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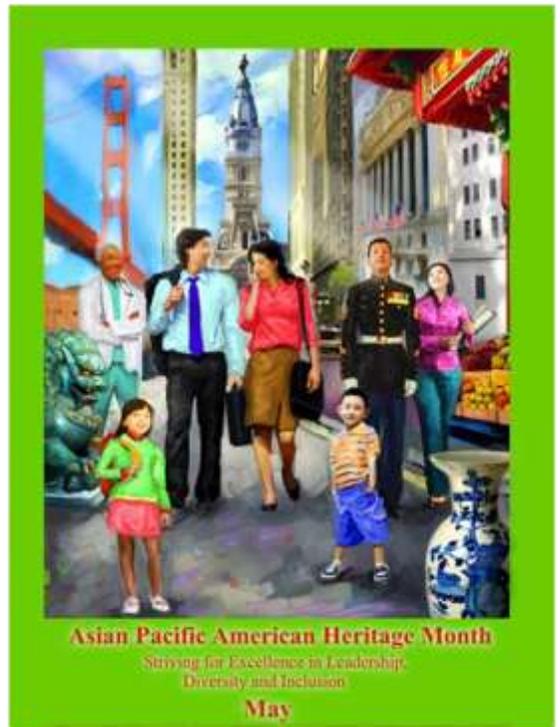
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# MAY IS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM), officially proclaimed "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month" by President Barack Obama, is a celebration of the culture, traditions, and history of Asians Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

Congress passed a joint Congressional Resolution in 1978 to commemorate Asian American Heritage Week during the first week of May. This date was chosen because two important anniversaries occurred during this time: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in America on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (by many Chinese laborers) on May 10, 1869. In 1990 Congress voted to expand it from a week to a month long celebration and in May 1992, the month of May was permanently designated as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month."

The theme for 2012 APAHM is: Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion.





# LAKE ZIWAY

## A Millennium in a Day



Experience some of Ethiopia's most unique culture and nature in one trip! See basking hippos and rare birds while learning about the area's legendary history. Boat trips take you to the uninhabited Bird Island and either Debra Sina Island or Tulu Gudo Island, both with millennium old-relics associated with the period that the Ark of the Covenant was hidden there. Tulu Gudo also has a delicious fish grill and scenic hiking trails that lead to the original monastery where the Ark was held.

### Lake Ziway Short Boat Tour:

View amazing bird life and see basking hippos on the journey across Lake Ziway. A stop on Debra Sina Island reveals ancient relics and the Zay people's unique history. *Duration: 3.5 Hours*

### Short Tulu Gudo Island Adventure:

Discover endemic birds and peaceful hippos on the journey to Tulu Gudo. On the island, visitors hike through a traditional Tulu Gudo village, learning about the unique Zay culture along the way. A visit to the Maryam TSION Monastery reveals ancient relics and the surprising story of the island. *Duration: 5-6 Hours*

### Long Tulu Gudo Island Adventure:

Spend a whole day exploring Tulu Gudo Island! Journey across the golden lake, spot endemic birds and hippos, hike to the original resting place of the Ark of the Covenant, learn about the island's unique nature, and see ancient relics at the Maryam TSION Monastery. *Duration: 8 Hours*

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## Around the Embassy Community

### Will Take Your Unwanted Stuff!

*Departing post? Got extra stuff you no longer need? Don't want the hassle of a yard sale?*

An orphanage in Bahar Dar can use your unwanted items including but not limited to: clothing (any size, any type – even adult clothing), shoes, used toys, old sheets and towels, pots and pans, dishes, all yard sale type items. If you have any leftover consumables, those will be gratefully accepted also.

The orphanage is operated by 2 nuns, one from Mexico, the other from El Salvador. At present they have 20 children that they care for. They will take any and all donations, and I can provide the transport.

Please keep this in mind as you begin organizing for your pack-out.

Contact me at [CorbinDG@state.gov](mailto:CorbinDG@state.gov) // X 6510 // 0911-21 83 01 to make arrangements for drop off or pick up

Thank you all! Diane G Corbin

### CLO Coffees and Lunches!

CLO lunches and coffees are a wonderful way to meet newcomers, socialize and share thoughts and concerns about life in Addis Ababa.

