

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) is to provide spaces, resources, and programs through an Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) perspective.

ABOUT THE AARC

The City of Austin's newest cultural facility is housed within the Parks and Recreation Department. This center represents a long-awaited dream for many in the community, and was made possible through an Austin voter-approved 2006 Bond Package for \$5 million with a \$750,000 investment from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. Members of the local Asian American community contributed pro-bono services for the design. The center opened to the public on October 1, 2013.

Our purpose is to serve the greater community and we invite you to enjoy our spaces that are free and open to the public. The AARC features:

- Ballroom
- Resource Library
- Computer Lab
- Community Garden
- Community Meeting Rooms
- Community Exhibits and Display Cases
- Interior Courtyard (Zen Garden)
- Great Lawn



Transportation Information:

Capital Metro offers regular service and night owl service. The nearest bus routes to our location are the #325, #323, #7, and the #485 Cameron Night Owl bus. Bus stops are conveniently located within a 2 to 6 minute walk to the center.

Persons with Disabilities:

The City of Austin is proud to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require assistance for participation in our programs or use of our facilities, please call 512.974.3914.

Regular Hours:

Monday and Tuesday, 9:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00am to 9:00pm
Friday and Saturday, 9:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday — Closed



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A large indoor event space, likely a banquet hall, is shown. The room is filled with round tables covered in gold-colored cloths, surrounded by white folding chairs. Each table is decorated with a small centerpiece of flowers and a small white card. Large white and orange paper lanterns are suspended from the ceiling, and a red 'EXIT' sign is visible in the background. The floor is covered with a red patterned carpet.

From cultural performances and galas in the ballroom to networking mixers in the foyer and meetings and workshops in the classrooms—the AARC is the perfect location to showcase your next event and create a memorable experience. The AARC includes spaces such as the Grand Ballroom which can accommodate 300 for a seated dinner, the spacious Great Lawn for outdoor festivals and events, a foyer for receptions and mixers, classrooms, community meeting rooms and a conference room equipped with a smart board to increase meeting productivity.

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"Lotus," a sculpture featuring hand-carved granite petals and lively tile mosaic fountain, welcomes visitors at the entrance plaza. The work was created by artists Sunyong Chung and Philippe Klinefelter and commissioned by Art in Public Places, a program of the City of Austin's Cultural Arts Division of Economic Development Department. The lotus, native to Asia, was chosen for its traditional association with harmony, purification, healing, and revered symbolism within various Asian traditions.

The AARC presents rotating exhibits that celebrate the diverse and dynamic cultural heritage, history, identity, creativity and expressions of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community. Our Community Exhibit Program features engaging works from local, state, national and internationally recognized artists and scholars.

The AARC provides an array of classes, workshops and special events to enrich participants' lives and highlight the rich diversity of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community. From film screenings, concerts, speaker engagements, wellness classes, culinary workshops, gardening, tea socials, recreational activities and more - there is something for everyone. Additionally, the AARC offers fun and interactive programs for youth including summer camps, workshops and classes that provide a unique opportunity to deepen understanding and appreciation of APA history, culture, art, literature and heritage.

RECREATIONAL & INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION (RICE)

The logo is a circular seal. The outer ring contains the text "REFRESH" at the top, "LOCAL" on the right, "COMMUNITY EDUCATION" at the bottom, and "RICE" on the left. The center of the seal features a stylized mountain range with a sun or moon rising over it. The word "RICE" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters across the middle of the seal, with small stars on either side.

Recreational and Intergenerational Community Education (RICE) is a program developed by the AARC to address the intergenerational wellness and education needs of Austin residents, with particular focus on the underserved APA community. As a comprehensive program tailored to meet the needs of seniors, components include tea and coffee service, senior lunch social, recreational and wellness activities, continuing education, and a community garden.

