



Cuesta College Book of the Year Events: San Luis Obispo

When the Emperor was Divine

by Julie Otsuka

March-April, Cuesta Library SLO

Display of local history photographs and ephemera relating to Japanese American life and internment in San Luis Obispo County.

March 2, Cuesta Library, SLO, Room 3219, 3-4 p.m.

Cuesta faculty and staff book talk: *When the Emperor was Divine*, Dennis Baeyen, Chair English Department.

March 2, Cuesta SLO, Room 5104 A, 12-1 p.m.

Film: *Children of the Camps*, captures the experiences of six Americans of Japanese ancestry who were confined as children to internment camps during WWII. Sponsored by Cultural Center and CDSE

March 3, Cuesta Library, SLO, Room 3219, 12-1 p.m.

Snapshots from Beyond the Backstop: Scrolling the Annals of Japanese American Baseball

Cuesta lecturer and historian James Statler will speak about the history of Japanese American baseball both in a broad sense and in relation to San Luis Obispo County. Rare photos, memorabilia, and baseball-related imagery will be displayed in slideshow format.

March 4, Cuesta Library, SLO, Room 3219, 11-1 p.m.

Film: *American Pastime*, a baseball story told against the backdrop of the Japanese American internment camps.

March 5, Cuesta Library, SLO, Room 3219, 12-1:15 p.m.

Film: *The Cats of Mirikitani*, the story of 80-year-old Jimmy Mirikitani who survived the trauma of WWII internment camps, Hiroshima, and homelessness by creating art.

March 5, Cuesta SLO, 5104 A, 11-12 p.m.

Origami demonstration by Kyoshi Sakurai. Sponsored by Cultural Center

March 6, Cuesta SLO, Room 3219, 12-1 p.m.

Panel: *Remembering the South County Japanese American Farming Community and Internment*

The panel will present the stories of Japanese Americans in the Arroyo Grande Valley as well as efforts to preserve and document their history. Moderated by Grace I. Yeh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Cal Poly SLO Ethnic Studies Department

March 11, Cuesta Library, Cuesta Library, SLO, Room 3219, 12-1 p.m.

CANCELED, see April 7 for new date. Book talk: *When the Emperor was Divine*, an historical perspective with James Statler, Cuesta history lecturer. Bring your lunch.

March 17, Cuesta Library, SLO, Room 3219, 11- 1 p.m.

Film: *Return to the Valley*, the Japanese American experience after World War II, tells the story of what happened to the Issei and Nisei generation when they came back home after internment.

April 7, Cuesta Library, SLO, Room 3219, 12-1 p.m.

Book talk: *When the Emperor was Divine*, an historical perspective with James Statler, Cuesta history lecturer. Bring your lunch.

April 21, Cuesta SLO Campus, Room 5401, 3-5 p.m.

Lecture and reception with Julie Otsuka, author of *When the Emperor was Divine*. Sponsored by Cuesta College Foundation, Cuesta Friends of the Library.