⇒ Next AMCOM CLO Lunch on May 17th is cancelled. CLOs will be occupied with visitors from Washington D.C.

⇒ May 31st and future dates: host, hostess, or restaurant suggestion needed.



Contact your CLO today!

## JOB VACANCIES

- Warehouse Worker (All interested candidates / Closes May 15th)\*
- Logistics Technician (Eligible Family Members, Members of Household / Closes May 17th)
- Security Escort (Eligible Family Members / Closes May 17th)
- Consular Assistant (Eligible Family Members / Closes May 17th)
- Program Development Assistant, USAID (Internal candidates only / Closes May 17th)\*
- Voucher Clerk (Internal candidates only / Closes May 21st)\*

\*Amharic Required

[http://ethiopia.usembassy.gov/job\\_opportunities.html](http://ethiopia.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html)



## PERSIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN COOKING CLASSES

*Come and bring your appetite.*

We will make food with the fresh ingredients that are available in Addis.

Don't forget to bring your notebook for recipes and your Tupperware for leftovers.

- ◆ Dates: 14,16,18,23 & 31 May.
- ◆ Time: 10am-11:30am, including snack and drinks
- ◆ Location: My house (around Family restaurant, Bambis supermarket)

Price: 500Birr per class, **Contact:** [sara\\_kh\\_br@yahoo.com](mailto:sara_kh_br@yahoo.com)

\* Afternoon and private classes available. \* Discounts available for multiple bookings



COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - HORN OF AFRICA



## FAREWELL PARTY

for

MAJOR LLYOD "LEMON" DROPPS

MAJOR ANDRE "DEMON" ALLEN

MAJOR STEVE "6521" PARKER

&

STEWART "FRENCHIE" LEBLANC

(COL, USAF, RETIRED)

Contact James Sturla at  
[sturlajm@state.gov](mailto:sturlajm@state.gov) for  
more information



SATURDAY  
MAY 12TH  
2000 - TBD

WHERE: CCE HOUSE  
BY BOLE AIRPORT

## SUBA FOREST HIKING TRIP

Saturday, 19 May 2012

Depart the embassy parking lot at 8:30 am for an one hour drive (approximately) to Suba Forest. After a short tour of the lower part of the park, we will start hiking to the waterfall (a 4.5 km hike) and to the summit at 3385 meters (11,000 feet). Return to the embassy around 6 pm.

Suba Forest includes many different types of vegetation and provides a rich habitat for many animals including the bushbuck, Anubis baboon, warthog, serval cat, among others.



Price includes:

- 2011 Toyota Hiace van
- Fuel costs
- guide
- lunch (*choice of roasted vegetables, turkey, and mortedela sandwiches & bottled water*)

Cost: 570 ETB per person

Minimum number of participants: 5

Sign up in the CLO by COB Tuesday, May 15 with a 200 ETB nonrefundable deposit and a signed waiver!

## Invitation



Desert Rose invites NGO professionals to a free morning seminar on Tuesday 22 May 2012 as part of our 'Connecting with Ethiopia' series.

How can I connect with Ethiopia?

Our seminars help to introduce Ethiopia in positive, practical and creative ways. This seminar's modules will be

- Cultural Essentials
- Understanding Poverty

For details RSVP to [sam@drcethiopia.net](mailto:sam@drcethiopia.net)

[www.drcethiopia.net](http://www.drcethiopia.net)

Desert Rose was set up as a sustainable vehicle for promoting communication and innovation in the Horn of Africa. Our seminars are part of this initiative. We offer five types of seminar package.

- Understanding Local Cultures
- Cross-cultural Competence
- Living In a Developing Context
- Comprehensive Package
- Tailored Packages

We offer the following modules individually and develop new modules on demand.

