

APRIL 2012

Digging in the Delta

The historical archaeology of the Isleton Chinese American community

Presentation by Kelly Fong

Wednesday, April 11, 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.*

This presentation will discuss Kelly Fong's ongoing doctoral research on the historical archaeology of the Chinese American community in Isleton, California. Isleton is one of the small rural towns in the Sacramento Delta that was, in its heyday, home to many Asian Americans who worked on the nearby farms, canneries, and local Chinese businesses. From an interdisciplinary perspective that draws upon Asian American Studies and historical archaeology, this project seeks to catch a glimpse into everyday life in Isleton between the late nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth century by focusing on excavated material culture, documentary research, and oral histories. Her project focuses on the historic Bing Kong Tong building, which was home to the Bing Kung Tong as well as the Chinese language school in Isleton. This presentation will examine Fong's research and sketch out future directions for her work and Asian American historical archaeology more broadly.





March CHSSC Presentation and Book Signing **Cantonese Yankee**



On March 7th *Cantonese Yankee* was presented by Louise Su Tang. *Cantonese Yankee* is the narrative of Kwong Bing Kong, or "Bing", a student sent by Imperial China to New England to study Western science and technology as part of the Chinese Educational Mission. One of 120 boys sent over between 1872-1881, the biography follows Bing and his years in America and his subsequent return to China as a modern mandarin. 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 research at the Yale University Archives and the Connecticut Historical Society.



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2012 Ch'ing Ming Festival



Saturday, April 7, 2012
11:00 A.M. to 1:00 p.m.

Evergreen Cemetery
204 N. Evergreen Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90033

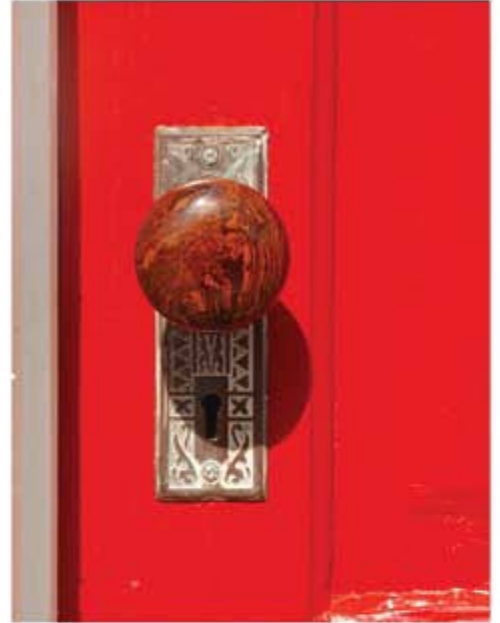
After entering Evergreen Cemetery proceed
to the far eastern end of the cemetery.

CHSSC will host Ch'ing Ming (Chinese Memorial Day) Festival at the historic Chinese Memorial Shrine at Evergreen Cemetery. The 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 for this culturally rich event.





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37th Annual Golden Spike Awards Dinner
Making A Difference - Our Community Leaders

Saturday, May 19, 2012 - 6:00 pm

Empress Pavilion Restaurant
988 North Hill Street #201
Los Angeles Chinatown, CA 90012

Recognizing:

Miranda Hoh	Margie Lew	Samuel Luk
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Community Calendar

Thursday, April 5, 2012 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION Chinese American Museum

at *El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument*

Four Chinese American architects featured in *Breaking Ground* leave behind a legacy of iconic buildings and landmarks. Beyond their memorable work, what inspired the person behind the ideas and designs. Join panelists Florida Cheung (Co-curator), Sue Fawn Chung, Ph.D. (Professor, Historian), John English (Architectural Historian), and Barton Choy, AIA (Architect) in a discussion about the lives and history of these architects, and the social, political and racial barriers they crossed to break new grounds in L.A.'s urban landscape. Featured architect, Gin D. Wong, FAIA, will be making a special appearance. To RSVP, call (213) 485.8567 or email RSVP@camla.org with the subject heading "Panel Discussion" by Tues., April 3, 2012

Saturday, April 7, 2012 - Free

Ch'ing Ming Festival 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Mon., April 30, 2012 China Society members \$17, guests: \$20

The China Society of Southern California meeting
Chinese in North America Before Columbus - Charlotte Rees
Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 N. Broadway, L.A. Chinatown,
Free valet parking available adjacent to restaurant, on the
downtown side of the building Please arrive between 6:00 P.M.
and 6:30 P.M. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. sharp
RSVP to marystrother0@gmail.com or (323) 257-9693

Wednesday, May 2, 2012 6:30 p.m. - Free

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May Chinese Historical Society of Southern California meeting
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