an evening of American jazz infused with traditional Japanese Gagaku music and poetry about San Francisco’s Japantown” on April 23rd at 7:30pm at the [Presidio Theater](#). You can find [more information here!](#)

Japantown’s Children’s Day Festival

"It's back! We're excited to bring back in person to Japantown Peace Plaza our annual Children's Day Festival on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 11:00am-4:00pm! Bring out the kids and friends to enjoy our annual festival offering many fun games and prizes, craft activities, face painting, bounce houses, and cultural and live stage performances for the community to enjoy."



Castro Committee Participation and Engagement

- The Executive Committee** is led by Stephen Torres and Corey Fusco, Executive Co-Chairs, with Stephen Bracco, Secretary, Mahsa Hakimi, Treasurer, and Jasmine Johnson, Member at Large. The Executive Committee conducts planning and implements time sensitive responses to issues that cannot wait until the full advisory board meeting. **They meet every second Tuesday of the month from 12 PM to 1 PM.**

- **Governance Committee:** The Governance Committee is co-chaired by Elizabeth Lanyon and Carnell Freeman. This committee reviews, approves and monitors organizational governance rules and by-laws. They meet **every second Thursday of the month from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.**
- **Land-Use Committee Arts:** Jesse Oliver Sanford is the Chair of the Land-Use Committee, which reviews all land-use developments within the Castro and any at-risk, culturally significant queer spaces throughout San Francisco. They meet **every first Wednesday of the month from 4 PM to 5:30 PM.**
- **Arts & Culture Committee:** Christopher Vasquez and Carnell Freeman are Co-Chairs for the Arts & Culture Committee, which engages with arts and culture in and around the Castro as it impacts the LGBTQ+ community. They meet **every fourth Thursday of the month from 1 PM to 2 PM.**
- **Diversity & Inclusion Committee:** Mahsa Hakimi is the Chair of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, which ensures that our policies are in line with the mission of the organization and our commitment to racial, gender, and queer equity and inclusion. Their monthly public meetings will be **fourth Wednesday of the month from 5:30-6:30pm.**





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