

# NEWS'N NOTES



## Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

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## Wawona and Sing Peak Pilgrimage and visits to other Historic Sites

*Commemorating the Contributions of Chinese Americans  
in Yosemite National Park and the Sierras*

Our project is to promote the history and interpretation/educational programs about Chinese Americans in Yosemite during the upcoming anniversaries for the Park and NPS. The working group for the project has been growing and we are gathering more information about about Ty Sing.

### **Friday, July 25, 2014**

Mid morning tour/hike of Tioga Road site and Tuolumne area where Chinese Laborers constructed the first road up to the Tuolumne area and became the road which later connected the Park to the east.

### **Saturday, July 26, 2014**

Mid morning tour of road sites and other locations where Chinese made a contribution in the Wawona area. Specific meeting location and time to be announced. At the Old Grey Barn in Wawona, at 2 PM and 4 PM, presentations about the Chinese American laborers, cooks and service workers in Yosemite will be given by youth and a Park Ranger. At 6:30, a dinner event and campfire program will be hosted by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California to promote interpretive programs about Chinese American contributions in Yosemite and the Sierras.

### **Sunday, July 27, 2014**

From 9:00 to 11:30 AM in Yosemite Valley, starting at the Tunnel View parking area, a Ranger will lead a tour of several historic sites where Chinese Laborers worked on roads and other facilities. The tour will end at the Chapel/Sentinel Bridge area where the Chinese workers had their quarters.

### **Monday, July 28, 2014**

Sing Peak Pilgrimage – Three levels:

- 1) 6.5 mile day hike out of Fernandez trailhead to get a good view of the Peak from the east.
- 2) One or two night, backpacking trip (less than 14 miles total) to get close to Sing also out of Fernandez trailhead.
- 3) Two night backpacking trip out of Quartz and Fernandez Trailheads (two teams) which will include an off trail climb to the peak.

Note: These hikes will be coordinated and lead by volunteers.

The trailheads are over one and a half hours drive from Oakhurst.

Contact Jack Shu if you are interested in participating on any of these hikes at [jkshu@cox.net](mailto:jkshu@cox.net).

or register online at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/pilgrimage-to-mt-sing-sing-peak-tickets-10999057477](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/pilgrimage-to-mt-sing-sing-peak-tickets-10999057477)





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## 2014-2015 Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Board of Directors

The following have been elected to the Chinese Historical Society  
of Southern California Board of Directors of 2014-2015

### Officers

President - Don Loo  
Vice President - Winifred Lew  
VP for Programs - Susan Dickson  
Secretary - Helen Quon  
Membership Sec. - Kelly Fong  
Treasurer - Richard Liu

### Members at Large for 2-year Term

Gilbert Hom  
Gordon Hom  
Clement Lai  
Lawrence Lan  
Laura Ng  
Shirley Chu Ng  
Eugene W. Moy

### Members at Large returning for 2nd Year of 2-year Term

Rick Eng  
Mei T. Ong

Board members will serve from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.  
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 took place at the June 4, 2014 meeting at  
Castelar Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room.

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## Mission Statement

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community in support of a better  
appreciation of the rich, multicultural  
society of the United States.



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June 27, 2014

Dear friends of CHSSC,

Thank you for renewing and continuing your support of CHSSC and interest in Chinese American history. Those who have not renewed still have an opportunity at doing so! Please note that this will be the last copy of News N' Notes you receive until you renew. The Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit run entirely on donations and membership dues help keep programs afloat. If you want to continue reading about what is happening with CHSSC, renew your membership today!

With a membership, you are entitled to receive your 2014 copy of the Gum Saan Journal, our monthly newsletter, the News N' Notes, and, most importantly, continue supporting CHSSC. As in past years, CHSSC has four different membership levels: Student/Senior (\$32/year); Silver (\$57/year); 100 x 100 Club (\$100/year); and Diamond (\$300/year). The 2014 issue of Gum Saan Journal is titled "Voices of Chinatown," and features personal stories from Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Chinatowns.

