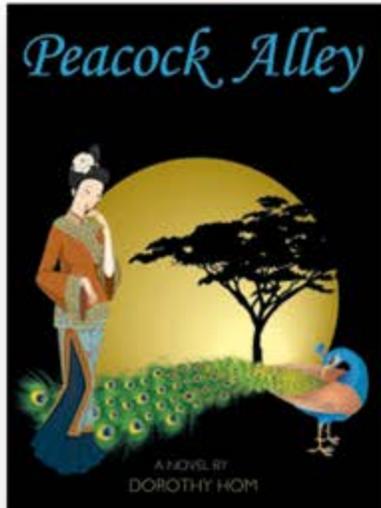


SEPTEMBER 2014



Peacock Alley

Presentation by Dorothy Hom

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 - 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.



"I grew up with peacocks in our alley off of Apablasa. The smells of sweet opium and peanut oil always permeated the air," said Dorothy Hom. 94-year old Dorothy has just published a novel about Kǒng Jiē 孔街 in Old Chinatown. In 866 pages, *Peacock Alley* details the life of Dorothy's grandmother and others who lived in Loo Sahng in the early 20th century. "I was my grandmother's favorite. Since I was a girl growing up between Old Chinatown and San Pedro Market District, I was writing. I worked on this book for fifty years. I want the younger generations to know about the real life of the first generation of Chinese Americans."

Dorothy and Jack Hom owned Mee Hung Inn on Los Feliz from 1939 through 1968. Subsequently, after Jack became a successful stockbroker, Jack and Dorothy became generous supporters of Friends of Chinatown Library. Bill Chun-Hoon said, "Dorothy always said she was working on a historical novel but I had no idea... She integrated the actual setting and history with a colorful story. This will be quite a special program."



This past year, the CHSSC welcomed many interns and volunteers into our society. The interns and volunteers worked on various projects that CHSSC assigns them, such as the development of our new library, the restoration of our office, the organizing of our archival room, and many more. Many of these volunteers and interns have completed their hours but showed interest in staying with the society and continuing their work.

Because of this increased interest from student communities, the CHSSC has decided to form Youths for Chinese American History (YCAH), a student-based, student-run organization that will better manage interns and volunteers. This new organization will provide interns and volunteers with a more structured curriculum, funds for future projects and a better foundation for future students who would like to join. Through our projects, we encourage interns and volunteers to think critically about history in regards to the Chinese American community, specifically about how it is presented, how it is taught, what is included in Western history and what is excluded. This counter-narrative is pivotal to our community and will encourage students to critically examine and question all materials presented to them.

At the moment, YCAH consists of university students from CSUN, Cal Poly, and UCLA, ranging from majors such as Asian American Studies to accounting. We would like to expand our group of students and raise interest and funds for YCAH and we would appreciate any aid. Thank you for your continued support of CHSSC.



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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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CHSSC Summer BBQ

On August 23, 2014, the annual CHSSC Summer BBQ took place at the society headquarters at 411 Bernard Street. This well attended event featured excellent food and great company including updates on the plans and ongoing projects at CHSSC.





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THE STORY OF **TSINOYS** **CHINESE** IN THE PHILIPPINES

With Susie Ling, Associate Professor of History at Pasadena City College

Photographs from the Diorama at Bahay Tsinoy, Manila



Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Katy Geissert Civic Center Library

3301 Torrance Blvd. Torrance 90503 Phone: (310) 618-5959





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Ongoing Projects at the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

The following is a partial list of our current efforts.



Memorial Gate

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California is in the final stages of fundraising for the Memorial Gate. A wrought iron Victorian-design gate with security features will grace the driveway along with stone pavers which will replace the damaged asphalt. To date, we have raised \$11,000. The project requires \$20,000. Your generosity would be appreciated.



Library (Hoover & Ruby Louie Endowment)

The beautification of the library is nearing completion. Hoover and Ruby Louie have generously established an endowment for the creation and continuation of the library which houses an extensive collection of books about the history of Chinese in America. You are welcome to view the current status today in building 411. The endowment is open to all to contribute.



Archive

The archive room requires upgrading. The immediate needs include the acquisition of additional storage shelves, along with storage containers. Our long term needs include the installation of environment control systems.

2015 Golden Spike Awards Dinner

This will be our 40th anniversary, keep a look out for Save the Date announcements, the venue will be the Hilton of Los Angeles/San Gabriel.

Publishing

The society is currently completing the publishing of two new books. One authored by Annie Siu and another by Victoria Moy.



Historical Sites

CHSSC is continuing its involvement in the ongoing efforts to preserve and save two important Chinese American sites, the Chinatown in Riverside and the Chinatown House in Rancho Cucamonga.

Exterior Paint

CHSSC headquarters (411 and 415 Bernard Street) are in desperate need of refinishing and painting. It has been many years since we last painted our historical treasures. Remember, both of our buildings were constructed in the 1880's and require tender loving care.

Please contact the CHSSC office for details and donations at 323-222-0856 or email: CHSSC@hotmail.com.



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Community Calendar

Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 6:30pm Free

CHSSC Monthly Program

Peacock Alley, a novel set in Los Angeles Chinatown
by Dorothy Hom
Castelar Elementary School 840 Yale St. L.A. 90012
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Sunday, September 7th at 7:00pm

Mid-Autumn Festival Mooncake Potluck

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
411 Bernard Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
The Chinese American Museum, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance are excited to host our first Annual Autumn Mooncake Potluck. Bring your favorite mooncakes and share them with friends and family.

Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 7:00pm

Guest Speaker: Susie Ling

“The Story of Tsinoy: Chinese in the Philippines”

Susie Ling is an Associate Professor of History at Pasadena City College and is a major CHSSC supporter. Did you know about 20% of Filipinos have some Chinese ancestry? Current President Noyonoy Aquino and past President Corazon Aquino, Cardinal Jaime Sin, and national hero Jose Rizal are some of the more famous "Tsinoy", or Chinese Filipinos.
Torrance Library Katy Geissert Civic Center Library
3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance 90503. 310-618-5959

Saturday, September 13, 2014 5pm-midnight Free Event!

**Chinatown Moon Festival
Central Plaza & West Plaza
943-951 N. Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Join us and invite your family and friends to enjoy an evening of fun and cultural activities at the annual Mid-Autumn Moon Festival in Chinatown.
www.chinatownla.com

Thursday, September 25, 2014

**The Chinese American Museum
18th Annual Historymakers Awards Banquet**

The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites, Los Angeles
404 South Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90071

THE 18TH ANNUAL HISTORYMAKERS HONOREES:
Ming Hsieh

- *Judge Ronald S.W. Lew Visionary Award*
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Kenneth Lo
- *International Corporate Award*
Dr. James Bok Wong & Ms. Betty Yeow
- *Leadership Award*
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