



# NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Appreciation of our Chinese American heritage \* A non-profit organization \*  
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NOVEMBER 1996

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## HOLIDAY POT LUCK & BOUTIQUE

Wednesday, December 4, 1996 - 6:30 P.M.  
Castelar School - Multipurpose Room  
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown  
(Park on playground. Enter on College Street)  
between Hill and Yale Streets

### PLEASE READ ENCLOSED FLYER.

Call and let us know how many people will be  
coming with you, and what food item(s) you  
will be bringing by Friday, Nov. 29.

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*Randall Bloch*

*Eugene Cooper*

*Elmo Gambarana*

*Winifred Lew*

*Ruth Lung*

*Eugene Moy*

*Ben Nakayama*

*Ella Y. Quan*

*Susan Woo Yamasaki*

**IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!!** Our membership year is from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31.  
If you have not sent in your renewal for 1997, please do so as soon as possible.  
Remember to add \$5 for the Gum Saan Journal. Tell a friend about our Society. Bring  
in a new member. We will be "bigger and better" than ever if each member brought in  
one new member. 1997 will find the completion of the World War II Project in a book  
form, the completion of Phase Two of the Shrine Preservation Project, along with more  
informative and interesting monthly programs, dinners, field trips, etc.

**SHOP EARLY FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.** Unique boutique items as well as  
special publications will be on sale at our December pot luck. Bring your gift list with you.

**Linking Our Lives**

**Sweet Bamboo**

**Origins & Destinations**

**An American Chinatown - 2 volumes**

**Thousand Pieces of Gold**

**Wooden Fish Songs (1 hardbound)**

The **Scholarship Fund** of the Society is still in need of donations from anyone interested in  
supporting our future leaders. Every year the Society awards a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a  
deserving undergraduate demonstrating a strong interest in Chinese-American studies in the  
humanities or social sciences. Please consider donating to the 1997 scholarship and to any  
future scholarships. The 1997 scholarship will be awarded in the Spring, and the winner will be  
presented to the Society. Donations can be made payable to CHSSC and sent to P.O. Box  
862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647. (Winifred Lew, Chair)

## **DIGGING HISTORY**

### **by Munson Kwok and Paul Chace.**

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California acknowledged the contributions of archaeology to the Chinese American experience at their annual Fall Awards Dinner on Friday evening, November 1, 1996, at the Empress Pavilion Restaurant in Los Angeles. The evening affair was entitled **Digging History** as the Society's shorthand way of expressing admiration and appreciation for the special contributions of a unique group of singular individuals and enlightened organizations. Together, it was recognized that they have forged foundations for Chinese American history through the science of archaeology.

Society President Jeffrey Tung introduced the award ceremonies to the crowd with a special commentary. "Cloaked in the now popularized, mythical drama of romance and adventure - plus a lot of real gravel, dirt, and dust - these serious and dedicated scholars have gravitated toward a common theme of great importance to the Society: understanding the culture, history, life, and settlements of Chinese and Chinese Americans in Southern California through scientific methods. The Society is proud to bring together the representative of this remarkable collection of scholars tonight. The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California is deeply honored and proud to have become the single most important regional repository of the collective finds on the Chinatowns of Southern California."

The Society recently has become the repository for the 200,000 artifacts of the Old Chinatown collection recovered from L.A.'s Union Station, as well as the recently rediscovered archaeological collection from Santa Barbara's Chinatown. Previously, the Society played a key role in supporting the Riverside Chinatown Archaeological Project.

The five honorees and their contributions acknowledged were --  
**Roberta S. Greenwood**, noted for being the principal investigator of three of the important recent archaeological studies in Southern California: Ventura Chinatown, Santa Barbara Chinatown, and Los Angeles' Old Chinatown at Union Station. Roberta is the president of Greenwood and Associates, a firm dedicated to cultural resources management based in Pacific Palisades. She is also a Research Associate in Archaeology at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. In her 30 years as a researcher, she has been responsible for nearly 400 environmental reports. Her special ability to communicate a real appreciation among local community leaders and to generate their support for investigating their own city's Chinatown heritage was acknowledged.

**Harry W. Lawton**, a man of many letters, a poet, writer, editor, scholar, teacher, and bookman, and one who has reached fame in all these literary pursuits, was noted also for his sincere contributions in Native American and Chinese American history. Many years ago, Harry crafted the newspaper serial feature stories on George Wong and the old Riverside Chinatown. He was the key individual who stirred community leaders' consciousness and galvanized City and County support for the Riverside Chinatown Archaeological Project conducted by the Great Basin Foundation in the 1980s. Then at U.C. Riverside, in the Office of the Dean for the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Harry assisted scholars at U.C. Riverside and other researchers in the various contributions assembled for the Riverside Chinatown Archaeological Project.

