

NEWS & NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

appreciation of our chinese american heritage • a non-profit organization • 164 S. Hill Street • Los Angeles, ca. 90026

REGULAR MEETING

April 1985

DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 1985

TIME: 7:00 P.M. (Note: 7:00 P.M. time)

PLACE: Castelar School, Multi-Purpose Room

840 Yale Street

Los Angeles Chinatown

Park on school grounds. Enter from College between Hill & Yale.

SHORT AGENDA:

Chinatown Culture Center issue

Riverside Field Trip

Pacific Asia Museum and Garden Tour

LINKING OUR LIVES

Chinese Women of Los Angeles

BOOK PARTY

Jointly sponsored by
Friends of Chinatown Library and
Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

You and your friends are cordially invited to join
in the celebration and presentation of the Society's
first major publication. Authors

Lucie Cheng Suellen Cheng Judy Chu

Feelie Lee Marjorie Lee Susie Ling

are scheduled to appear to answer questions and to
autograph book copies. Judy Chu will present

"The Linking Our Lives"

slide show and short lecture with photos from the
So. Cal. Chinese American Oral History Project.

Copies of the book will be available.

Refreshments!!!

DON'T MISS THIS MILESTONE MEETING. BRING YOUR BOOKS
& MEET THE AUTHORS

**All bakers and cooks: Please bring your specialties and contact
Evelyn (213)726-1035.

MESSAGE

This month's Notes contains a lot of full page announcements. Please note them carefully. Our Big 10 Celebration is beginning. Our new book flyer is out, and each member is receiving one.

On a more serious side, the Society has firmly supported the concept of a Chinatown culture center as a focus for Chinese American heritage and culture, for lack of meeting and exhibit space. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has voted to rescind the proposal call for Lot 45, in which a culture center of 15000 square feet was stipulated. (Lot 45 is bordered by Alpine, New High, and Spring.) Lot 45 is the best chance to have a Center in the foreseeable future. Strong community protests have led the Supervisors to reexamine the matter within 45 days (around May 23). An emergency coalition has been formed to gather letters and petitions to the Board. I hope each member will help. Tell your friends, copy the petition form, fill them and return them to me. This is not just a matter for Chinese Americans or county citizens, but a matter for all Southern Californians. Please take a little time and spend a stamp. Thanks. (Munson Kwok)

MEMBERS

Thanks to Bob Large for helping a lot with selling our book at the OCAW Meeting Mar. 18. Chuck and Mary Yee presented "Our Forgotten Pioneers," the story of Lang Station to the Montebello Historical Society on April 18 with Chuck giving his usual memorable talk. Jane Chung has given the Society historical pictures of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance--just in time for the C.A.C.A. national convention in Los Angeles this summer. Thank you. Gerald Shue has been appointed Chair of the new Advisory Committee to the CHSSC Board. Membership of this committee will be all past presidents.

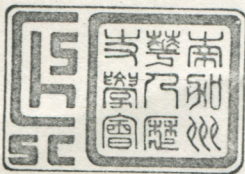
BIG 10

PACIFIC ASIA MUSEUM TOUR. A most unique event. Sushi lunch, a museum visit to see the painted snuff bottle exhibition. Many of these tiny bottles are painted from the INSIDE!!! Gilbert Leong will guide us through the museum grounds he created. See Calendar.

FASHION SHOW. We need costumes of the Chinese American from the bygone era. Men's, children's. Call Doreen Chan, 213-726-9064.

CALENDAR

- MAY 1. CHSSC PARTY. 7:00 P.M. Castelar
- MAY 5. Sunday. Heritage Week Arts and Crafts Faire. (CHSSC booth). Japanese American Culture Center. Little Tokyo. 11-6.
- MAY 10. Friday. Los Angeles City Heritage Week Dinner. \$30. Call M.Kwok (213-828-6911). Asian American Astronauts.
- MAY 16. CHSSC Board Meeting. Thursday 7:30 P.M. Castelar. All welcome.
- MAY 17. Friday. CPFA Dinner. Call M.Kwok, H.Quon (213-393-7339), S.Foo (213-640-6640 home, 213-660-9797 office.)
- MAY 18. **BIG 10 #1.** Saturday. Riverside Bus Tour. Call Eugene Moy (818-243-7601 home, 818-953-9582 office.)
- MAY 18. AHSLAC Meeting. Call M. Kwok or Gladys Waddingham.
- JUN 1. **BIG 10 #2.** Saturday. Pacific Asia Museum Lunch and Tour. Call Gilbert Leong (213-681-8056), Ev Cucchiarella (213-726-1035)
- JUN 5. Wednesday. CHSSC Regular Meeting. Prof. Ron Riddle "History of Chinese American Music"
- JUN 8. Saturday. China Society 50th Dinner.
- JUN 20. Thursday. CHSSC Board Meeting
- JUN 20-23. Conf. Cal. Hist. Soc. 31st Annual Meeting.
Long Beach. Registration \$12. +Tours/Dinners. (213-435-7311) or M.Kwok



