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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PROGRAM

UNWELCOME IN FREEDOM'S LAND

a lecture presentation by

Professor Gloria Lothrop

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Cal State University Northridge

Wednesday, March 1, 1995 @ 7:30 P.M.

Castelar School Multipurpose Room

(free parking on playground)

840 Yale Street, L.A. Chinatown

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Dr. Gloria Ricci Lothrop teaches the history of California and the American West at California State University, Northridge. She is also a specialist in American Women's history, the history of European minorities, and American Indian history. She has published several significant books and more than seventy journal articles and reviews. Her books include *Recollections of the Flathead Mission*; co-authored *California Women: A History*; co-edited *A Guide to the History of California*.

SCHOLARSHIP - CHSSC is again offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a worthy college student. The deadline has been extended to March 10th, 1995. Please have any full-time college student you know who is pursuing Chinese-American studies in the humanities or social sciences to contact Ella Quan (213 255-6487) for an application as soon as possible.

WORLD WAR II EXHIBIT - To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II and the gallant participation of Chinese American men and women in it, the Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History has prepared a traveling exhibit to be shown at certain banks in the Greater Los Angeles area during the Chinese New Year.

The historic display will first be shown as scheduled:

Cathay Bank, 777 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown

Thursday, February 16 to Friday, March 3

First Public Savings Bank, 757 W. Garvey Ave., Monterey Park

Saturday, March 4 to Friday, March 17

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The free public exhibit during bank hours is also co-sponsored by El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, and the individual banks offering the unique attraction.

The Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History was incorporated in 1989 to share with others the Chinese American experience in Los Angeles as a vital aspect of American society. Located at 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Suite 400, Los Angeles 90012, next to Olvera Street, it welcomes memberships from the public.

WORLD WAR II EXHIBIT PREVIEW - Over 50 people attended the preview of the World War II exhibit at the Cathay Bank in Los Angeles Chinatown on February 16. On hand for the viewing was Chi Mui representing Senator Polanco's office; Dan Louie, President of the Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History; Irvin Lai, President of CHSSC; Wilson Tang, President of Chinese Chamber of Commerce; Irwin Wong, Senior Vice-president of Cathay Bank; other Cathay Bank officials and many reporters from Community newspapers. Special appreciation goes to Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History, Suellen Cheng, Jerry Jann, Albert Lew, Jim Fong, Johnny Yee, Elmo Gambarana, Cathay Bank for the refreshments and facilities, and to all others who contributed their time in making the exhibit another memorable event. The exhibit has already been requested by one junior/middle school library and others. You will be kept informed as other exhibit locations are confirmed.

GRATITUDE TO THE LOS ANGELES CHINESE WOMEN JUNIORS for all their support. The Juniors have helped CHSSC in many of our projects. They were there at our Origins & Destination Conference at Cal State University at Los Angeles. They were at our Boutique at 411 Bernard Street--not only participating with a booth of their own, but also giving a helping hand to CHSSC members in setting up and cleaning up. They were at the February 18 Open House - Boutique again. Ladies, we really do appreciate your efforts at all the CHSSC events in which you have participated.

ALHAMBRA and SAN GABRIEL CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE held on February 4, 1995 brought attention once more to our Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. Through Johnny Yee's untiring efforts, Bill Yee, Margie Yee, Johnson Yee, Rosalyn Yee, Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Albert Lew, Margie Lew, Elmo Gambarana, Paul Chace, and Phyllis Chace all participated in the parade. Volunteers from Interact Club of San Gabriel and 12 Student Club members from the Alhambra School District helped round out the group. CHSSC won FIRST PLACE for its entry. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN GOLDEN DRAGON PARADE on February 18 was honored with W.W.II veterans in uniform.: Arthur Chan, Al Der, Johnny Yee, Al Lew, Robert Jung, Irvin Lai, James Bak Wong and James Gee. Riding in convertibles were veterans Allen Yee, Kim Suhr (nurse), Fred Gong and Frank Chee. As usual CHSSC members and their friends and relatives marched in mass with American flags in the parade.

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CHSSC GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

Johnny Yee and James Bak Wong were interviewed on KABC Radio on Saturday evening 8 - 9 p.m., February 11, concerning the Chinese American experience during World War II. James Bak Wong was our speaker at our November dinner.

