

UTAH ARTS AND MUSEUMS & WESTERN STATES ARTS FEDERATION

TOPAZ:

present
Artists in Internment



THEIR VISUAL WORKS AND WORDS

SAN LEANDRO HISTORY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

320 W. Estudillo Avenue San Leandro, California, 94577

February 18 - March 31, 2012

Over 100,000 people of Japanese ancestry were held in ten remote camps beginning in 1942. Two-thirds of those displaced were American citizens. Not charged or convicted of any crime, they were incarcerated for up to three years in prison camps surrounded by barbed wire and guarded by armed men. Topaz: Artists in Internment features artworks created during internment at Topaz.

The exhibit will be on display at the San Leandro History Museum & Art Gallery on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, free of charge.

For more information visit www.sanleandrolibrary.org or call 510-577-3991.

Topaz: Artists in Internment events:

Opening Reception with readings by poet-musician **Lawson Inada**.

Saturday, February 25th, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Delphine Hirasuna (curator/author of *The Art of Gaman*), guest speaker and book signing

Sunday, March 4th, 2:00 pm

California of the Past: Stories of Japanese American Internment Series I, film showing

Sunday, March 11th, 1:00 to 2:30 pm

California of the Past: Stories of Japanese American Internment Series II, film showing

Sunday, March 18th, 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Legacy of the Nisei Veterans, film showing

Sunday, March 25th, 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Follow the traveling exhibition at topazexhibit.blogspot.com.

The traveling exhibit is made possible by funding from the Western States Arts Federation, Utah Arts & Museums, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The artwork is owned by the Topaz Museum, a non-profit organization that will soon construct a museum to preserve the history of Topaz.