



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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April 1989

CHSSC May Meeting/Spring Event

A Special Screening of Felicia Lowe's

"Carved in Silence"

at the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum
4700 Zoo Drive (across from L.A. Zoo)

Saturday, May 13, 1989

2 P.M. Program in the Education Center's classroom
(includes Museum self-tour)

\$5 per person program admission

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (limited to first 100)

Call Society number (213) 281-7429

to reserve your place (please leave your name, phone
number, and number of people in your party).

In 1986 CHSSC sponsored Felicia Lowe at a general meeting to show an excerpt from her film which was in progress at that time. The Society also assisted her in raising funds for the project. This important and moving film focuses on the experiences of Chinese immigrants who were processed and detained from 1910-1935 at Angel Island in San Francisco Bay. It reveals a significant and mostly ignored chapter in the history of Chinese immigration in the United States.

NOTE: Our May meeting will not take place on the first Wednesday in May but rather on Saturday, May 13, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Please note this change on your calendar!

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Our May general meeting program will feature Felicia Lowe, producer, director, writer of the 45-minute documentary, "Carved In Silence". This film is about the impact of detention on Chinese immigrants at Angel Island Immigration Station. Felicia is the winner of a CINE Golden Eagle, Chris Plaque, Honorable Mention by the National Educational Film and Video Association, 1988.

Please mark your calendar for an exciting afternoon at the Gene Autry Museum and an opportunity to view Felicia's documentary on Saturday, May 13. Be sure to call (213) 281-7429 to reserve a spot for our Saturday program.

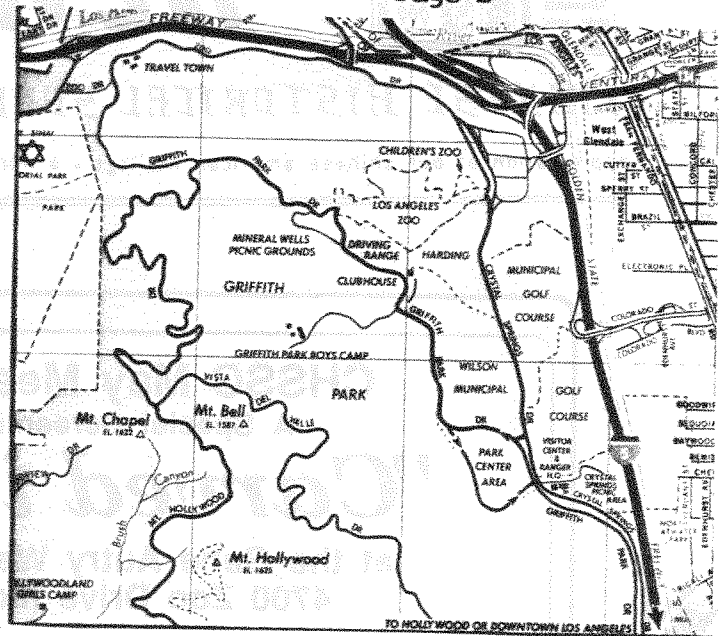
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DIRECTIONS TO GENE AUTRY MUSEUM:

The museum is located in the city of Los Angeles' Griffith Park at the junction of the Golden State (5) and Ventura (134) Freeways.

It is adjacent to the Greater Los Angeles Zoo and on surface streets can be reached from Forest Lawn Drive, Victory Boulevard, or Los Feliz Boulevard. The museum is 15 minutes from the Los Angeles Civic Center and is accessible using RTD bus route 97.

Museum parking is free and immediately adjacent to the facility.



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BYLAWS COMMITTEE (4/20/89): Because of the increased membership and many program activities of the Society, the Bylaws Committee and the Board recommend the following Phase I Bylaws concept changes for consideration at the June general meeting:

1. First, that the number of board members be enlarged to no less than twelve (12) and no more than sixteen (16).
2. Second, that the service year for board members and officers begin from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.
3. Third, to make this transition, (a) the term of the current officers will be extended to June 30, 1990, (b) the term of board members expiring on December 31, 1989 will be extended to June 30, 1990, and (c) the term of board members expiring on December 31, 1990 will be extended to June 30, 1991.
4. Fourth, that the membership year for members dues be the same as now, on a calendar year basis.
5. and Fifth, that the twelve-month period for financial purposes shall be the calendar year.