Suellen Cheng, Jerry Jann and Albert Lew were interviewed by L.A. Times about the Chinese American veterans and the Chinese American experiences during World War II. Look for an article in the February 18, 19 paper.

Cy Wong was invited by L.A. Unified School Board member Barbara Boudreaux to make a presentation at their Board meeting on Thursday February 16. She said the Board was interested in knowing about some of the different activities in the community. Cy told them about the Chinese American experience during the war.

REFRESHMENTS - Thanks and appreciation to Lillian Fong, Elmo Gambarana, Ruth Lung, Sue Yee and Noel Toy Young for the delicious goodies at our February 1st regular meeting.

"TO LIVE" JOURNEY - Sixteen members journeyed out to the Laemmle motion picture theatre on Sunset and Crescent Heights Blvd. January 21 to catch the Chinese-made feature "To Live". It evoked many memories of life in the old homeland, the movie's locale. After the film, the exalted group split up to eat pizza or pasta, sushi, tacos, McDonald's or Hungarian dinner. They were reminded it didn't rain on their fun day.

"WOMAN WARRIOR" ENCOUNTER - Almost fifty members strode into the Ahmanson-Doolittle Theatre in Hollywood on February 10 to the premiere of the new play based on Maxine Hong Kingston's popular book, *The Woman Warrior*. About 25 of our group had just come from a satisfying dinner at a newly-found Chinese restaurant, The Sun Palace. The evening performance date happened to coincide with the A.P.A. Friends of the C.T.G. at the Music Center, so there was much joyous socializing during the intermissions. Our attendees urge others to go see the show. Another happy event for CHSSC is history.

WAYS & MEANS chairperson Elmo Gambarana is sending out the call: now that we've been to plays and movies, what activities should we plan for this Spring & Summer? Rummage Sale, picnic, food program, Easter boutique, etc.? Call or write him only if you can contribute to it. Everybody has ideas, but workers are needed for all successful projects. Elmo is at 3339 W. 27th Street, Los Angeles 90018.

"GUIDELINES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL RECORDS" by Teena Stern, published in our CHSSC Gum Saan Journal, June 1988 issue was reprinted by the Jewish Historical Society (JHS) for their members. The JHS presented a workshop on February 19, "Our Precious Legacy, What-Where-How to Preserve: A Workshop for the Jewish Community"

FREE Readers Digest Books. Do you enjoy reading *Readers Digest Books*? A carton full of them were uncovered in Dorothy Siu's house and are available free for any members who would like them. They're all new, many in Large Type print. Call Elmo Gambarana (213) 733-2927 to arrange for pickup.

"30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CENTINELA VALLEY-1965-'1995" written and published by Gladys Waddingham (CHSSC member) is now on sale for

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\$18, tax included, with all profits going to the Historical Society of Centinela Valley, 7634 Midfield, Westchester, CA 90045.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"THE LABYRINTH dance/performance piece is a portion of Pacific Rim artist Diana Wong's exhibition projection, "The Wonders of Heaven". March 4, 1995, 2:00 p.m. at the Armand Hammer Museum in Westwood.

UCLA ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER calendar of events:

March 5, 5-7 p.m. - "What Does Feminism Mean to Asian Pacific Americans", a panel discussion organized by the Asian American Studies Graduate Student Association. Call for event location (310) 206-9638.

March 7, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, "Orientalism in Postcolonial Asian American Studies: The Case of Maxine Hong Kingston's *Woman Warrior*."

10TH ANNUAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR sponsored by the California Genealogical Society will be held at the Fashion Center, 8th and Townsend Streets, San Francisco:

Friday, March 10, 1995 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 11, 1995 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\$18 - One Day

\$28 - Two Days

Call (415) 777-9936 (Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday) or Ella Quan (213) 255-6487

LOTUS FESTIVAL - 18th Annual Lotus Festival is scheduled for July 8 and 9 at Echo Park Lake. Free Admission, Free Shuttle from parking, Island Flower Show, Dragon Boat Races, Asian & Pacific Islander Foods, Arts & Crafts, Entertainment, and Boutique. CHSSC will participate this year again with an information booth.