

BIJAC – MAY MEETING AGENDA

5:30-7 pm Zoom only

Attendees	
Budget report-Debra	Legacy pins (100) received
Project debrief: Audio tour project	Visit Bainbridge Grant for audio tour – we’ll be working with Visit Bainbridge to determine content for an audio tour – working closely with BIJAEM, NPS and the City Parks to develop the project Who would like to be a part of this small group to provide input and source material?
Annual picnic	Annual picnic scheduled: Saturday, August 6 we have Battle Point picnic shelter area reserved from 10am-4 pm Need to send a SAVE THE DATE notice Not sure about timing it with a Departure Deck art installation roll-out will work – artist out of the country on this date
Media tours	Media tours more prominent through Visit Kitsap and Visit Bainbridge – putting together a packet of information for individuals. Lead 4 on Saturday.
Future projects: Status updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 6: BI Historical Museum new exhibit unveiling. Ellen will head up the BIJAC program: tap into today’s generation of BIJAC members. • July 3rd Dance party, sponsored by the Downtown Assoc. BIJAC will have a booth of some kind, sell t-shirts to fundraise for the Kitamoto award fund. Hours to cover: 6pm-11pm. Keith Uyekawa and Katy Curtis will head up this effort. We can tap into the volunteer network used for March 30th. • July 4th – the combined booth with American Legion. Gary Sakuma and Katy will head up this effort – purely informational/educational. Gary will contact Ron to see if he’s up to helping with the displays. Consider using the Trivia Wheel. Hours to cover: 8am-5 p.m. •
Summer Internship	Youth Corp Summer internship opportunity at Exclusion site - Ellen
Reports-LAVA RIDGE	Lava Ridge – Mary Abo/Karen Matsumoto
BIMA	BIMA – Ken Matsudaira:
BI HISTORICAL MUSEUM	BI Historical Museum – Katy Curtis;
NPS	Charles Beall – BI summer internship at the Exclusion Memorial
TOURS	Ellen
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaned out the storage unit: labeled containers, donated the plastic utensils, plates, cups. Resulted in 1-1/2 shelving unites available.

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The order came down in the middle of March
THESE ARE OUR FRIENDS AND OUR NEIGHBORS
All Japanese persons from Bainbridge must part
LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE A RIVER

The Woodwards spoke out in the Bainbridge Review
THESE ARE OUR FRIENDS AND OUR NEIGHBORS
If they're coming for them, they'll be coming for you
LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE A RIVER

This Island's been home since eighteen eighty-three
To Japanese families now called enemy
They had 10 days to pack or to sell all they owned
To leave strawberry farms, small businesses, homes

Over two hundred citizens crowded the dock
And soldiers with bayonets guarded their flock

They were herded like sheep on the ferry that day
And the tears and the shame left us few words to say

To Manzanar Camp they were taken at last
Ten thousand people in a square mile of dust

From the Camp they wrote letters to the Bainbridge Review
"Sam and Kay just got married - how goes it with you?"

The letters flowed back and forth over the miles
Just friends gone away who'd be back in awhile

Young men from the camp joined the army and fought
While their families were left on the desert to rot

After 30 long months they were told to go home
There were businesses ruined and farms overgrown

But many an Islander helped out a friend
And cried as they welcomed them back home again

So here's to the Woodwards and others who dared
Here's to the Island with the courage to care

For the sake of the children the story we tell
We must watch out for cracks in the liberty bell

Notes: Jerry Elfendahl of Bainbridge Island first told me the stories which inspired this song. The exhibit "Kodomo No Tame Ne (For The Sake Of The Children)" brought it all home