

GROWING A COMMUNITY: PIONEERS OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN FLORAL INDUSTRY



Oral Histories of Japanese American Flower Growers Screenings and Discussions

Come join us as we present the results of the Anthropological Studies Center of Sonoma State University's oral history project on the Japanese American floral industry in the Bay Area. Learn more about the project, hear speakers from the Japanese American floral industry, see the unveiling of the project website, and watch a video compilation of the collected oral histories at our two July events. All are welcome!

Sunday, July 13, 1pm:

Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin Street, San Lorenzo

California Flower Market president, Bob Otsuka, will speak about the history of the flower market and the role that Japanese Americans had in shaping and influencing the floral industry.

Saturday, July 19, 2pm:

The Buddhist Church of Oakland, 825 Jackson Street, Oakland

A panel discussion featuring former and current Japanese American flower growers will focus on the pioneering character and spirit of the Issei and Nisei growers that helped shape and influence the floral industry.

These events are free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!
For additional information or questions please contact Dana Ogo Shew at shew@sonoma.edu.

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