

NOVEMBER 2013

Hiding in a Cave of Trunks

*presented by
Ester Benjamin Shifren*



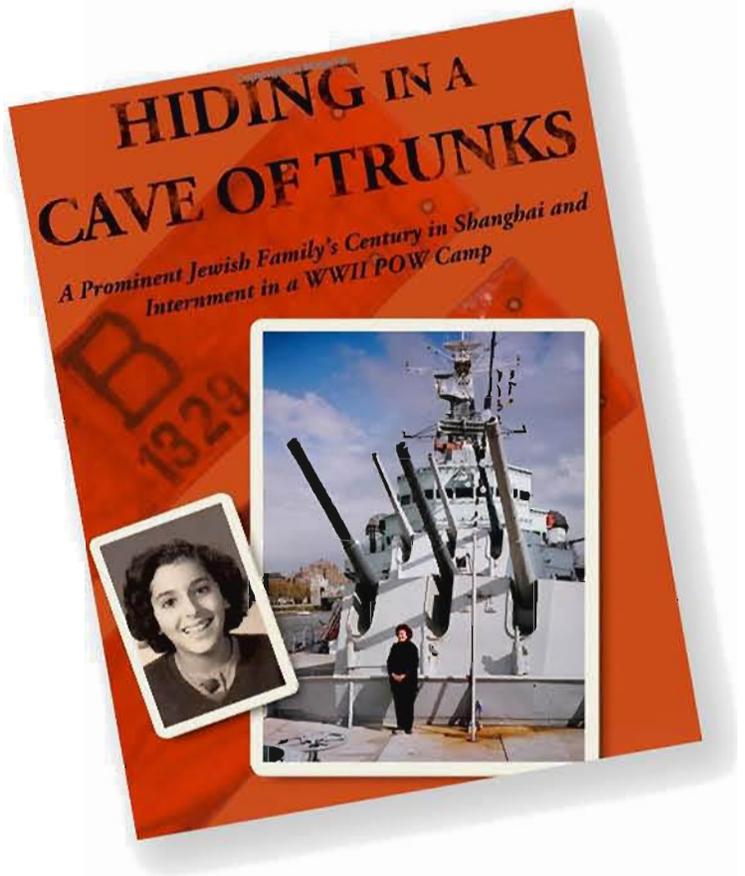
Wednesday, November 13, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Free parking - enter via College Street

Refreshments will be served

This event is free and open to the public



The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California's next meeting will be with China-born author Ester Shifren. A descendant of five generations of British Jewish Nationals living in Shanghai for more than one century. She and her family were interned by the Japanese during WWII. Between 1987 and 2004, Ester managed to tape three interviews of her parents that yielded 100 transcribed pages of invaluable information for use in her book. She has lectured extensively internationally about her life, the multi ethnic groups and cultures, and the Japanese incarceration of Far Eastern Allies, in Shanghai.



An Open Letter to L.P. Leung

The September issue of *News 'N Notes* included an article by member Marian Chew, highlighting CHSSC's "unsung hero", L.P. Leung, for his herculean efforts in the evolvement of the Society's latest and finest publications, *Portraits of Pride I and II*. Following the eventual publishing of the two volumes on their respective dates, the Free Library-Book Program was established. Because of the full support, both financially and passionately, of our "unsung hero", thousands of complimentary copies of *Portraits of Pride I and II* have been sent to school and public libraries throughout the United States.

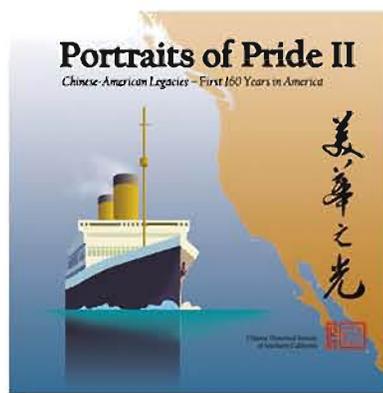
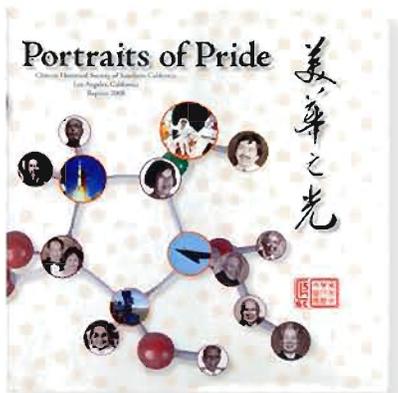
Incidentally, the 4th Saturday of October (October 26 this year) is celebrated as "Make a Difference" day. You, L.P., have made a difference -- a HUGE difference -- in the way these two volumes have opened the eyes of many, many people, and have shown them what significant contributions Chinese Americans have made to improve and enrich the lives of mankind around the world.

