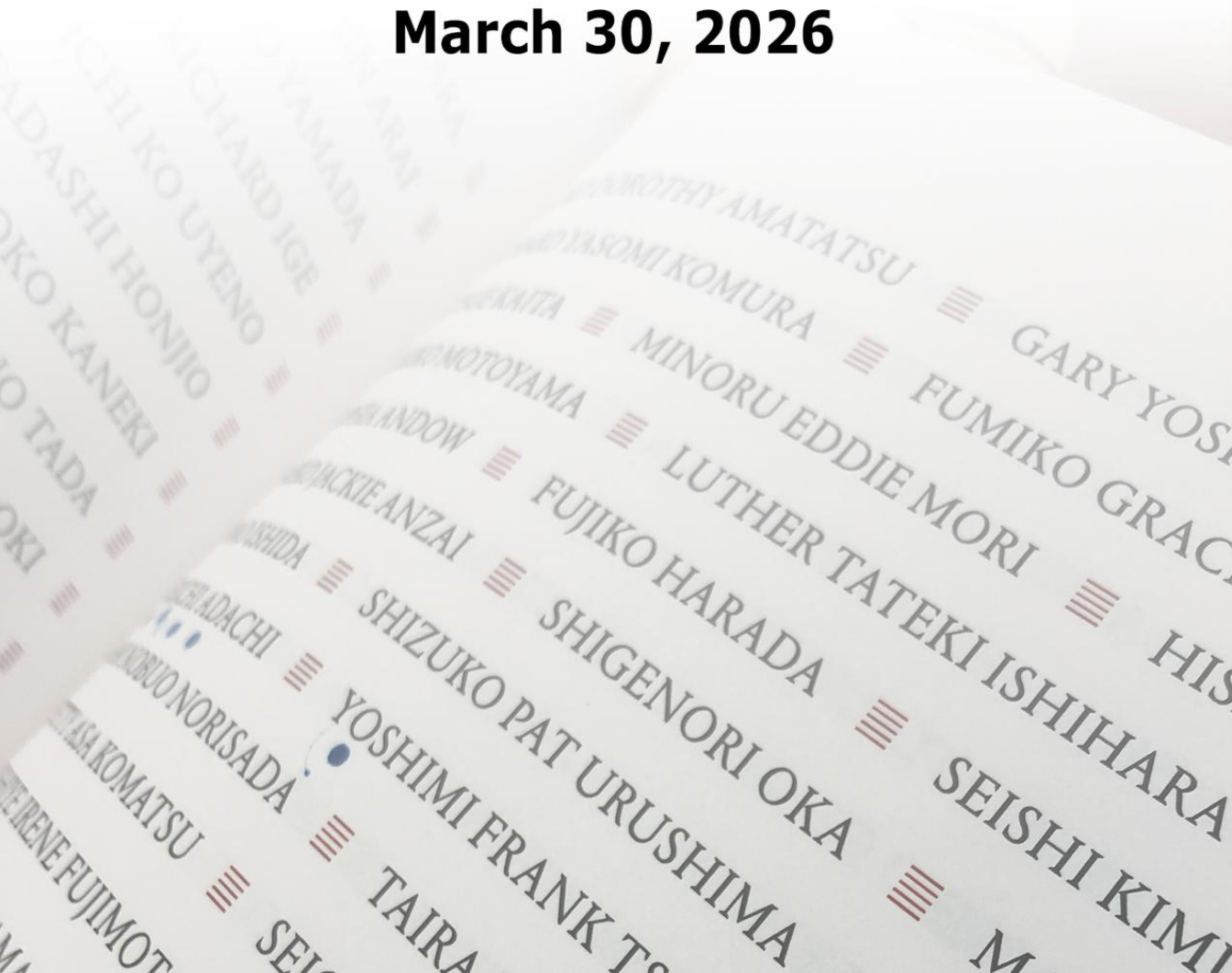


Remember Me

**Bainbridge Performing Arts Center
Bainbridge Island, WA**

March 30, 2026





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PLACE OF THE CLEAR SALT WATER

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

“Every part of this soil is sacred in the estimation of my people. Every hillside, every valley, every plain and grove, has been hallowed by some sad or happy event in days long vanished.”