Notice of these bylaws amendments are in this issue of News 'n Notes and will be announced at the next meeting of the Society, as required by the Bylaws. The exact wording of the proposed amendments will be in the May issue of News 'n Notes. Discussion and voting will be at the June meeting.

The Bylaws Committee hopes that the Society will act favorably on these changes at the June meeting. If so, the Nominations Committee will begin immediately to seek nominees for board members.

Phase II of the proposed amendments will be presented in the early fall. Updated guidelines and a new organizational structure will be proposed so our Society can function more effectively. Bylaws Committee members are Paul Louie (Chair), Munson Kwok, Bob Large, Eugene Moy, Ella Quan, and Kipham Kan (ex-officio). They will be happy to receive questions and input about these changes.

BOARD MEETING BRIEFS: The following motions were made at the Board meeting of March 16:

P. Louie moved that some one should look up the Society tax exempted papers and find out why the Society is not listed in the Publication 78. The motion was seconded by S. Mu and passed.

F. Mah moved that the Board accept the proposed budget of the Chinese American Museum Fund for its fiscal year ending August 31, 1989, as recommended by the Fund Administrators. The motion was seconded by A. Wong and passed with 3 abstentions (S. Cheng, P. Lin, and T. McDannold).

P. Louie moved to accept the CAMF procedures. The motion was seconded by F. Mah and passed with 3 abstentions (S. Cheng, P. Lin, and T. McDannold).

F. Mah moved that the Board form a scholarship committee to set the qualifications and to participate in the selection process for a graduate intern for the MCAH project. The motion was seconded by S. Mu and passed. (4 in favor: F. Mah, A. Wong, S. Cheng, K. Kan; 3 opposed: S. Mu, P. Louie, P. Lin, and 1 abstention: T. McDannold).

F. Mah moved that the Board designate the President of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC), or a CHSSC member appointed by the President on an annual basis, as its representative on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History. The President, or his/her delegate, would be empowered to vote on issues before the Board of the Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History in accordance with the wishes of the Board, or in absence of such instructions, in the best interests of the Society. The motion was seconded by S. Mu and passed unanimously.

P. Louie moved to include the Survey for MCAH in the Society next News 'n Notes. The motion was seconded by F. Mah and passed unanimously.

IN THE NEWS: CHSSC wishes **Grace Chow** a very **Happy 90th Birthday!** Many happy returns!

CHSSC member, **Beulah Quo**, will be performing in the next East West Players' production of "VACANCY", written by Lillian Hara and Dorie Rush Taylor, and directed by another veteran of East West Players, Norman Cohen. This is a play about two middle-aged immigrants: Anna Lim, who is Chinese, and a Dutch woman, Rosie Vedder. With humor and poignancy, the play illuminates the ambitions and frustrations, the loneliness and fears experienced by these strangers in a new land. The hunger of these two women for companionship, for a way to transcend the cultural and personality differences between them, is the story of many immigrants who seek a better life. But this is not only a "woman's story": the struggle of these two people to find friendship and love is the universal story of men and women everywhere. (See calendar section, May 17).

Bridging The Pacific — **San Francisco Chinatown and Its People** by **Thomas W. Chinn**. "The people of San Francisco's Chinatown have stories to tell that can touch any American of any race. Chinn tells their stories with sympathy and humor, and gives us a new look at San Francisco's early years." **Bridging The Pacific** describes the special role played by San Francisco Chinatown in the long struggle by the Chinese in America to break through the barriers imposed by discrimination and by their own culture. A guided tour through the complex web of families, business, and organizations that underlies Chinatown, it also tells the fascinating personal stories of more than fifty individual Chinese. The book includes 150 rare photographs from the author's own collection, family collections, and historical libraries including a Chinese parade in 1880, early maps of Chinatown, and Honorable Wu's Showboat Revue. Publisher: Chinese Historical Society of America. Release date: September, 1989.

The Southwest Oral History Association held their annual spring meeting at the California Afro-American Museum in Exposition Park on April 14-15, 1989. Attending were Marianna Cushnie, Miriam Matthews, Suellen Cheng Kwok, and Lillian Fong. Suellen was elected the new Treasurer. CHSSC had a table displaying their wares (**Linking Our Lives**, Walking Tour Map of Chinatown, Golden Years). We made \$25.

Lilly V. Lee is involved with starting a "Big Sister" group for Asian girls.

CHSSC gave a \$50 award at History Day L. A. to Dara Song, Po Uy, Tan Tieu from Lincoln High School, in the LAUSD. It was a senior group project titled "Homer Lea and the Chinese Revolution".

