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In Search of Gold Mountain

A History of the Chinese in San Diego, California

Presented by Murray K. Lee

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Castelar Elementary School
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Free parking - enter via College Street

The event is open and free to the public.
Refreshments will be served.

Come see a presentation from Murray K. Lee's recently published book, *In Search of Gold Mountain, A History of the Chinese in San Diego, California*, a selection of photos and maps to provide a summary of San Diego's Chinese origins, the fishermen, railroad and other construction workers, and activities. It shows the influence of Ah Quin, San Diego's most important entrepreneur and patriarch. It tells about the beginnings of Chinatown and the adjacent Stingaree District, the merchant partnerships, the first families, support organizations, celebrations, the boy scouts, and the impact of the Sino-Japanese war and World War II, and the effort in historic preservation. It answers the question of how the Chinese eventually found Gold Mountain after so many years of search and struggle.

Murray K. Lee is the Curator of Chinese American History at the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum. He has made presentations to local schools, colleges, and organizations and given papers at national conferences. He is the coordinator of the San Diego Chinese American Oral History Project.



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(Not for Election)

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Henry Huang

Board members serve from July 1 to June 30.

The Board of Directors meet on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Board members have opportunities to serve on committees such as the Archive Committee, the Programs Committee, the Nomination Committee, the Outreach Committee, etc. Committees meet at various agreed upon dates and times.

Election will take place at the June 1st meeting at
Castelar Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room.

*We will accept nominations from the floor at the May meeting.

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Mission Statement

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California was organized in November 1975. The purposes of the Society are: 1) to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in southern California; 2) to pursue, preserve and communicate knowledge of this history; and 3) to promote the heritage of the Chinese and Chinese American community in support of a better appreciation of the rich, multicultural society of the United States.



**Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California**

南加州華人歷史學會

36th Annual Gala Dinner

New Roads Taken: Chinese American Pioneers

Saturday, May 21, 2011 – 6:00 pm

Empress Pavilion Restaurant

988 North Hill Street #201

Los Angeles Chinatown, CA 90012

Recognizing:

**Derek Chew
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New Roads Taken: **Chinese American Pioneers**



Derek Chew

The first Chinese American firefighter in Los Angeles. Ultimately became an Arson Investigator and conducted thousands of fire scene investigations, determining the origin and cause of fires. Firefighter Chew served honorably for 35 years.



Rosana Hsu

Founder and Principal Benefactor of the California Institute for Chinese Performing Arts. Every year, CICPA provides opportunities for performers from abroad to perform in the United States and generously donates all proceeds from these performances to charities.



Frank Jao

Mr. Jao fled Vietnam in 1975 and came to the United States; he took real estate classes and went on to found Bridgecreek Development, the largest real estate developer in the Vietnamese American enclave of Little Saigon in Orange County, California.



Stewart Kwoh

CEO and founder of Asian Pacific American Legal Center. Under Kwoh's leadership, the APALC has become the largest and most diverse legal assistance and civil rights organization supporting Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.



Col. R. Mark Toy

59th Commander of the Los Angeles District. He is the highest ranking Chinese American in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. As Commander and District Engineer, Colonel Toy leads 844 military and civilian personnel operating throughout a 226,000 square mile area of California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.



Sue Wong

World renowned fashion designer immigrated to the United States when she was six years old; her fashions have been worn by Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Biel, Tyra Banks, Vanessa Minnillo and many others.



Tyrus Y. Wong

Centenarian, incomparable painter, muralist, lithographer, film production illustrator and kitemaker. Established the look and style for Disney's classic *Bambi*. Wong later moved on to Warner Bros. Designed Christmas cards, illustrated books and numerous magazines. His work is still exhibited at museums and fine art galleries nationwide.

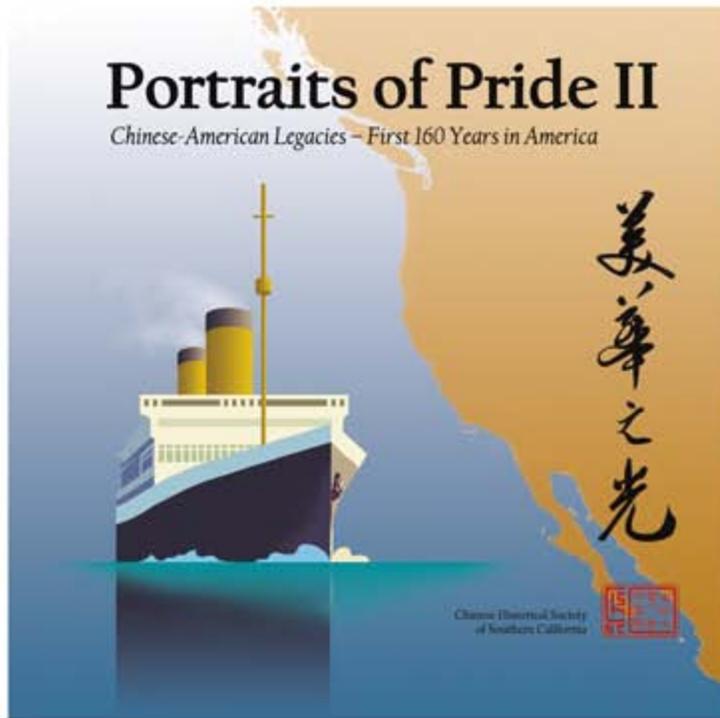
*Please join us in honoring our heroes
on May 21, 2011*



