

The Sacramento River Delta Historical Society (SRDHS) presents a free community screening event:

***THE ITO SISTERS:  
AN AMERICAN STORY***  
A documentary film  
by Antonia Grace Glenn

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Jean Harvie Community Center  
14273 River Road  
Walnut Grove, CA 95690**

Winner of a Grand Festival Award and an Audience Award at the 2017 Berkeley Video and Film Festival, *THE ITO SISTERS* captures the rarely told stories of the earliest Japanese immigrants to the United States and their American-born children. In particular, the film focuses on the experiences of Issei (or immigrant) and Nisei (or first generation born in the US) women, whose voices have largely been excluded from American history.

Many of the events of the film take place on a farm in the Sacramento Delta town of Courtland.

The three sisters at the heart of the film – Nancy, Lillian and Hedy – are memorable and engaging characters, who in their 80s and 90s share stories of humor, hardship and heartbreak, dating back to their father's immigration from Japan to the US in 1897. They offer a rare first-hand account of their family's struggle to become American, in the face of a series of natural and man-made disasters. The family's chronicle is set against the backdrop of the Anti-Japanese Movement, a 60-year campaign by politicians, journalists, landowners and others that culminated in the forced removal and incarceration of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans from the West Coast during World War II.

*THE ITO SISTERS* is written, directed and produced by Antonia Grace Glenn and edited and produced by Gregory Pacificar, with original music by Dave Iwataki. The film features scholar commentary from Evelyn Nakano Glenn (UC Berkeley), Dorinne Kondo (USC), Michael Omi (UC Berkeley) and Jere Takahashi (UC Berkeley). For more information about the film, please visit: [www.itosisters.com](http://www.itosisters.com).

The SRDHS screening of *THE ITO SISTERS* will be followed by a Q&A with director and producer Antonia Grace Glenn and scholar Evelyn Nakano Glenn. For more information on the screening event, please visit [www.srdhs.org](http://www.srdhs.org) or e-mail John Stutz at: [jstutz@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jstutz@ix.netcom.com).