Your support allows CHSSC to host our monthly meetings with speakers from across the United States as well as countless public programs at local libraries, community centers, and museums throughout Southern California. These events are organized by CHSSC volunteers and are free to the public. CHSSC staff and volunteers also have continued giving walking tours and collecting oral histories to continue to educate and preserve Chinese American history. With your support, we have made CHSSC one of the most active Chinese American historical societies in the United States.

We plan to continue organizing exciting events in 2014, but we cannot do this without your support. Your membership fees and donations are essential to keeping our programs and events running, our publications printed and mailed, our facilities maintained, and our offices staffed. We also have ongoing projects in our archives, including digitizing and organizing our archives, supervising interns, and working with independent authors to publish their research on Chinese American communities. With your support, we will be able to continue projects and preserve and promote Chinese American history. I encourage you to renew your membership today and look forward to seeing you at a future CHSSC event.

Sincerely,



Kelly Fong, Ph.D.  
CHSSC Membership Secretary

Please Renew  
Your Membership Now!



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## Membership

### 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.  
Invitation for 2 to special events.

### Diamond

All benefits of 100 x 100 Club membership.  
2 complimentary tickets to Annual Gala Dinner.

### Student/Senior (60+)

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New Membership       Renewal

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<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$ 57.
<input type="checkbox"/> 100 x 100 Club	\$ 100.
<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond	\$ 300.
<input type="checkbox"/> Student or Senior (60+)	\$ 32.
Donation (tax deductible)	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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## Honoring Heroes Abroad, Heroes at Home

*Annual Golden Spike Awards Dinner*

On May 31, 2014 the Society recognized distinguished and deserving veterans whose service to the country transitioned from armed combat to the battlefield of social justice, civil rights advocacy and economic empowerment. Honorees included World War II veterans Hayward L. Fong, Hiram W. Kwan and William Y.S. Tom; Korean War veteran Gerald L. Shue; and Vietnam War veteran Ben Nakayama, along with the American Legion Post 628, long known as the Chinatown Post. Author Marjorie Lee, the Librarian and Reading Room Coordinator, UCLA Asian American Studies Center, was recognized for editorial leadership in the assembly of the seminal publication *Duty and Honor: A Tribute to Chinese American World War II Veterans of Southern California*.





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### Community Calendar

**Monday, June 30, 2014 7:00 pm Free**

**Lisa See: "China Dolls" Book Talk**

Lisa See, the best selling author of "Dreams of Joy", "Peony in Love" will discuss her exciting new novel "China Dolls" set in the Chop Suey Circuit of San Francisco right before World War II. Lisa See has garnered international acclaim for her skill at rendering the intricate relationships of women and the complex meeting of history and fate. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and signing.

Cerritos Library - Skyline Room  
18025 Bloomfield Ave Cerritos, CA 90703  
(562) 916-1350  
[menu.ci.cerritos.ca.us](http://menu.ci.cerritos.ca.us)

**Monday, June 30, 2014 10:00pm View on PBS**

**Film Presentation American Revolutionary:  
The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs**

Grace Lee Boggs is one of the great unlikely civil rights pioneers of America. Chinese-American, she has spent years among the disenfranchised communities of Detroit espousing direct citizen action to improve society, and her story is told in the documentary,

AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY A documentary about Detroit philosopher/activist Grace Lee Boggs, 97, whose life and work has encompassed the major social movements of the last century: labor, civil rights, Black Power, feminism, environmental justice and beyond. More than a biography, the film explores how the daughter of Chinese immigrants born in 1915 devoted her life to revolutionary social change and whose unflagging devotion to Detroit is inspiring a new generation of 21st century leaders.

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**Sunday, July 27, 2014 1:30 pm**

**Flower Drum Song film presentation  
Meet Actress Nancy Kwan and Film Historian Foster Hirsch**  
Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library  
318 South Ramona Avenue Monterey Park , CA 91754

**Wednesday, July 30**

**CHSSC Huntington Library Field Trip  
Visit the You Chung Hong Collection**

The first Chinese person admitted to the California Bar. Tour the Chinese Gardens and have lunch at the Rose Garden Tea Room. More information & RSVP details to come