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Portraits of Pride II: Chinese American Legacies - *First 160 Years in America* Grand Debut Edition Arrives in CHSSC's Offices

by Marian Chew and Randy Bloch

March 26, 2011 was a day of acknowledgment and victory for the Portraits of Pride II (PoP II) team and its friends. All available hands convened at the Society's Chinatown offices to meet, greet, and share the momentous event of the new book's arrival, and its upcoming, large-scale delivery scheduled for April first.

Reuniting with long-time friends dispelled a slight morning chill as PoP II Director and Editor-in-Chief L.P. Leung, and CHSSC President Gordon Hom, greeted guests, the Society's friends, and the PoP II team, many of them viewing the impressive publication for the first time.

L.P. Leung personally presented the book to the donors, supporters, and team members attending the March 26th event. He also thanked CHSSC's Board for their graciousness in giving the PoP II team the freedom to operate unfettered. The PoP II team appreciates Mr. Leung's great leadership.

We thank the following individuals for taking delivery of 305 cartons of the book (13 pallets) on March 31st and April 1st: Simon Chhuor, Fenton Eng, Gordon Hom, Michael Lew, Eugene Moy and Robert Verre. We could not have carried the seven tons of PoP II books into the 411 and 415 Bernard Street houses without your strong backs and minds!



Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles

Author Jenny Cho will speak about her latest book. This publication features over 100 years of postcards depicting Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles.

Although designed for mass consumption, postcards are a vital means of preserving history.

Wednesday, May 11, 2011 7:00 pm

Katy Geissert Civic Center Library

Community Meeting Room

3301 Torrance Blvd. Torrance, CA 90503

*Books will be available for Jenny to autograph
after the presentation.*





Ch'ing Ming Ceremony

hosted by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

The ceremony took place on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Los Angeles County Crematorium and Evergreen Cemetery. The Ch'ing Ming festival is a traditional Chinese holiday that goes back several centuries. Families gather to honor their ancestors by sweeping their graves and making offerings.

A special performance was made by the children of the Mandarin Dual Language program of the City Terrace Elementary School. Flowers were laid at the graves of the recently reburied ancestors who were removed during the construction of the gold line metro rail. Respects were also given at the grave of Donaldina Cameron.



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CHSSC attendees at the L.A. Chinatown Firecracker Run Honorary Dinner.

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Jenny Cho's "Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles"
Meet author Jenny Cho, as she depicts the history of LA Chinatown through the postcard images found in her book. Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. Torrance CA 90503

Thursday, May 12, 2011. 7:00 pm - Free
THE KILLING OF A CHINESE COOKIE
A light-hearted documentary by Derek Shimoda on the origins and history of the ubiquitous fortune cookie. Cerritos Public Library 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA
<http://menu.ci.cerritos.ca.us>

Saturday, May 14, 2011. 2:00 pm - Free
Dr. Tritia Toyota discusses her book, "Envisioning America: New Chinese Americans and the Politics of Belonging"
Dr. Toyota is an Adjunct Professor in the Departments of Anthropology and Asian American Studies at UCLA and a former Emmy Award winning broadcast journalist. Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. Torrance Ca. 90503

Saturday, May 14, 2011. 2:00 pm - Free
Walk of Remembrance: The Pacific Grove Chinese Fishing Village - ... burned to the ground in May, 1906. Join Gerry Low-Sabado, a descendant of this village, and Mayor Carmelita Garcia to pay respects 105 years later. Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History 165 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove, Ca. 93950
For information (831)-277-1091 or (510) 378-0999.

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Sunday, May 22, 2PM - \$100 prior to 5/16 no tickets @ door
Honoring Nancy Kwan 50th Anniversary in Show Business
Movie screenings & Banquet with live Auction
AMC Theatre 14 in Monterey Park 450 N. Atlantic Boulevard,
Banquet at Empress Harbor Restaurant 111 N. Atlantic Blvd. #350, Monterey Park, CA
Contact: Cindy Yee (626) 300-0828 or cyeexcel@charter.net

Thursday, May 26, 2011 / 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
"Carved in Silence Film Screening" and Discussion with Felicia Lowe - Chinese American Museum
Emmy-award winning filmmaker combines historical materials, oral history interviews, and dramatic re-creations in this film to tell the story of Angel Island Immigration Station and its debilitating impact on early Chinese immigration to America
To RSVP call (213) 485-8567 or email RSVP@camla.org