



# NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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MAY 1996

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**CHSSC's HERITAGE & VISITORS CENTER**  
411 Bernard Street, Chinatown  
Saturday, June 1, 1996  
2:00 P.M.

**LIMITED FREE PARKING**  
with CHSSC validation  
N.W. corner of North Broadway & Bernard Street  
**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

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## GOLD MOUNTAIN FAMILY: DISCOVERING CHINESE AMERICAN ROOTS

Learn how to present/display precious photos and artifacts from your family's past. See the FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM OF CHINESE AMERICAN HISTORY display mounted by Suellen Cheng Kwok, Munson Kwok, Jerry Jann, and Elmo Gambarana. Suellen and Elmo will be there to explain their work and answer your questions.

### **BACKYARD PICNIC** **BRING FOOD TO SHARE**

Come and enjoy yourself, bring your friends and family. This will be our last regular meeting until September 4. Remember....no meeting in June & July.

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**NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS for the years 1996-1997 WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4th MEETING.**  
Please reserve Wednesday, Sept. 4th for this important meeting.

**1996 SPRING DINNER** chaired by **Jeffrey Tung** and his committee members was a huge success. 200 guests filled the room at the Empress Pavilion Restaurant on Friday, May 17, for a very impressive program. **Randall Bloch**, co-chair of the Shrine Committee presented a review of the progress of the Shrine to the completion of Phase I at the Evergreen Cemetery. Everyone was invited to see it first hand the next afternoon (Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. ) Phase II will begin soon with the help of some grant money from the Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Dept. and the generous donations of members and friends. **Loni Ding**, an independent filmmaker, presented the first show of a planned 4-part public television series called "Ancestors in America." **Asians in the Americas: Coolies, Sailors, Settlers** will be the lead-off program focusing on the Chinese migration to the Americas telling its story from points along the way as diverse as Guangdong village, a fishing community in India, and Filipino sailors in the bayous of Louisiana as early as the 1760s.

**Japanese Americans from 100th/442nd Veterans Association** and the **Military Intelligence Service of Southern California** filled two tables to honor Loni Ding whose films **Nisei Soldier** and **The Color of Honor** helped make history when they were shown to the United States Congress prior to the passage of the Japanese American redress bill.

**LOS ANGELES HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT #486** is the official name of the Chinese Shrine that CHSSC has preserved at the Evergreen Cemetery in Boyle Heights (1st and Evergreen Streets). Present to greet visitors were Randall Bloch, John Yee, Sue Yee, Elmo Gambarana, Lillian Fong, and Ella Quan. Members Jonathan Leung, Thomas Lo, and Susan Yamasaki came as well as several other visitors.

**CONNECTING OUR LIVES**. The Autry Museum of Western Heritage is proud to invite members of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California to an opening for the exhibit **Connecting Our Lives**, on June 14, 1996 at 10 am. This exhibit highlights personal and community history from a student perspective. Sponsored in part by AT&T, it was jointly produced by museum staff and by 5th graders from both Mt. Washington and Castelar elementary schools. While working on their own exhibit the students have been studying the multicultural history of the American West and examining their own connections to different cultures. We invite you to explore the gallery and discover what students today think about community and heritage. Please RSVP for the opening reception by June 7th to Betty Shermer, (213)667-2000, ext. 242. The Autry Museum is located at 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

**CHSSC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**. Miss Hong Au from El Cajon, Calif. was awarded \$1,000.00 as the winner of our CHSSC Scholarship at our May 4th meeting. In July 1995, she had won a \$1,000 scholarship to study in China. Miss Au is currently attending the University of California at San Diego and speaks Cantonese, Mandarin, and Vietnamese. She was founder and is the chairperson of the Chinese Students Organization on campus. She is also active in forming and helping Chinese American study groups and the Asian Marrow Donors program on campus. Her goal is to become a teacher and she also plans to do social work and psychological work in the community, with emphasis on helping Chinese students adjust to cultural differences between their home teaching and the community in which they live. Miss Au and her mother came by bus to receive the award.

Miss Au is CHSSC's 5th scholarship award recipient and we hope to continue this program as an annual event. This is subject to the availability of money, of course. So far, we have had three generous donors of \$1,000 each. Others have contributed smaller amounts which added up to \$1,000 for the other scholarships. If you are interested, please donate to CHSSC, specifying the Scholarship Fund as the recipient of your money.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to proud parents Dexter and Winnie Wong!! Their second child, Allison Kelly Wong, was born on May 12, 1996 --- 6 lbs. 10 ozs. Dexter and Winnie are both members of CHSSC and chaired the scholarship program for several years. **Welcome, Allison.**

**CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL PERFORMANCE at UCLA.** The UCLA Dept. of World Arts and Cultures (WAC) is pleased to announce the establishment of the Center for Intercultural Performance (CIP). The first project of the Center will involve artists from Asia, the Pacific, and the United States in a three-year program of inter-disciplinary cultural research and performance called the Asia Pacific Performance Exchange Program (APPEX). For information, call 310-206-1342.

