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### **Local Author Reveals History of Japanese in San Diego**

*New book captures struggles and triumphs of the Japanese in historic photos*

**SAN DIEGO--** The San Diego Public Library will host an author talk featuring Susan Hasegawa, a history professor at San Diego City College. She will discuss her book *Japanese Americans in San Diego* at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 2008, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street. This event is free and open to the public.

With oral history interviews, archival photographs, and personal testimonies from the archive of the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego, Ms. Hasegawa brings alive the story of *Japanese Americans in San Diego*. The new book boasts more than 200 vintage photographs from the past 100 years that Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrants have called the San Diego area home.

*Japanese Americans in San Diego* focuses on the development and evolution of the Japanese American community in San Diego's South Bay including Chula Vista, National City, and Bonita, the city of San Diego, and Oceanside.

The book recalls the Japanese American families who started small truck farms in the first decades of the 20th century, developing techniques to improve crop production. These families survived the heartbreak of evacuation and incarceration during World War II in desert internment camps, San Diegans returned to rebuild a vibrant community after the war.

Copies of Susan Hasegawa's books will be available for purchase at the event and profits from the book sales will benefit the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego (JAHSSD).

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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