



Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Resource Toolkit 2022

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month recognizes the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. The National Women's History Museum celebrates AAPI women who have made, and are making, history as trailblazers, leaders, storytellers, and artists, both nationally and around the world. This toolkit, curated by the National Women's History Museum, offers a variety of resources to use throughout this month and beyond, including biographies, events, and programming.

Pictured, left to right, top to bottom: Juju Chang, Alice Wong, Joyce Chen, Anna May Wong, Yuhua Hamasaki.

National Women's History Museum

May 2-6

May 2

Read: "How One Woman's Story Led to the Creation of Asian Pacific Heritage Month" from *TIME* magazine.

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May 3

Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month with the Mississippi Market Co-op. Learn about Korean culture and heritage through the eyes of chef Jess Toliver.

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May 4

Engage in armchair travel with the Cardiff Confucius Institute's Chinese Corner: Travel and Geography in China.

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May 5

Join the Museum of Chinese in America and Yuhua Hamasaki for a Virtual Drag Story Hour for kids ages 3-8 featuring stories, songs, and crafts!

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May 6

Explore the lives and talents of notable Asian American artists such as Donna Weng Friedman, Juju Chang, and Indira Mahajan in *Heritage and Harmony: Her Art, Her Voice*, presented by the National Women's History Museum.

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Jess Toliver



Donna Weng Friedman



Yuhua Hamasaki



Juju Chang

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May 9–13

May 9

#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!

Learn about the life and work of trailblazing physicist Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu.

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May 10

Sharpen your pencil and your awareness

with this virtual anti-racism writing course from Living Hyphen.

[Click Here](#)

May 11

#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!

Discover the story of activist, suffragist, and economist Mabel Ping-Hua Lee, the first Chinese American woman to earn a Ph.D. in economics.

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May 12

#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!

Learn about the life and work of war internee and artist Miné Okubo, who depicted Japanese and Japanese American internment during World War II.

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May 13

Know of an inspiring AAPI woman who isn't featured in NWHM's Biographies Library? Submit her name for consideration for a future biography here:

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Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu



Anna May Wong



Miné Okubo



Mabel Ping-Hua Lee

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May 16–20

May 16

#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!

Learn about Anna May Wong, the first Chinese American film star in Hollywood and soon to be featured as part of the American Women Quarters™ Program.

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May 17

Join the Baltimore County Public Library

in partnership with the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project in a discussion on issues surrounding racial justice as it pertains to the AAPI experience.

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May 18

#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!

Learn about Patsy Mink, the first Asian American woman to serve in Congress and the standard bearer for the passage of Title IX.

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May 19

Immigrant women have often borne the double expectation of building new communities while simultaneously maintaining their home country's cultures and values in the new world. Explore how the immigrant experience differed for citizens of AAPI heritage in NWHM's virtual exhibit, *New Beginnings: Immigrant Women and the American Experience*.

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May 20

#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!

Learn about Lani Ka'ahumanu, a leader of the bisexual rights movement in the U.S.

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Patsy Mink



Jhumpa Lahiri



Indira Mahajan



Lani Ka'ahumanu

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May 23–27

May 23

#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!

Discover the heroic story of Alice Wong, a Chinese-American activist and writer who fights for access and representation for people with disabilities from all backgrounds.

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May 24

#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!

Learn more about Joyce Chen, a restaurateur, chef, and television personality credited with introducing Chinese cuisine to mainstream America.

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May 25

#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!

Called “one of the foremost strategic thinkers of our time,” learn about business and leadership powerhouse Indra Nooyi.

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May 26

Who was “China Mary?” In the time when America outlawed the immigration of Chinese laborers and citizenship for non-laborers was impossible, Americans opted to call many of the Chinese living among them “John” or “Mary” in lieu of having to go through the trouble of learning their Chinese names. Learn more here.

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May 27

During this celebratory month of the innumerable contributions of Asians and Pacific Islanders to America’s history, discover six influential AAPI women who made significant contributions to the decades-long fight for women’s right to vote with the Alice Paul Institute.

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Alice Wong



Indra Nooyi



Joyce Chen



Mona Haydar

May 30–31

May 30

#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!

Toshiko Akiyoshi changed the face of jazz music over her 60-year career. As one of few women and Asian musicians in the jazz world, Akiyoshi infused Japanese culture, sounds, and instruments into her music. As a pianist, bandleader, and composer-arranger, Akiyoshi cemented her place as one of the most important jazz musicians of the 20th century.

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May 31

Every woman has a story and AAPI women continue to make history every day. Take some time to continue discovering their stories with these additional 12 AAPI women you should know from our friends at the American Women's History Initiative.

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Toshiko Akiyoshi



Komako Kimura



Emma Kaili Beckley Nakuina



Tye Leung Schulze