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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

NO REGULAR MEETING FOR JULY OR AUGUST

NEXT REGULAR MEETING, 5 SEPTEMBER 1979

However, working groups such as the Board (Jerry Shue, 620-3581 or Munson Kwok, 828-6911) and the Oral History Committee (Stan Lau, 481-6949, 225-8921 or June Y. Mei, 450-5241) will continue to meet.

In lieu of our meetings, we present the summer activities of groups which may interest you:

CALENDAR

- * Jun 30-Jul 1. Dragon Boat Festival, Whittier Narrows Recreation Area; Pomona Freeway at Santa Anita in S. El Monte; 10AM to Dusk
- * Jul 8. And every second Sunday thru Sept. San Fernando Valley H.S. "Sunday morning Breakfast in a patio"; \$2.50 ea; Andres Pico Adobe, 10940 Sepulveda Blvd; 8-11AM; 365-7810.
- ** Jul 12. Board Meeting. Hong Kong Low; 7:30 PM.
- ** Mid-July. Oral History Committee meeting to be called by Dr. Mei.
- * Jul 15. Historical Society of Centinela Valley Annual BBQ; adobe at 7634 Midfield, L.A. (Westchester), charge; noon to 3PM
- ** Mid-August. Oral History Committee meeting to be called.
- ** Aug 9. Board Meeting. Hong Kong Low; 7:30 PM.
- * August. East-West Players' "Made in America"; Saturdays at eight L.A. County Parks; 8 hour marathon of entertainment; daytime; watch for it.
- ** Sept 5. Regular meeting, Chinese Historical Society of So. Cal.
- * Sept 16. Historical Society of Centinela Valley Annual Fiesta; adobe at 7634 Midfield; 2-5PM.
- ** Oct 13. Tentative date, Annual Fall Dinner, Chinese Hist. Soc. So. Cal.

NOTES

ALSO, Betty Welcome notes the Eagle Rock H.S. has a Potluck Dinner July 17. Call for details 255-8780.

ORAL HISTORY. Dr. June Y. Mei has presented a progress report to the Board. 27 interviews have been done, of which 6 were done by Society volunteers. Per agreement, the Society has loaned or given particular equipment to the Project. Society volunteers have met a few times to learn interview techniques and to discuss Project objectives and to conduct interviews. Problems have been identified in these arrangements and are being worked on. The Advisory Committee has not met.

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Notice items: Suellen or Munson KWOK 828-6911

Sampans, Junks and Chinese Fishermen in the Golden State Exhibit to Open June 15 at National Maritime Museum

A small exhibit, "Sampans, Junks and Chinese Fishermen in the Golden State," is entering the final stages of completion. It opens June 15 in the National Maritime Museum in San Francisco (at the foot of Polk Street next to Fisherman's Wharf—it was formerly called the San Francisco Maritime Museum). It will run for one month. The Museum has given the Society more than half of the large, circular room on the ground floor for the exhibit, as well as lending display cases and some material to display photographs and illustrations.

Admission is free, and there may be a small pamphlet available which will explain the objects shown, as well as the significance of the Chinese in California's fishing industry. Because of considerations of time and finances, the pamphlet will be entirely in English but captions in the exhibit itself will be in both Chinese and English.

"Sampans, Junks and Chinese Fishermen in the Golden State" is the outcome of several different inquiries. Robert Nash's interest and expertise in the field served as a source of inspiration to all connected with the Chinese Historical Society of America. He and Thomas W. Chinn had always wanted such an exhibition; Mr. Nash's untimely death in 1976 prevented its early realization.

On the side of U.C. Davis' Chinese American History Project, trips to Monterey-area libraries and museums, and interviews with Ben Hoang, the grandson of one of the early fishermen, provided the initial interest. Appropriately enough, then, the Society decided to dedicate the exhibit to Robert A. Nash and the Chinese fishermen.

In addition to this inspiration and using it as the groundwork, the Chinese Historical Society and Chinese American History Project members have spent both time and effort to produce an attractive and historically accurate exhibition. The Kellogg Foundation of U.C. Davis generously supplied the necessary funding and, of course, the National Maritime Museum in San Francisco provided the indispensable ingredient of museum space. The exhibit will consist of some twenty-five photographs, a couple of maps, documentary materials, and artifacts such as a 16-foot-long sampan and a stone anchor. Contributors to the exhibit as of the time of this writing are as follows:

Chinese Historical Society of America
National Maritime Museum in San Francisco
Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
State Department of Parks and Recreation
San Francisco Public Library
California Historical Society
San Diego Historical Society Library and Manuscripts Collection
Department of Anthropology/Sociology, Mesa College
Allen Knight Maritime Museum
Myron Oliver Colton Hall
Richmond Museum
Louis Stein
Pat Hathaway
Philip P. Choy
Jeong-Huei Ma
L. Eve Armentrout-Ma
Thomas W. Chinn

The Society and the joint Chinese American History Project (U.C. Davis)/Chinese Historical Society of America committee who have assembled the exhibit, cordially invite all to attend. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

May 10, 1979

L. Eve Armentrout-Ma, *Chairman*
Thomas W. Chinn
Philip P. Choy
H. Mark Lai
Russ Lowe

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California subscribes to the Bulletin; articles to Vol XIV are listed below and are available upon request to members. (Contact M. Kwok)

Chin, Ai-Li S. "Adaptive Roles of Chinese Women in the U.S." (Jan 1979)
Long, Chin-san. "China and the New-Fangled Invention" (Feb 1979)
Riddle, Ronald. "Recent Trends in the Musical Life of America's Urban Chinese" (March 1979)
Lee, Edward. "Growing Up in Chinatown" (April 1979)
Ho, Nelson Chia-Chi. "Portland's Chinatown" (Apr 1979)
Ho, Nelson Chia-Chi. "Portland's Chinatown. (Cont.)" (May 1979)
Lai, H. Mark. "The Chinese Language Sources Bibliography Project: Preliminary Findings." (Jun)

Announcement (Preliminary): 1980 National Conference on Chinese American Studies 1976-1980 to be held in San Francisco at the Chinese Cultural Center. Tentative: 2 days in October 1980
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