- discovering culture
- culture stress
- cultural do's and don'ts
- highland culture
- somali culture
- migration
- religion in ethiopia
- ethiopian history
- ethiopian people groups
- raising cross-cultural kids
- adopting in ethiopia
- life in transition
- cross-cultural team-building and communication
- motivation and perspectives on success
- attitudes towards time
- language learning techniques
- local health practices and beliefs
- health and safety in ethiopia
- understanding poverty

## Designers & Artisans Bazaar at Floral Tropical Gardens

“Made in Ethiopia”

Saturday May 12 and Sunday  
May 13, 2012

from 10 am—5 pm

*Unique art and craft work from more than 100 artist/producer groups. A diverse selection of food to satisfy children and adults will be available all day.*

*Families are welcome.*



“Floral Tropical Gardens”

Near Central Park (Peacock Park)  
off Bole Road

Entrance fee: 30 ETB per adult,  
children under 12: free

Free parking



What: Multi-family Yard Sale

Where: Contact CLO for info

When: Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm

Why: For anyone wanting to buy or sell goods.

How: Contact Jane if you are departing Addis and would like to be a seller

[jane.roecks@icsaddis.edu.et](mailto:jane.roecks@icsaddis.edu.et)

Sorry, no previews!



# Weekly Update

*FLO Weekly Update* is a compilation of news and information from the Family Liaison Office of the Department of State for U.S. government employees, their family members, and Members of Household (MOH) who are serving, have served, or will be serving at U.S. Missions overseas. Visit FLO on the Internet at: [www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo](http://www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo). For questions or information, email: [FLO@state.gov](mailto:FLO@state.gov); or call (800) 440-0397 or (202) 647-1076.

## May 14th Deadline to Apply for Professional Development Fellowships

If you're a spouse or partner looking to advance your professional skills or credentials, don't miss the May 14th deadline for applying for the 2013 Professional Development Fellowship (PDF) program. Offered by the Family Liaison Office (FLO), these grants are open to adult spouses and partners of direct-hire U.S. Government employees serving overseas under Chief of Mission Authority.

The PDF program is designed to assist spouses/partners in maintaining, enhancing, and/or developing their professional skills. Fellowships of up to \$2,500 are granted on a reimbursable basis. These activities can include, but are not limited to, things such as continuing education and distance learning through an accredited university, professional development, and participation in professional conferences.

Visit the FLO website at [www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo/c21642.htm](http://www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo/c21642.htm) for detailed guidelines and the 2013 PDF application form. For questions or more information, email [FLOAskFellowship2013@state.gov](mailto:FLOAskFellowship2013@state.gov).

## Consider the Home-Based Business Employment Option

Want to make your own hours, get paid and work at every post? Many family members are able to do this through home-based businesses or freelance work. The Family Liaison Office (FLO) *Home-Based*

*Business Guide* (<http://www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo/c21620.htm>)

makes it easy for you to get started. Inside are the relevant State Department regulations, advice for planning your business, consulting guidelines, resources, and success stories.

*Reminder:* Always make sure you get permission from post before launching your business.

If you are not sure what kind of work you could do, check with FLO for a list of the types of home-based businesses managed by family members around the world. Included are film producers, Japanese tutors, IT consultants,

Certified Public Accountants, jewelry designers, speech therapists, ca-

terers, authors, and many, many more.

Please contact FLO at [FLOAskEmployment@state.gov](mailto:FLOAskEmployment@state.gov).

[www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo](http://www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo)

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# May 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 •Soccer 7:00	7 •Lion submissions deadline	8 •Security Briefing 9:00 •Yoga 12:00 •Newcomer Brief 1:00	9 •Core class by the pool 12:30	10 •Lion •Yoga 12:00	11 •Market Day 12:30	12
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## Ongoing Activities

- Yoga-Every Tue-Thurs 12 & 1pm at the Embassy- by the swimming pool.
- Soccer Practice: every Sunday morning -meet at Embassy compound at 7:00 a.m.

# Classifieds

## Vehicles: For Sale

**2001 Toyota Rav4:** silver, \$10,500 duty-free. Available September. Great working condition. Automatic shift. Photos available upon request. Three spare tires included. Duty-free status required. Please contact [esther.falcon.bell@gmail.com](mailto:esther.falcon.bell@gmail.com) for more information.

