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**Asian Awareness Week celebrates Asian heritage and culture**

*Summary: Asian Awareness Week begins Monday, April 12, 2010, and continues through Saturday, April 17, 2010.*

(April 9, 2010)-Annually, the Asian Student Association (ASA) at the University of Minnesota, Morris provides activities for the campus and community to celebrate Asian heritage and culture. Asian Awareness Week begins Monday, April 12, 2010, and continues through Saturday, April 17, 2010. This year's focus is "Then and Now." ASA invites the campus and community to participate.

"As liberal arts students, we celebrate and learn about different cultures," says Josephine Corley '12, St. Louis, Missouri, communications, media, and rhetoric major and ASA member. "Asian Awareness Week supports that campus vision. It celebrates an important aspect of history that shapes America, and it celebrates the international community, too. And, it's fun!"

On Monday, April 12, ASA will sponsor a silent auction and a craft/garage sale in Oyate Hall from noon until 6 p.m. ASA will auction items and sponsor the garage sale for students, faculty, staff, and student groups to participate and sell items. The event continues in Louie's Lower Level from Tuesday until Thursday. Sign up at the table in the Student Center or by e-mail. Limited spaces available.

On Tuesday, April 13, gather in the Multi-Ethnic Resource Center Lounge for an evening of storytelling and folklore beginning at 8 p.m. ASA members will read folk tales from various Asian cultures, and participants are encouraged to share folk tales, too.

On Wednesday, April 14, Game Night at the Regional Fitness Center (RFC) will feature "Kabaddi," an Indian version of tag. Bring shoes for running for this fun game that starts at 7:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 15, ASA will co-sponsor with CAC Films a free screening and discussion of Pavilion of Women, a movie based on the Pearl S. Buck novel, at 7 p.m. in the Cow Palace, Imholte 109.

On Friday, April 16, don't miss the Karaoke Luau Dance from 9 p.m. until midnight in Louie's Lower Level. Sing Karaoke or just dance. Music and words will be provided. The event features a "mocktail bar." The first 50 participants receive one free mocktail. Admission is only \$1.

On Saturday, April 17, Asian Awareness Week closes with the Taste of Asia Dinner at 6 p.m. in Oyate Hall. ASA members will cook various dishes from different Asian countries including: sushi with imitation crab Hmong-style eggrolls with pork or vermicelli salad cream cheese wontons pineapple stir fry with chicken or tofu noodle stir fry with beef or tofu Indian curry with chicken or tofu fried rice with or without chicken fruit salad water, coconut juice, soybean drink, hot green and jasmine tea. Dinner entertainment will include a dance performance. Admission is \$3 for children 12 and under \$5 for UMM students and \$8 for general admission. Tickets will be sold at the ASA table in the Student Center or contact the ASA.

For more information, please contact the [ASA](#).

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