Chief Seattle 1854

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is within the ancestral territory of the suq^wabš “People of Clear Salt Water” (Suquamish People). Expert fisherman, canoe builders and basket weavers, the suq^wabš live in harmony with the lands and waterways along Washington’s Central Salish Sea as they have for thousands of years. Here, the suq^wabš live and protect the land and waters of their ancestors for future generations as promised by the Point Elliot Treaty of 1855.



SUQUAMISH TRIBE





PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION by the City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, declaring March 30, 2026, as “Nidoto Nai Yoni – Let It Not Happen Again Day”.

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 9066, which authorized the removal of anyone of Japanese American ancestry from the entire west coast of the United States, due to the baseless and racist fears that they were not loyal to this country, and the first exclusion area designated was Bainbridge Island; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1942, after only 6 days notification, 227 Bainbridge Islanders of Japanese American descent were herded aboard the Ferry KEHLOKEN and sent to concentration camps in California and Minidoka, Idaho, the first of thousands of Japanese Americans forced to abandon their homes and belongings to live under guard at camps scattered throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, under a nation-wide fog of fear, war hysteria, and prejudice, our community stood by their Japanese American friends and neighbors, notably Bainbridge Review publishers Walt and Milly Woodward who consistently opposed the actions of our government; and

WHEREAS, after World War II, over half of the exiled Islanders returned to Bainbridge Island where they were welcomed and resumed their roles as valued members of the Bainbridge Island community; and


WHEREAS, the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community and other concerned residents created the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial on the very site where 227 Japanese Americans walked into exile, and in 2008 it was designated as a satellite unit of the Minidoka National Historic Site in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Japanese American Exclusion Memorial is “Nidoto-Nai Yoni - Let It Not Happen Again” which serves as both an aspiration and a call to action; and

WHEREAS, the Alien Enemies Act of 1798 allowed for the unconscionable events of Japanese exclusion, and also for today’s unjust acts of prejudice, assault, and death against immigrants of color and those who protect them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Clarence Moriwaki, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2026, as “**Nidoto Nai Yoni – Let It Not Happen Again Day**” in the City of Bainbridge Island and urge Islanders to speak to this issue, and attend the commemoration event with the theme “Remember Me”. We have lived with the scars of the Japanese American Exclusion for many years, we have not forgotten, and we insist that this history not repeat itself.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2026


Clarence Moriwaki, Mayor



Remember Me

Commemoration Program

March 30, 2026

Legacy Challenge Update

Ellen Sato Faust

BIJAEMA Executive Director

Keynote Speaker

Reverend Duncan Williams

"The Ireichō"

Remembering

Reading of the names

Origami chains given to recognize the survivors and readers.

Any descendent of a Bainbridge Island family whose name is on the Memorial wall may receive a Legacy pin.

Exclusion Memorial pre-program video by
Adrianna Elliott, Quarry Designed

Readers

Greg Noritake, Ken Matsudaira, Donna Harui, Natalie Hayashida Ong,
Kathy Katayama Joyce, Kara Gajowskyj, Gary Sakuma, Carole Kubota, Bette Horishige,
Bill Nakao, Yuka Nakata, Jean Nishimori Divine, Craig Omoto, Stacy Sakai,
Natalie Sakuma, Brian Shibayama, Dean Shibayama, Karen Little,
Isao and Terry Yamashita, Lucy Richter

Names and ages of Japanese American residents of Bainbridge Island in 1942

Yoshiaki Amatatsu, 58 • Taka Amatatsu, 51 • Yoneko Elsie Amatatsu, 25
Kazuko Kay Amatatsu, 23 • Michiko Rose Amatatsu, 22 • Ikuko Dorothy Amatatsu, 18

Miki Arota, 62

Fusakichi Chihara, 60 • Tama Chihara, 50 Takashi Chihara, 28 • Toshio Chihara, 22
Masa Chihara, 21 • Joe Chihara, 20 • Kuniko Kay Chihara, 18 • Tokuo Chihara, 17
Mary Chihara, 15

