

Topaz Museum architectural plans coming to a venue near you... if you live in the Bay Area

We have been talking, thinking and yes, dreaming of a Topaz Museum to display and preserve artifacts and tell the full history of Topaz. It is now time to build a facility that will tell the history and educate people about Topaz internment.

Currently we are renting a small space from a local museum in Delta. We need our own space to ensure that Topaz will not be forgotten.

To that end, the Topaz Museum has combined efforts with the City of Delta, the Great Basin Museum and a chapter of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers to build a beautiful complex on Delta, Utah's Main Street. We have hired an architect, Shah Kawasaki Architects, and an exhibit planner, West Office Exhibition Design, to create initial designs for the fundraising phase of the project.

Those designs will be on display and fundraising plans will be discussed at a variety of meetings in the San Francisco Bay Area during January and February. There are seven meetings currently scheduled throughout the area. You, your family and friends are invited to join us at any of the meetings. This is your opportunity to gain insight and provide input for your Topaz Museum project. You can be a part of making this happen in the very near future!

- **San Francisco:** Saturday, January 23 at 10:00 AM at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California located at 1840 Sutter Street.
- **Redwood City:** Saturday, January 23 at 1:00 PM at the San Mateo County History Museum located at 2200 Broadway.
- **El Cerrito:** Sunday, January 24 at 1:00 PM at the East Bay Free Methodist Church located at 5395 Potrero Ave.
- **Berkeley:** Sunday, February 21 at 12:30 PM at the Berkeley Methodist United Church located at 1710 Carleton Street in Berkeley.
- **San Francisco:** Saturday, February 27 at 10:00 AM at Pine Methodist Church located at 426 33rd Avenue in San Francisco.
- **San Lorenzo:** Saturday, February 27 at 1:00 PM at the Eden Japanese Community Center located at 701 Elgin Street.
- **Alameda:** Sunday, February 28, at 1:00 PM at the Buena Vista United Methodist Church located at 2311 Buena Vista Avenue.

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