Enclosed, please find a donation for your on-going program.

With heartfelt thanks for a mission well accomplished --

Your friend, your loyal supporter,
and, with justifiable pride,
your mother-in-law,

Margie Lew
October 26, 2013
(Make a Difference Day)



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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.



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Pilgrimage to Wawona Updates

* For the record: In the September, 2013 News 'N Notes article "Pilgrimage to Wawona and Sing Peak" said Ah Wong was the cook at the Wawona Hotel. The cook at the Wawona Hotel was Ah You.

* We would like to acknowledge Yosemite National Park and the National Park Service for their help in making the Pilgrimage to Wawona and Sing Peak possible. In particular Dean Shenk, Margaret Eissler, John Jackson, Yenyen Chan, and Cassandra Hardy.

* Lastly, we would also like to acknowledge those who put the program, dinner, and backpack trip together, Jack Shu, Chester Chau, Eugene Moy, Susan Dickson, Ed and Elsa Chau, Steve Szulc, Barbara and Denise Wong, and Steven Ng.

* The 2014 Pilgrimage to Yosemite will be from Friday, July 25, 2014 to Sunday, July 27, 2014. Make your Wawona area reservations now.

There will be two options for the 2014 Pilgrimage to Sing Peak, either a day hike to view Sing Peak or a three-day backpacking trip to climb the peak. The day hike will be on July 28, 2014, and the backpacking trip will be July 28-30, 2014. For more information, contact Steven Ng at steven@nomadicoder.com.





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Monterey Park in the 80s and 90s: Storefront Signage and the English-Only Movement

Thursday, November 14th | 6:30pm-8:30pm

Chinese American Museum
425 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
camla.org | 213.485.8567

Featuring

Jose Calderon, Ph.D.
Emeritus Professor of Sociology and
Chicano Studies
Pitzer College

Leland Saito, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Sociology and
American Studies and Ethnicity
University of Southern California

Frank Shyong
Reporter
LA Times



Please RSVP by emailing rsvp@camla.org



Dear SOCC friends and supporters,

We have completed the proposal for a heritage park at the site of Riverside's historic Chinatown. Would you like to see it? We are excited to share it with you and get your input.

Please join us for a presentation of the park proposal to friends and allies.

SOCC PARK PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

WHEN: Wednesday, November 6, 2013
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
WHERE: Zacatecas Cafe - Ballroom
2472 University Avenue
Riverside, CA 92507

This is an important milestone for SOCC, and we want you to be a part of it. You will see where the Main Gate will be, what street the Chinatown History Wall will face, and the corner where the Overlook Garden will sit. Pete Dangermond of the Dangermond Group will walk us through his design.

How will the park preserve the history of the site and celebrate the cultural richness of Riverside and California? How can it be used by the community and what value will it add to Riverside's cultural landscape? How will the park harmonize with the surrounding sites?

Come see the vision and share your ideas. See you there!

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SHADES of LA REVISITED

Sat., Nov. 16, 2013 at 2:00 pm
Taper Auditorium, Central Library

Shades of LA is the compelling archive of 10,000 photos of diverse Southern California families, copied by Photo Friends from family albums, under the direction of Carolyn Kozo Cole in the 1990s, for the Photo Collection of the LA Public Library. Archive images include daily life, social organizations, work, personal and holiday celebrations, and migration and immigration activities, and are available to view online at photos.lapl.org. This program will be presented by Kathy Kobayashi, co-author of the book, *Shades of LA: Pictures from Ethnic Family Albums*.

Everyone is warmly welcome. Former *Shades* donors and volunteers are especially encouraged to attend and to let us know to expect you (email photofriendsla@gmail.com), but no reservations are required.

Image: Friends at Easter, order# 00008&4

LA in Focus: Images from the LAPL Photo Collection is a free lecture series presented by Photo Friends of the LAPL. photofriends.org

For information, please visit <http://events.lapl.org> Parking is available at 524 S. Flower St. Garage (show your LAPL library card at the Central Library's information desk to receive a validation for reduced rates). Handicap accessibility available.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Within 72 hours of the event please contact Christina Rice at 213-228-7403 should an accommodation be needed.

ABOUT PHOTO FRIENDS: Formed in 1990, Photo Friends is a nonprofit organization that supports the Los Angeles Public Library's Photo Collection/History & Genealogy Department. Our goal is to improve access to the collections and promote them through programs, events, and online exhibits.



LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY



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SHADES of LA REVISITED

LA in Focus:

Images from the LAPL Photo Collection



Dear Friends and Family of Beverly Shue,

My mom, Beverly Shue, passed away peacefully on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 24, surrounded by love from her children, close friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to one of Beverly's favorite organizations who helped her document her story.

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California for her research and family history documentation.

(<http://www.chssc.org/Join/Donate.aspx>)

DIScovery Center, Little Tokyo Service Center for her film making and short story writing classes. (<http://discovery.ltscc.org/en/donate-3>)

KCET.org for her fascination with nature shows and news stories outside of mainstream media. (<http://www.kcet.org/support/>)

Thank you for the outpouring of love, support and admiration for my mom and her life. Hours before she passed away, we read over 100 of your messages and stories out loud to her. We are grateful for the opportunity to experience your story with her and to know what she meant to you.

We are so inspired by your words that we are continuing the storytelling with a "Legacy To Beverly's Future Grandchildren" scrapbook.

We are asking you for a written story and/or photos and video of Beverly to show future generations who she is, what makes her special and about her unique personality. These stories can be submitted on her website, www.beverlyshue.com

After retirement, my mom was an avid historian, author and filmmaker. We are continuing the multi-media legacy she started with this scrapbook. We hope you are inspired to contribute.

With love,
Shannon & Shaun (Beverly's daughter and son)

PS: If you already submitted a story, we are including this in the scrapbook. You are welcome to submit another one. Also, please forward this announcement message to anyone we may not have contact details for and post this to the organizations that knew her. Thank you.



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Community Calendar

Saturday, November 2, 2013, 2 p. m. Free

The Lost Years A People's Struggle for Justice

An award-winning documentary touching upon 150 years of the Chinese diaspora in Canada, USA, New Zealand and Australia, covering four generations of racism as revealed through the journey and family story of Kenda Gee. Kenda, a Chinese Canadian, travels with his father to China to retrace the steps of his great-grandfather, exactly a century ago, and grandfather, who sailed to Canada in the summer of 1921.

(Movie is 92 minutes long and in English with Chinese subtitles.)

www.lostyears.ca

Kathy Geissert Civic Center Library
3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance (310) 618-5959
www.Library.TorranceCA.Gov

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 6:30 pm Free

CHSSC Monthly Meeting – Date change due to School event

Hiding in a Cave of Trunks: A Prominent Jewish Family's Century in Shanghai and the Internment in a WWII POW Camp
Meet Author Ester Benjamin Shifren Book Talk/Questions/Book Signing. China-born Ester Shifren is the descendant of five generations of British Jewish Nationals living in Shanghai for more than one century. She and her family were interned by the Japanese during WWII. Between 1987 and 2004, Ester managed to tape three interviews of her parents that yielded 100 transcribed pages of invaluable information for use in her book. She has lectured extensively internationally about her life, the multi ethnic groups and cultures, and the Japanese incarceration of Far Eastern Allies, in Shanghai.

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Thursday, November 14, 2013 6:30pm

Monterey Park in the 80's and 90's:

Storefront Signage and the English-Only Movement

CAM will host a panel discussion on the controversy that enraged the ethnically diverse community of Monterey Park. Beginning in the 80s, the Slow-Growth movement and English-Only movement, were attempts to slow down the population growth and limit Chinese language storefront signage. A recent review of the general code regarding signage in August 2013 has reignited the debate. Join Jose Calderon, Ph.D. and Leland Saito, Ph.D., and LA Times journalist Frank Shyong as they share their fight against these movements and explore the current reactions now that the city has to confront its past. Event is open to the public. RSVP by email: rsvp@camla.org
Chinese American Museum 425 N Los Angeles St., L.A., CA 90012 camla.org (213) 485-8567

Saturday, November 23, 2013 10:00 am Free

Chinese Family History Group of Southern California

Taking Your History to the Future:

Preservation Care for Family Papers and Photographs.

The presenters: Brooke M. Black, Chief Cataloger, The Huntington Library; and Jennifer Allan Goldman, Curator and Institutional Archivist, The Huntington Library. Presentation includes: Quick Glossary of Terms Handling Archival Materials Storage & Preservation Digital Files. You are welcome to bring no more than two paper or photo items for possible review and recommendations.

Loyola Law School, 919 Albany St., Los Angeles, CA 90015
(213) 736-1001 (Downtown L.A., near 9th St, west of 110 Fwy)
Parking: \$3 in LLS lot if attendant is present
Room: Founders Hall #236.

For further information, please email cfnhgsc@gmail.com, or phone Bo-Gay Tong Salvador at 310-339-0337.