Hidematsu Furukawa, 62 • Masaye Furukawa, 44 • Toshiko Furukawa, 25

Koichi Frank Furuta, 56 • Hideyo Furuta, 49 • Shigeo Furuta, 29
Sumiko Margaret Furuta, 19

Zenhichi Harui, 56 • Shiki Harui, 39 • Yoshiho Art Harui, 16 • Teruko Harui, 15
Norio Harui, 13 • Junkoh Harui, 8 • Yoshihiro Harui, 2

Hiroshi Hayashi, 54 • Narue Hayashi, 44 • Mary Yoko Hayashi, 22
Iwao George Hayashi, 20 • Choko Hayashi, 17 • Teruko Hayashi, 15
Teikichi Jack Hayashi, 10 • Yoichi Hayashi, 7 • Tsuichi Hayashi, 3

Ichiro Hayashida, 43 • Nobuko Faith Hayashida, 32 • Tomiko Hayashida, 7
Hisako Hayashida, 6 • Yasuko Hayashida, 5 • Hiroshi Hayashida, 3 • Toyoko Hayashida, 1

Saburo Hayashida, 35 • Fumiko Hayashida, 31 • Mamoru Neal Hayashida, 2
Kayo Natalie Hayashida, 1

Tsuneichi Hayashida, 33

Reverend Kihachi Hirakawa, 77

Isosaboru Katayama, 61 • Tome Katayama, 48 • May Katayama, 27
Yoshio Katayama, 26 • Toshiko Katayama, 25 • Yukiko Katayama, 24
Mitsuo Katayama, 20

Kusunosuke Kino, 47 • Sono Kino, 43 • Hideo Joe Kino, 21 • Tsutomu Ben Kino, 17
Akiko Kino, 14 • Shoji Kino, 10 • Setsuko Kino, 8 • Reiko Kino, 6

Frank Yoshito Kitamoto, 42 • Shigeko Florence Kitamoto, 35 • Lilly Yuriko Kitamoto, 7
Frances Hideko Kitamoto, 5 • Frank Yoshikazu Kitamoto, 2
Jane Chiseko Kitamoto, 9mo.

Takeshi Kitayama, 54 • Masuko Kitayama, 47 • Tsutomu Tom Kitayama, 18
Isamu Ray Kitayama, 17 • Yoshiko Kitayama, 15 • Susumu Kee Kitayama, 14
Sadamu Ted Kitayama, 12 • Masako Martha Kitayama, 9

Kichijiro Koba, 67 • Frank Yoshifumi Koba, 23 • Robert Mitsuka Koba, 20
Harry Suyeshi Koba, 18 • Fred Masuo Koba, 16 • John Minoru Koba, 14

Kaichi Kojima, 56 • Satoye Kojima, 20 • Tatsuyoshi Kojima, 18 • Takiko Kojima, 16
Yuriko Lillie Kojima, 13

Nobuzo Koura, 68 • Moyo Koura, 61 • Otohiko Koura, 49 • Hatsuko Alice Koura, 43
Arthur Yukio Koura, 23 • Noboru Koura, 21 • Dorothy Sachiko Koura, 17
Tony Koura, 15 • Kenso Koura, 13

Hiromi Joe Kuji, 65

Ukichi Matsushita, 62 • Fusano Matsushita, 58 • Yoshiko Matsushita, 27
Fusako Matsushita, 22

Kazuo Ogawa, 53 • Kikuno Ogawa, 43 • Miyoko Mikami, 22 • Yoshiko Mikami, 20
Toshiko Mikami, 19

Yosuke Moji, 57 • Ume Moji, 46

Hayano Moritani, 54 • Nobuichi Moritani, 27 • Tatsukichi Moritani, 24
Shigeru Moritani, 20

Otokichi Nagatani, 61 • Kiwa Nagatani, 46 • Ichiro Nagatani, 25 • Kimiko Nagatani, 23
Kiyotaka Nagatani, 21 • Miyoko Nagatani, 15