**1992 Land Rover Discovery, USD 4,500.** Specifications: V8 3.5 liter Petrol Engine, LHD, 5-Speed, 5-Door Station Wagon, Stereo/FM/CD. Locally maintained, Good Condition, Clean Exterior and Interior. Duty-Free. Available June 2012. E-mail: [litlejj123@hotmail.com](mailto:litlejj123@hotmail.com)

**Lada Niva 4X4, \$7,250 USD,** great car for Addis and Ethiopia, fun to drive and turn heads, only 3-years old, 1 owner, **imported DUTY FREE from Europe in 2009.** 18,000km, 4-cylinder petrol engine (12km/liter on the highways, 9km/liter in Addis), front bush bar with halogen fog lights, roof rack, am/fm/CD stereo with I-Pod plug, some spare parts included. Available in late May. Email Randy at [rchester@usaid.gov](mailto:rchester@usaid.gov). Can send pictures.

**Silver Nissan Pathfinder SE 2004.** 4D Sport utility : Automatic, 88K Miles, AC, \$13,000. Duty free. Available June 2012. Contact: [Glendaloren2003@yahoo.com](mailto:Glendaloren2003@yahoo.com)

**2000 Jeep Cherokee Limited:** Four Wheel Drive, Good Condition, Running Great. Vehicle available in late July. Cost: \$10,000, OBO. Duty free status strongly preferred. Com-

ments: Received regular maintenance from Embassy Mechanics. Recently installed a new cooling system, brake pads/shoes. Vehicle comes with three new spare tires from the States.  
[schmidcd@gmail.com](mailto:schmidcd@gmail.com)

**1978 Peugeot 504.** Unknown number of miles, but quantifiably awesome. Updated power locks and sound system. Asking: ETB 130,000. Duty PAID. Please contact Peter: [LordPW@state.gov](mailto:LordPW@state.gov) or 011.130.7001.

## Miscellaneous: For Sale

**APC uninterruptible power sources, 110V:** BP 500UC (supports 7 outlets), BE 500R (8 outlets), BE 550R (8 outlets). Each \$10, without battery. One AFN receiver, operational through 2014, \$50, great for second TV (available July 2012). Contact: [Roecks@attglobal.net](mailto:Roecks@attglobal.net)

## Multiple Items for Sale:

- AFN Decoders for sale: HD decoder, asking \$450. Other old school decoder, asking \$100. Must be eligible for AFN, verification required.  
- Sony Blue Ray DVD player, asking \$100.

- Sharp 19" TV/DVD player, NTSC, asking \$200.

- Ektorp fitted sofa covers, natural color, perfect for the Thomasville-ish GSO sofas, asking \$30 each.

Contact Dan at [mes-seltd@hotmail.com](mailto:mes-seltd@hotmail.com), 0911509316 or x6528.

## Miscellaneous: Wanted

**Wanted: TREADMILL.** Please e-mail [SaundersPM@state.gov](mailto:SaundersPM@state.gov).

**Wanted: Piano to buy.** Upright, grand or studio, (not an electronic keyboard) Please email Bob at [bhgingrich@gmail.com](mailto:bhgingrich@gmail.com) or Joyce at [jhooley@gmail.com](mailto:jhooley@gmail.com)

## Miscellaneous

### Loving cat needs new home!

Beautiful white and orange Turkish Angora cat looking for a loving home. He sleeps outside but loves to come inside for visits. His shots are up to date.

Contact: [Roecks@attglobal.net](mailto:Roecks@attglobal.net)

## Recommendations

Ethiopiawi Art Studio features the works of four contemporary Ethiopian artists working in diverse styles and media. The studio is located near Arat kilo and they are more than happy to welcome visitors and discuss their work. Contact information and examples of the **artists' work is at** [www.facebook.com/EthiopiawiArtStudio](http://www.facebook.com/EthiopiawiArtStudio). Recommended by Christine Parker.

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