**Paul G. Chace**, Ph.D., was recognized as a sociocultural anthropologist, historian, and scholar of American culture, museums, and archaeology in a career spanning over 25 years. Among his specialties are Chinese American culture and heritage. He is the principal of Paul G. Chace & Associates, a cultural resources management firm in Escondido, California. A member of the Society since its beginning in the 1970s, Chace's eclectic interest in Chinese American history and archaeology have embraced Chinese temples, religious rituals, festivals, ceramics, shrimp camps, the snail, fish, the famed Dr. Ng Poon Chew, - and the old Chinatowns of Riverside, Ventura, Marysville, and Phoenix, to name just a few.

**Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**, the "MTA," was recognized as an organization which has gone above-and-beyond the call of duty in compliance with environmental law in managing cultural resources. Sensitive to the local community, the MTA provided support for the investigation, interpretation, community education, and preservation of the archaeological heritage of L.A.'s Old Chinatown beneath Union Station. Highly concerned for safety, the MTA successfully coordinated the recovery of the archaeology, which long had

MTA has presented the 200,000 artifacts of the Old Chinatown Collection to the Society along with a funded endowment for its curation. The MTA was represented at the dinner by Terry Matsumoto.

**Richard S. ("Scotty") MacNeish**, Ph.D., was honored for his successfully coordinated research with the Chinese government in creating an on-going team of Chinese and American archaeologists to study the origins of rice in China. As the head of the Andover Foundation for Archaeological Research, since 1993 "Scotty" has directed the bi-national team in excavating caves in Jiangxi Province where domesticated rice has been dated back 9,000 years. Now, 78 years of age and a former Professor at Boston University, he has pursued the study of the beginning of agriculture throughout the world. However, if there had been no rice domestication, there would have been no Chinese civilization, no Chinese coming to America, and no Chinese American history. "Scotty" presented a slide-lecture on the Jiangxi cave investigations.

For every successful function, there is always a committee of hard working volunteers behind it. Therefore, we would like to acknowledge the Fall Dinner Committee with our deep appreciation: Co-Chairs Susan Dickson and Jeffrey Tung, Elmo Gambarana, Munson Kwok, Irvin Lai, Winifred Lew, Ruth Lung, Franklin Mah, Eugene Moy, Ella Guan, Susan Woo Yamasaki, Sue Yee and Noel Toy Young.

### PHASE TWO OF MEMORIAL SHRINE PROJECT MOVES AHEAD

On October 23rd, the design team for Phase Two of the Society's restoration project, architect Barton Choy and preservation consultant James McElwain, met with CHSSC representatives to resolve issues bearing on the project at the offices of Choy and Associates. Phase Two involves physical restoration and arresting of deterioration of the monument structures. Society representatives attending the meeting were Irvin Lai, Munson Kwok, Eugene Cooper, Cy Wong and Randy Bloch. One of the concerns addressed was whether or not the Ch'ing Ming holiday would be celebrated at the monument site once Phase Two is completed; and, if so, whether the shrine's burners should be reactivated for ceremonial use. It was decided by consensus that observance of Ch'ing Ming at the site is entirely appropriate; however, the burners could not be used again safely and legally and may even need to be sealed permanently. Another question was whether to infuse the remaining portion of the fallen center stone ("stele") into the new center stone that will be created or whether to go with an entirely new stele. This question, as yet, has not been completely resolved. As is evident, the Shrine Committee must address several crucial matters as the project moves along.

We thank you for your ongoing support of this important work and look forward to seeing you at our Phase Two Completion Ceremony next year!  
(Randy Bloch)

### ON THE OCCASION OF THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOS ANGELES CHINESE MASSACRE, A STATEMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

October 24, 1996 represents the 125th Anniversary of the infamous Chinese Massacre, which resulted in the murder of 19 Chinese men and boys in the first Chinatown, the oldest of these colorful settlements in Los Angeles. Some ten percent of the town's population of 5,000 participated in what might have been the City's first race riot, regrettably to be followed by others. Historically, this event was one of the worst occurrences of anti-Chinese violence in the United States during an era of virulent discrimination against the Chinese.

