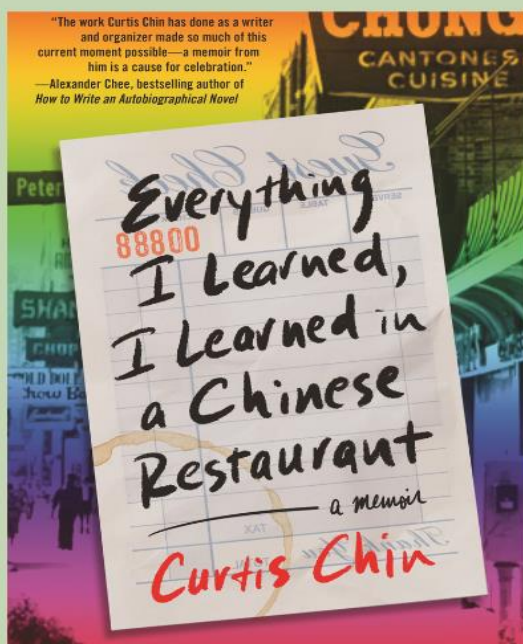


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## BOOK TALK

# CURTIS CHIN



**APRIL  
2ND**

**JOIN US**

**7PM – 8PM**

**FREE TO ATTEND!**

Join us to hear author, filmmaker  
Curtis Chin share insights from his  
memoir, *"Everything I Learned, I  
Learned in a Chinese Restaurant"*

RSVP via Eventbrite on CHSSC website:  
<https://chssc.org>





## PLANNING FOR 50TH: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

By the time you read this, Spring will have arrived. It's a time to celebrate renewal, but also a time to contemplate where we've been. As we have already begun our 50th year, planning has been under way by some of our leadership, both board and individual members, to document and share the journey(s) we have undertaken. You will see on our calendar a note to "Save The Date" for a big celebration in November, details to be determined. But as with all of our program planning, participation by you, our members, will be invaluable. Watch for announcements calling for your assistance.

Also, by the time you read this, some of you will have participated in or watched the Golden Dragon Parade in Chinatown on March 22nd. We, the CHSSC, will once again, have been the lead marching unit in a parade that presents the best of L.A.'s Chinese American and diverse communities. Our carrying the American flag represents our commitment to sharing the contributions of Chinese Americans to the building of our nation and our belief in research and education toward an equitable and inclusive society. We thank our early leaders, such as Johnny Yee and Angi Ma Wong, for getting us organized and donating the flags that we still use today.

Please do note on your calendars some of our upcoming activities, such as the Yosemite/Sing Peak Pilgrimage and the Rock Springs Commemorative event, being organized by Ricky and Grace Leo. Our search for history is mindful, intentional, and ongoing. Join us.

Eugene Moy

### Board of Directors

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### Mission Statement

The purpose of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, Inc. shall be:

- to advocate for a wider understanding of the significance of the role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in the history of Southern California;
- to bring together people with a mutual interest in the Southern California history of Chinese and Chinese Americans;
- to perform all the functions required to acquire, preserve, and communicate knowledge of this important history; and
- to promote a better appreciation of our rich multi-cultural society.



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## Curtis Chin

A co-founder of the Asian American Writers' Workshop in New York City, Curtis Chin served as the non-profits' first Executive Director. He went on to write comedy for network and cable television before transitioning to social justice documentaries. Chin has screened his films at over 600 venues in twenty countries. He has written for CNN, Bon Appetit, the Detroit Free Press, and the Emancipator/Boston Globe. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Chin has received awards from ABC/Disney Television, New York Foundation for the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, and more. His memoir, *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant* was published by Little, Brown in Fall 2023. His essay in Bon Appetit was selected for Best Food Writing in America 2023.



*Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant* is my story about growing up Asian in Detroit and coming out to my working-class immigrant family, all set against the Reagan Revolution of the 80's, AIDS, and my family's popular Chinese restaurant.