MONROVIA OLD HOMES TOUR: The Monrovia Old House Preservation Group (MOHPG) is preparing six homes for viewing plus everyone's favorite, the Anderson House Museum. Architectural styles will range from Spanish Revival to California Craftsman and Victorian. The homes were built between 1886-1920, with each home being unique and special in its own right. The viewing will take place on **Sunday, May 14, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Pre-tour tickets: Adults \$8, 65 & over/12 & under \$5. Day-of-tour ticket prices: Adults \$10, 65 & over/12 & under \$5. For tickets, please write to: MOHPG Home Tour, P. O. Box 734, Monrovia, CA 91016. Be sure to include a legal size self-addressed stamped envelope with your order.

HAWAII TRIP UPDATE: The Society's trip to Hawaii is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, to Friday, August 4. Cost: \$735 — 30 passengers minimum (price higher if less than 30 people). Four nights will be in Maui (7/26-7/30) and five nights in Honolulu (7/30-8/4). If you have signed up for the trip, please send \$260 ASAP, payable to Lee's Travel Service, c/o Mr. Stanley Mu, 5025 Boda Place, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Full payment (less deposit) is due no later than 6/12/89. If you have questions or would like further information on the Hawaii tour, please call Stanley Mu (818) 346-2196.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: As of April 20, we have 352 members. We welcome our newest life member, Mary Ming. The 1989 CHSSC Membership Roster will be distributed along with the May News 'n Notes as mentioned in the March newsletter.

An annual membership is on a calendar year basis (January 1 to December 31 of each year). Still only \$15 for regular, \$20 for couples, \$5 for seniors and students. Please direct membership dues (payable to CHSSC) and correspondence to: Franklin Mah, 2210 Grant Avenue, #1, Redondo Beach, CA 90278, (213) 372-9421.

DONATIONS: CHSSC thanks you for your generous donations. The following donations were made to CHSSC from the various schools for presentations by Angi Ma Wong (CHSSC's PR/Educational Outreach Chair): John Dye (\$15), Chadwick School (\$50), Gene Autry - May 5 (\$150). Lulu Kwan - \$25 in memory of James N. Wong.

THANK YOUS: Robert Lee donated a "take-along lamp" so that speakers can read their notes in the darkened meeting room.

Thank you to our members who provided refreshments at the April 5th general meeting. For those of you who have been kind enough to provide refreshments, we welcome any fresh fruits you may have.

A belated thank you to Tom McDannold who brought in loads of delicious and juicy oranges from his trees to the December meeting.

Thanks to Henry Welcome who supplied us with kumquats at the March meeting.

CHSSC JACKETS AND CAPS are still available. If you would like to place your order(s), contact Dawes Lee (213) 221-0440 or Jerry Shue (213) 724-9002.

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-members</u>	<u>Price includes sales tax. Combo includes jacket and cap and saves you a \$1.</u>
Jacket	\$25	\$30	
Cap	\$ 6	\$ 6	
Combo	\$30	\$35	

Thursday, May 4: Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Week with the Asian Business Association and Asian American Architects/Engineers in Commemorating the Bicentennial Year of Chinese Immigration to America 1788 - 1988 at the Golden Palace Restaurant, 911 North Broadway (corner of College) in Chinatown. Special welcome by Jun Mori, Commissioner, Port of Los Angeles. Cocktails at 11:30 a.m., dim sum luncheon at 12:00. Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$40; after April 28 - \$45 for everyone. RSVP to Asian Business Association, 1871 South Cloverdale Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

Friday-Sunday, May 5-28: Mayor's 13th Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival activities include an essay and poster competition, awards dinner and international film festival (213) 485-3404.

Saturday, May 6: Community in Orange County: Can Historians Make a Difference? The Colloquium is sponsored by the Department of History at Chapman College, California Council for the Humanities, and Orange County Historical Society. All events are free at Chapman College, The Little Theatre in Wilkinson Hall. For more information, call (714) 997-6621.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Can Archaeologists Make a Difference?
Nicholas Magalousis, Ronald Bissell, Phil DeBarros.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Can Historical Societies Make a Difference?
Judy Liebeck, Pamela Hallan-Gibson, Leland Estes

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Authors Signing Party for the Proceedings of the Conference of Orange County History

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Can the Historical Disciplines Make a Difference?
Robert Slayton, Doris Walker, Earl Babbie

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Can Preservationists Make a Difference?
Diann Marsh, Joanne Coontz, Lawrence de Graaf

Sunday, May 7: Union Station's 50th Anniversary. Special celebrations are planned to honor the railroad station's 50th birthday. For information, call (213) 625-2672.