Looking back at the achievements, against all odds, of those Chinese immigrants who endured 1871, we proclaim that American history tells us that immigrants have always been valuable in developing and building our Southern California community and our American civilization. We further declare that immigrants will always bring new talents, new ideas, and boundless energy, and that they will succeed even when given less-than-an even-chance because they believe in America and the possible access to its opportunities. We observe that they and their descendants do acculturate in time and that is one of our major strengths.

On this 125th Anniversary, we further proclaim that the 1871 lesson of history holds truths for us today: that immigrants are proven to be one of the valued, important segments of our society insuring a continued healthy, prosperous America, that the process of immigration should and must continue healthy, prosperous America, that the process of immigration would never be closed to anyone residing in this country seeking to better themselves and their families.

Dan Louie, Jr. Ph.D.  
President, Friends of Museum  
of Chinese American History

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### COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 4  
6:30p.m.  
Dec. 2-5  
Noon-5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Friday, Dec. 6  
8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7,  
Dec. 14, Dec. 21  
9 a.m. - Noon

Sat./Sun, Dec. 7 & 8  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8

Tuesday, Dec. 10  
6:30 p.m.  
Taix's Restaurant

Sunday, Dec. 29  
Noon - 4 p.m.

CHSSC's HOLIDAY POTLUCK & BOUTIQUE at Castelar  
School's multi-purpose room.

### D.T.L.A. CHINATOWN

A Suite of Graphite Drawings on Paper. All drawings created  
by beginning level drawing students of CSULB Art Dept.  
Instructor: Associate Professor Tom Krumpak

Public Closing Reception: 5p.m.-8 p.m.

For info, call 310-985-4389

IKEBANA starring Beulah Quo and the East West Players.  
Special rates must be reserved by Nov. 27. Call Ella Quan  
213-255-6487.

CHINESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF  
SO. CALIF. Research Project. L.A. Chinatown Heritage  
and Visitors Center, 411 Bernard Street, Chinatown.  
213-222-1918 or 213-621-3171.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT THE BANNING RESIDENCE  
MUSEUM. 401 East "M" Street, Wilmington, 310-548-7777.

SAUGUS TRAIN STATION OPEN HOUSE. Call 805-254-1275

A CENTURY IN LOS ANGELES AS VIEWED THROUGH  
GRIFFITH PARK. Dec. 16 marks 100th anniversary of  
Griffith Park. Limit 100. 213-936-2912. Dec. 5 deadline.

L.A. City Historical Society's Annual Meeting/Holiday Dinner.

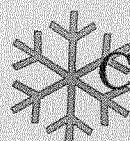

GRIFFITH PARK: A CENTENNIAL HISTORY retails for  
\$37.50 or \$40.59 with tax and \$45.00 with postage and  
shipping. 7" x 10" book. Your cost is \$35 per copy and  
Historical Society of So. Calif. will pay the tax and postage.  
Call 213-222-0546 for more info.

VISITORS WELCOME!! - The Heritage & Visitors Center will  
be open to welcome all members, friends and visitors.  
411 Bernard Street, Chinatown

"THANK YOU" FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING REFRESHMENTS to Lillian Fong, Elmo  
Gambarana, Ruth Lung, Mary Mu, and Noel Toy Young.

NEWS 'n NOTES DEADLINE: All articles must be in to the P.O. Box by the 15th of the  
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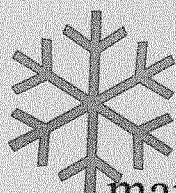


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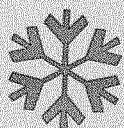
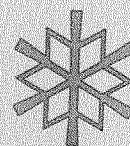
# *Holiday Potluck & Boutique*



6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 1996  
at Castelar Elementary



Bring your specialties...  
main dishes, salads, desserts...  
ethnic and holiday goodies!!  
(Enough to feed 6 people)



If you don't bring food, please bring \$5.00 per person.



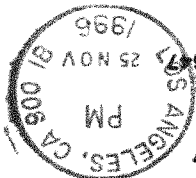
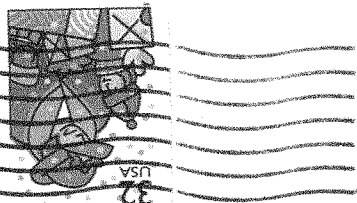
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ACTIVE: Paid to Dec. 31, 1996  
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I am interested in helping with:

- ☐ Programs ☐ Publications ☐ Research  
☐ Membership/Publicity ☐ Fundraising  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ ACTIVE, annual..... \$ 25.00  
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(spouse, same household)  
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(senior citizen over 60 years, student)  
☐ INSTITUTIONAL, annual..... 50.00  
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