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**EAST WIND** 東風  
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JOIN US IN HONORING  
**CHING MING**

WITH A SPECIAL SCREENING OF A SHORT  
DOCUMENTARY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMING  
TOGETHER IN REMEMBRANCE AND COMMUNITY.

Chinatown Cultural Community Center  
Far East Plaza  
727 N. Broadway #129  
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

April 4, 2025

Door open at 6:00 pm & viewing at 6:30 pm





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## VOLUNTEER WORK AT CHSSC



Willie Lew repairing skylight



Harry Du Young weed whacking  
front parkway



Gordon Hom cleaning gutter at  
CHSSC

## Remembering Ching Ming 2011 Celebration



Join us this year as we honor the ancestors at Ching Ming on April 5, 2025 at Evergreen Cemetery at the historic 1888 Chinese Shrine from 10:00-12:00. This year our simple celebration will begin by our cleaning the grave markers so bring brooms, buckets, and rags. Then we will place flowers on the graves. We will have incense as part of our ceremony to honor the ancestors. If you can, please join us for lunch at a local restaurant afterwards.

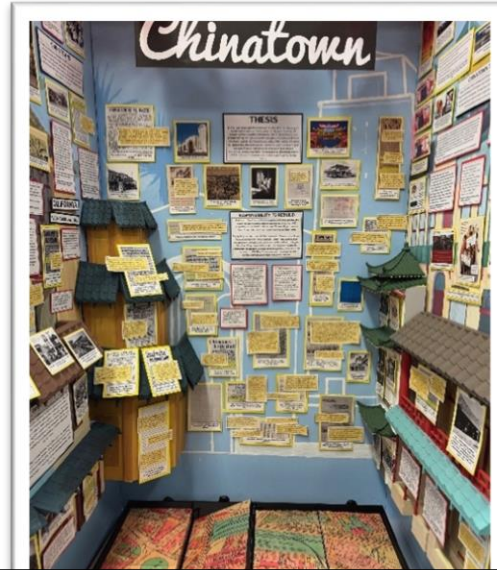


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Many friends visited CHSSC booth at  
Firecracker Race, March 8



Board member Isaac Chu and teacher Chuck Diep  
reviewing display prepared by Mr. Diep's middle  
school students at History Day LA, March 1

## *In Memory of Dottie Schoon*

Michael and Josephine Inn  
Calvin Lee  
Mr. and Mrs. Justin Thavirat  
Lise Tong  
Jenny Wong

## *In Memory of Chong Lew*

Adam Chan  
Tony, Fay, Josh, & Jeani Chan  
Cheryl Lee  
Nina Lee  
Po Louie  
Roland and Lily K. Mah  
The Victor Louie family  
Frances Wong

## *In Memory of Leslie Noelle*

*Lien Jun Mar*

Patricia Tom Mar

## *Donations*

Angela Ahou  
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# 50th Year Celebration: Saving our History

Save the Date: November 8, 2025





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411 Bernard Street, Los Angeles CA 90012

### Community Events

April 4, 2025 East Wind Foundation's Ching Ming documentary and discussion

April 5, 2025 CHSSC Ching Ming/Qingming grave cleaning at Evergreen Cemetery 10:00-noon

April 5, 2025 Riverside Ching Ming/Qingming: <http://www.saveourchinatown.org/>

July 2025 (3 dates) Sing Peak Pilgrimage backpack. Contact Dennis Arguelles: [darguelles@npca.org](mailto:darguelles@npca.org) for Southern Cal. or Paul Lee: [lee.paul4@gmail.com](mailto:lee.paul4@gmail.com) for Northern Cal.

Tentative Yosemite Pilgrimage date: September 2025. Contact Eugene Moy: [ewmoy49@gmail.com](mailto:ewmoy49@gmail.com)

Aug. 28-Sept. 2, 2025: 1885 Rock Springs (Wyoming) Massacre Commemoration.

<https://www.rockspringscommemoration.org/home>

Nov. 8 SAVE THE DATE - 50th Anniversary Celebration (details to come!)