Sunday, May 14: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the mothers-to-be, mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, etc.!

Wednesday, May 17: The "opening night" of East West Players' production of "VACANCY" (starring our very own CHSSC member, Beulah Quo) which will run for the next four days. Thereafter performances will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. until June 25. The first week is dedicated to celebrating Asian Pacific Heritage Week. Discount tickets available to groups of ten or more. Call (213) 660-0366 for more information.

Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21: Asian Pacific Festival and Culinary Carnival is a celebration of Asian Pacific culture through cuisine, arts, crafts, and entertainment at the Pacific Design Center (213) 744-1234. Saturday: Noon-11 p.m./Sunday: Noon-10 p.m. Admission: Adults (17 and over) \$4, adults (with children over 6) \$3, seniors \$2, children (6-16) \$2, and children (under 6) free.

Sunday, May 21, 1:00-5:00 p.m.: A Taste of Asia at the Pacific Asia Museum, 46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, (818) 449-2742. This is the second annual food, wine, and brew festival. Cost includes food, entertainment, cooking demonstrations, tea tasting - \$35/person; after May 13, \$40/person. Net proceeds to provide educational outreach programs and to promote understanding of Asian cultural achievements.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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Tuesday, May 23: Friends of the Chinatown Library Fifth Annual Membership Dinner. Short business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Golden Dragon Restaurant, Chinatown. Entertainment provided by AAPPA Yours! Cost: \$12 (includes tax and tip). RSVP by May 16 to Friends' mailbox. For information, contact Kipham Kan (213) 641-2975 or Bev Hom (818) 336-7900.

Thursday, May 25: CHSSC Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be at Pat Lin's, 12511 Mitchell Avenue, Mar Vista, CA (213) 397-7268.

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Two Years In The Melting Pot is coming to California and Washington. Direct from Beijing . . . meet Liu Zongren, Chinese journalist and author! His new novel is about ten families sharing a tiny courtyard during the chaos of the Cultural Revolution. With the same compelling honesty and irresistible humor of his first book, 6 Tanyin Alley, opens a window on a China yet unknown in the west.

Liu will autograph your copy of 6 Tanyin Alley! He will be at the following locations:

Tuesday, May 2 (5:00-7:00 p.m.) - China Books, 2929 Twenty-fourth Street, San Francisco (415) 282-2994. The evening will be a publishing party and book signing!

Thursday, May 4 (7:30 p.m.) - UCSB and Earthling Bookshop (Santa Barbara) will sponsor a lecture and book signing event. For location, call Judy Hardin (805) 965-0296.

Sunday, May 7 (7:00 p.m.) - Midnight Special Bookstore, 1350 Santa Monica Mall, Santa Monica (213) 393-2923. Evening will be a talk by Liu, poetry readings by local L. A. Asian American poets.

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WANT/HELP ADS: Call (213) 281-7429 for an update on the Society's calendar of events. Questions? Leave a message and someone will call you shortly.

Interested in helping with refreshments? A sign-up sheet for refreshments for our monthly general meetings is available by contacting Sylvia Soo Hoo (213) 221-5573.

Articles for Gum Saan Journal? Society is seeking articles on Chinese American history for the next issue of Gum Saan Journal. Questions or information? Please contact Ella Quan (213) 291-5388 or Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your support of News 'n Notes — staff contributors in this issue: Kipham Kan, Angi Ma Wong, Doreen Chan Nakayama, Paul Louie, Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Stan Mu, Beverly Picazo, and Lillian Fong. March 24 mailing session supporters: Ben and Doreen Chan Nakayama, Johnny Yee, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Dorothy Siu, and Lillian Fong. Special thanks to Ben and Doreen Nakayama for the use of their home for our mailing sessions on February 22, March 24, and April 28. As many of you know, soon Ben and Doreen will have their hands full with their first baby boy (in late May)! So, instead of collating and folding newsletters, they'll be busy folding diapers! (Give the crew a call when you need diapers folded!) Again, thank you for your warm hospitality!

Items for N'nN are always welcome! Please submit in writing to News 'n Notes Editor, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. Deadline is the 15th of every month! Items submitted are printed at the discretion of the editor.

Beverly M. Hom, N 'n N Editor



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by

Louise Leung Larson

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