

MARCH 2012



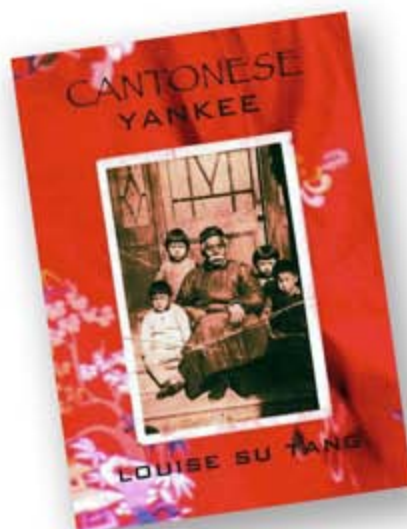
## Cantonese Yankee

*Presentation and book signing  
by author Louise Su Tang*

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.

*Castelar School, 840 Yale Street,  
Los Angeles Chinatown, CA 90012*

*Free parking - enter via College Street.  
The event is open and free to the public.  
Refreshments will be served.*



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Louise Su Tang, Bing's granddaughter, was close to her grandfather during her childhood years in Shanghai. She has written an absorbing and romantic drama based on family stories and her own hours of research at the Yale University Archives and the Connecticut Historical Society.

During the 19th Century, China faced a cabal of foreign powers ready to sweep the ancient empire from the pages of history. There have been books written about those days but few have plumbed the depths of her civilization—what were the customs, mores and ethos of her people? In *Cantonese Yankee* the author presents to her audience the intimate life of Bing and his family and the people of his day—and we are there with them.



# Long Way Home

## *Journeys of a Chinese Montanan*



The monthly CHSSC meeting took place on February 1st. The event was highlighted with a presentation and book signing by Flora Wong along with her son-in-law and co-author Tom Decker. Flora Wong's book, *Long Way Home*, retraces her family odyssey, sharing insights, tragedies and triumphs. Hers is the story of an authentic, ordinary person facing extraordinary challenges.



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### Mission Statement

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- 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.





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# 113th Golden Dragon Parade 2012

*Los Angeles' Largest Parade (Other than the Rose Parade)*



On Saturday, January 28th, warm temperatures greeted the Chinese Lunar New Year of the Dragon. Over 110,000 individuals lining the parade route and many more viewing the telecast, this colorful celebration along Hill Street and Broadway in Chinatown has become the premiere cultural event in the Southern California Asian American Community. CHSSC held its usual position at the head of the parade with a sea of red, white and blue with over 260 participants including Society members, and support from Families with Children from China.

The CHSSC unit was greatly assisted by over 80 students from Bell High School's Interact Club, sponsored by Rotary International District 5280 and led by Dr. Joel Tepper. An additional 80 students from various South Bay high schools within District 5280, organized by Angi Ma Wong, plus a dozen students from the Youth Act Club from Roosevelt School (Lynwood, CA), led by teacher Fernando Millan, helped carry the massive display of flags.



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**Chinese Historical Society of Southern California  
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The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California  
is currently seeking donations for the continuance of  
the Annual Scholarship Fund. Please contact the office  
for additional information 323-222-0856.



**Ch'ing Ming Festival**

Saturday, April 7, 2012,  
11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
Los Angeles County Crematorium  
in Boyle Heights  
3301 E. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90033

CHSSC will host Ch'ing Ming  
(Chinese Memorial Day) Festival at the  
historic Los Angeles County Crematorium.  
The Chinese Memorial Shrine stands at the  
center of what was once a 19th century  
Chinese cemetery. Built in 1888 by the  
people of Los Angeles' Old Chinatown,  
the Shrine is considered the earliest  
extant Chinese structure in Los Angeles.  
Though few Chinese are still buried there,  
the site remains culturally and historically  
significant and has been designated  
Los Angeles Historic/Cultural Monument  
No. 486. It is owned and maintained  
by the Chinese Historical Society of  
Southern California. Please join us.

*The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California  
expresses acknowledgement and gratitude to:*

**Eileen Chong**

*for the sewing of curtains for the CHSSC library*

**and Gilbert Hom**

*for solving plumbing problems at 411 Bernard Street*

**Save the Date:**  
**Annual Chinese Historical Society  
of Southern California Banquet**  
**"Making A Difference"**  
**Saturday, May 19, 2012**  
**Empress Pavillion**  
**988 N. Hill Street**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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Your Membership Now!



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### Silver

Monthly newsletter.  
Free Gum Saan Journal.  
Discount on field trips to historical sites.  
Discount on publications and products.  
Admission to Heritage Center during non-public hours (call in advance)

### 100 x 100 Club

All benefits of Silver membership.  
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2 complimentary tickets to Annual Gala Dinner.

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### Community Calendar

**Saturday, March 3, 2012 - 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Chinese American Museum Lantern Festival 2012**

Catch lantern fever at the 11th Annual Lantern Festival, celebrating an incredible decade of free arts, culture and educational activities! Experience a re-created traditional village street fair featuring exciting stage performances, a variety of interactive workshops showcasing Chinese traditional and culturally-diverse arts and crafts, and special activities in honor of this year! Free admission to all! Chinese American Museum

425 N. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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**Save the Date: Saturday, May 19, 2012**

**Annual CHSSC Banquet "Making A Difference"**

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**Friday, March 9, 2012 6:00-10:00 pm**

**ArtNight** - Enjoy a free evening of art, music and entertainment as Pasadena's most prominent arts and cultural institutions swing open their doors. Free for members, or \$10 a family.

Pacific Asia Museum

46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101 (626) 449-2742

[info@pacificasiamuseum.org](mailto:info@pacificasiamuseum.org)

**Sunday, March 11, 2012 6:00 p.m.**

**Gold Mountain Dreams and Harsh Realities:**

**A Hidden Histories Gallery Tour**

The Autry in Griffith Park - Scholars and community leaders take you on a tour through galleries, highlighting objects and revealing untold stories of migratory adventure, lost farmland, and found opportunity. Featuring Dr. Robert Chao Romero, a scholar on Asian migration to Latin America; Eddie Wong, Emmy-nominated producer and executive director of Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation; Dr. Karen Leonard, expert on history of Asians in agriculture; and Dr. Min Zhou, founding chair of Asian American Studies Department at UCLA.

Museum Admission Rates Apply / Free for Autry Members

<http://theautry.org/programs/lectures-seminars-discussions/gold-mountain-dreams-and-harsh-realities>

**Saturday, March 24, 2012 6:00 p.m.**

**South Pasadena Chinese American Club Dinner and Dancing**  
Hilton Pasadena

[www.spcc-web.org](http://www.spcc-web.org)