Seijiro Nakamura, 60 • Yukiko Nakamura, 19 • Hideaki Nakamura, 17
Akira Archie Nakamura, 15 • Kiyoko Ruth Nakamura, 11 • Miyeko Jane Nakamura, 8

Torazo Nakao, 67 • Kuma Nakao, 68 • Yonezo Nakao, 38 • Isami Nakao, 27

Jitsuzo Nakata, 66 • Shima Nakata, 55 • Sadako Nakata, 25 • Momoichi Nakata, 21
Gerald Nakata, 19 • Kenneth Nakata, 15

Masaaki Johnny Nakata, 35 • Yukiye Pauline Nakata, 29 • Donald Tadashi Nakata, 7
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 Takeo Raymond Sakuma, 56 • Nobu Sakuma, 48 • Atsusa Sakuma, 26
 Akira Sakuma, 24 • Takashi Sakuma, 22 • Shinobu Dale Sakuma, 21
 Milton Tsukasa Sakuma, 20 • Isaac Isagi Sakuma, 18 • Satoru Sakuma, 16
 Shun Sakuma, 14 • Lillian Hatsue Sakuma, 13 • Lucy Setsuko Sakuma, 8
 Tadashi Sakuma, 29 • Fujiko Koba Sakuma, 26
 Zenmatsu Seko, 66 • Hatsuno Seko, 65
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Toshiko Yukawa, 12

Reverend Duncan Ryūken Williams



Rev. Williams is a scholar, writer, and Soto Zen Buddhist priest who is currently professor of religion and East Asian languages and cultures at the University of Southern California. He also serves as the director of the USC Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture. His research focuses on Zen Buddhism, Buddhism in America, and the mixed-race Japanese (hapa) experience.

Books

- *American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War.* Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2019. 400 pp.
- *The Other Side of Zen: A Social History of Sōtō Zen Buddhism in Tokugawa Japan.* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2005. 241 pp.

The Ireichō



The Ireichō



Photo credit: Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, CA

The **Ireichō** contains the first comprehensive listing of over 125,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated in US Army, Department of Justice, Wartime Civil Control Administration, and War Relocation Authority camps. Embedded into the very materiality of the Ireichō are special ceramic pieces made from soil collected by the project from seventy-five former incarceration sites from Alaska to Hawai'i, Arkansas to California, and from almost every other region of the United States.

Scan the QR code above for the **Ireizō** list of names online. Visitors may search by person's name, birth year, or camp.

The Ireichō was at the Japanese American National Museum October 11, 2022 to December 1, 2024. It has been traveling across the United States since February 2025 for additional stamping opportunities until every name in the book has received at least one mark of acknowledgement.

The book is here at the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art March 29-30th 2026, available by appointment only.

Bainbridge Island History Museum Exhibit

Currently at the **Bainbridge History Museum**



“Executive Order: 9066: Racism, Endurance, Heroism” by artist Chris Demarest is a visual and immersive story of the Japanese American experience in WW II. In addition to the artwork on the walls, floating above are black and white portraits on shoji paper of Bainbridge Islanders and other Japanese Americans from that time period. Slowly rotating in the gallery air, the portraits are meant to give one a sense of life, their presence real.



Artist Interview

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Origami Cranes

Carol Reitz, Bianca Frogner, Katsumi Frogner, Jennifer Burbank



Bainbridge Island
Japanese American
Community

BIJAC's Mission

"To preserve the history and culture of Japanese Americans of Bainbridge Island and support education and community outreach that fosters a deep appreciation for diversity, justice, and the need for vigilant protection of our civil and constitutional rights."

The BIJAC logo was designed by **John Buday** in the form of a Japanese *mon* (pronounced mōn) the traditional heraldic symbol often used to represent a clan or organization. The **strawberry leaves and flower** on the logo celebrate our community's strong history of strawberry farming, dating back to 1908 when **Hayakutaro Moritani** put in one of the first commercial fields.

At one point, **two thirds of the strawberries** grown in Washington came from Bainbridge Island. By 1941, strawberry farming was the single largest commercial activity on the island. The *Issei* (first generation) worked hard to clear land and build this industry during times when anti-Japanese sentiment was high in the country. This mon **honors their perseverance and resilience.**

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