**'GUM SAAN: LAND OF THE GOLDEN MOUNTAIN'** is an exhibit of artifacts, historical photographs and other documents exploring the presence and importance of the Chinese in the North California region. At the Grace Hudson Museum, 431 South Main Street, Ukiah. (707) 462-3370 through June 16. Then over to Chico Museum, 431 Salem St., Chico. (916)891-4336 from July through September.

**"GOLD MOUNTAIN FAMILIES: DISCOVERING CHINESE AMERICAN ROOTS"** is this year's traveling display from Friends of Museum of Chinese American History at El Pueblo. At the Chinatown Library display case and nearby, 536 W. College St., through June.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY DEBUTS.** The second volume of the Bibliography on Los Angeles, "Los Angeles and its Environs in the Twentieth Century," compiled and edited by Hynda L. Rudd, L.A. City archivist and Record Manager, is now in print and available for \$45. Coverage is only 1970 to 1990, but the tome is an inch and one half thick!!! This beautifully crafted book, published by L.A. City Historical Society, is a must for serious students of L.A. History. It is a must for members of CHSSC because almost every important reference generated by the Society is included: every book, every booklet, and most articles of the Gum Saan Journal. For a complete set, the first volume of references up to 1970 is still available. Call Munson or Suellen for purchasing information, (310) 645-1369.

**GREAT WALLS PROGRAM.** An anti-graffiti program for Chinatown is being undertaken by the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA) in cooperation with the Chinatown Community. Artists will be identified through this call for qualifications and a juried process. The CRA and Community will work with property owners in advance to gain access to endangered walls on their property. The artists will be under contract to the CRA. There will also be a three-party-letter agreement signed by the artist, the CRA, and the property owner.

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

Sunday, May 26  
Noon - 4 pm

**Open House**  
L.A.Chinatown Heritage & Visitors Center  
411 Bernard Street, L.A. Chinatown  
(213) 621-3171

Tuesday, May 28  
7:30 pm  
Community Hall/M.P.City Hall

**Monterey Park Historical Society**  
"Pasadena's renowned mansions on Orange Grove Blvd. by Cathy Brooks.

Wednesday, May 29  
5:30 p.m.

**Young Generation Asian Professionals (Ygap)**  
A "Symphony of Cultures"  
Bowers Museum of Cultural Art  
2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana  
Corner of 20th St. and Main St. off the 5 fwy.  
For information, call (714)567-3600 by May 25

May 30,31  
June 1,2,6-9,13-16  
8:30 p.m.

**25 PSYCHICS.** A humorous one woman show written and performed by Lauren Tom (Julie on "Friends" and Lena in "The Joy Luck Club") -- 10 or more, pay \$8 each. Highways Performance Space, 1651 -18th Street, Santa Monica. 213-660-8587 (10-7 daily)

- Saturday, June 1  
2 pm  
Last meeting of 1995-1996. (See first page.)  
Backyard Picnic and  
**"GOLD MOUNTAIN FAMILY: DISCOVERING  
CHINESE AMERICAN ROOTS"**, a display from  
Friends of Museum of Chinese American History.  
L.A.Chinatown Heritage & Visitors Center  
411 Bernard Street
- Sunday, June 9  
Noon to 3 pm  
\$7 per person  
**21st Annual Barbecue**, sponsored by Historical  
Society of Centinela Valley & City of Inglewood  
Centinela Adobe Complex  
7634 Midfield, Westchester  
For information, call 310-649-6272
- Friday, June 14  
10 a.m.  
**"Connecting Our Lives"** reception & viewing  
Autry Museum of Western Heritage  
4700 Western Heritage Way  
Griffith Park, Los Angeles  
Reply by June 7, 1996 (213-667-2000, x242)
- Thursday-Sunday  
June 20-23  
**Conference of Calif. Historical Societies**  
"Antelope Valley: Heritage of a Desert Frontier"  
Lancaster-headquarters at Essex House Hotel  
For information, call 818-792-1048
- Sunday  
June 23, July 28, Aug. 25  
Noon-4 pm  
**Open House**  
L.A. Chinatown Heritage & Visitors Center  
411 Bernard Street, L.A. Chinatown  
(213) 621-3171
- Friday, June 28  
6:30 pm  
**Chinatown Public Safety Association**  
14th Annual Awards Banquet  
(Munson Kwok & Kong Chow Benevolent Association  
are among the awardees)  
Empress Pavilion Restaurant  
RSVP by Tues. June 11- \$50 each

**NEWS 'n NOTES DEADLINE : All articles must be in to the P.O. Box by the 15th of the month to be considered in that month's News 'n Notes.**

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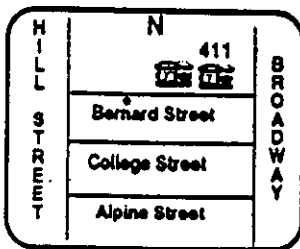
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# VISIT

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**OPEN 4TH SUNDAY EVERY MONTH**

**Noon - 4:00 PM**

***Free Admission***

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 Asian American history videos    Chinatown history slides  
 Resource books    Friendly docents    Local history exhibit