



**Asian Art Society**  
**Of Monterey Bay**  
**“A Story of Courage”**  
**Prof. David Yamada**  
**Thursday, 4-19-2018**  
**6:30 PM**  
**The Park Lane**  
**1st Floor Lounge**  
**200 Glenwood Circle**  
**Monterey**



## **A Story of Courage**

This presentation is a story about the courage and compassion of citizens on the Monterey Peninsula who signed a petition in 1945 defending the constitutional right of Japanese Americans to return to the Monterey Peninsula during the waning months of WWII. On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 which led to the forcible removal of 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry from their West Coast homes and their incarceration in camps for the duration of the war.

In the Spring of 1945, petitions were circulated and signed by 434 individuals, living mainly in Monterey, Carmel and Pacific Grove. An ad showing the names of these people was printed in the May 11, 1945 edition of the *Monterey Peninsula Herald*. The 434 signators, from all walks of life, included John Steinbeck, Edward “Doc” Ricketts, Una and Robinson Jeffers, Ed Weston, Horace Dormody, Peter Ferrante, Anita Doud, and Mary DiMaggio. When the original petition was discovered in 2016, a decision was made to turn this story into a documentary film featuring thirteen descendants of 1945 signators. David Yamada, who assisted in the making of this documentary, will discuss the story behind this petition, the reasons people signed, and the lessons for today’s issues and problems.

David Yamada is professor emeritus at Monterey Peninsula College. He has also taught at Middlebury Institute and CSUMB. He was a visiting Fulbright professor at Hiroshima University 1986-87 and served as Senior Policy Coordinator at the Panetta Institute 2000-2003. Yamada is the author of *The Japanese of the Monterey Peninsula*.

**Optional Dinner 5:15 PM to 6:20 PM—Park Lane Dining Room. RSVP 831-373-0312 OR**  
**LoisHerschede@comcast.net** Print your name on the Dinner Receipt, and **pay at the Main Lobby Front**  
**Desk by CASH or CHECK (No credit cards).** Order a la carte off the Menu. Or the complete dinner  
for \$14.95 person plus tip: soup or salad, main course, dessert. Menu changes daily.

**Directions:** Take the Hwy 1 Monterey Exit (from the North) or Aguajito Exit (from the South and drive under Hwy 1). The Park Lane is 0.8 miles to the left of the Hilton Garden Inn at 200 Glenwood Circle.