10th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- May 18, 1985 Saturday ALL DAY FIELD TRIP TO RIVERSIDE
History symposium, Chinatown site organized by Eugene Moy.
- June 1 Saturday PACIFIC ASIA MUSEUM AND GARDEN TOUR
Architect Gilbert Leong will give a tour and relate history of its construction. No host lunch at Zen's (Los Robles and Colorado Blvd) \$3.95 Japanese buffet. Meet at 12:00 for lunch and the tour will begin at 1:30.
- July 27 Saturday CHINESE HISTORY IN AMERICA

SEARCH FOR L.A. CHINESE PHOTOS bring photos that depict the life, activities, sites of L.A. Chinese community from 1850-1950. Selected photos may be exhibited at the September meeting at Castelar. Paul Louie will organize both activities.
- August 2-9 Friday HAWAII
Al and Florence Lum have been working on this exciting trip to Oahu. Spend 7 days touring this island with the Lums and the Historical Society in Oahu. Limited to 30 individuals. Hotel and airfare approximately \$400.00.
- August 24 Saturday UNDERGROUND PASSAGEWAYS, VISIT THE FUTURE SITE OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM in El Pueblo State Park.
Suellen Kwok will conduct this tour which also includes viewing the Quan Dei Diety. (awesome!) Meet at the Firehouse at 10:00. After the tour, individuals may wish to have lunch on their own at one of the new seafood restaurants nearby.
- September 21 Saturday CHINESE FASHION SHOW
Historical period of men, women and children's dress. Luncheon will be at the Castaways, Burbank and will cost \$15.00. Doreen Chan Director and Barbara Jean Lee Fashion Consultant.
- October 19 Saturday FALL DINNER "C.H.S.S.C. 10 YEARS OF HISTORY MAKING."
Evy Cucchiarella Program Chair, Frank Kwan M. of C.

For additional information on all "10" activities, contact Evelyn Cucchiarella (213) 726-1035. Watch out for our "10" anniversary tee shirts!

EMERGENCY COALITION
CHINESE AMERICAN
CULTURAL and COMMUNITY CENTER
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOT 45

April 12, 1985

Dear Friends,

The Emergency Coalition for the Chinese American Cultural and Community Center on Chinatown County Lot 45 is an ad hoc committee now being formed. Some of its supporters include Howard Quon, Munsun Kwok, Robert Jung, Irving Lai, and Alvina Lew.

The emergency was created on Tuesday April 9, 1985 when the L.A. County Board of Supervisors voted to reject all responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for development of Lot 45. This RFP required a Cultural and Community Center. The Board then instructed its Chief Administrative office to prepare a new RFP.

The danger to Chinatown is that the new RFP may not require a cultural and community center. This omission will permit a developer to omit a cultural and community center.

Emergency action can persuade the County Board of Supervisors to include in the new RFP a "Chinese American Cultural and Community Center".

The Emergency Coalition urges you to:

- (1) Send individual, business and organizational letters to each supervisor. Mail copies to the Emergency Coalition office* for one massive collection.
- (2) Sign, pass, and collect signatures to the petition and return to the Emergency Coalition office for one massive presentation.
- (3) Mail copies and petitions to Coalition office* by May 15, 1985.

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Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

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* Society members please send to President Munson Kwok for delivery to Coalition office
1514 Princeton Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404

The Hice Lecture Series,

1985

Chinatown Symposium

The 1985 Hice Lecture Series of the Riverside Museum Associates, in conjunction with the Riverside Municipal Museum and funded in part by the California Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities, is sponsoring a special symposium to accompany the exhibit "From China to California: Riverside's Chinese Heritage 1885-1985."

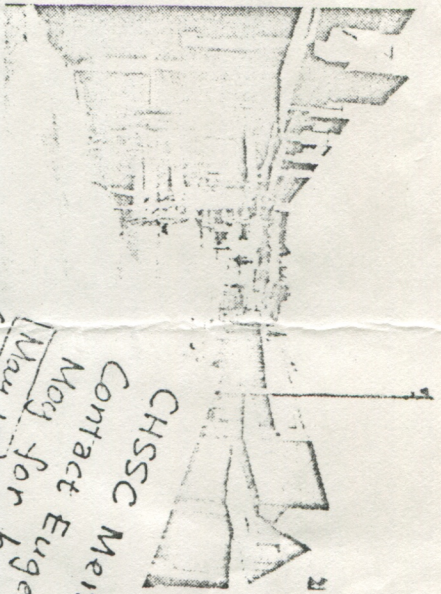
The current dig at Riverside's old Chinatown site, coupled with the scholarly work accompanying this exhibition, has produced exciting data on California's overseas Chinese that will be invaluable for future interpretive work by students of Chinese American history and culture.

Six participating scholars from the humanities will shed new light on the subject of the early Chinese migrant population in California and will analyze the bridge that formed from China to "Gold Mountain" in the nineteenth century.



The symposium will be held on Saturday, 18 May 1985 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Universalist Unitarian Church of Riverside at 11th and Lemon Street, Riverside.

Cost for the symposium including catered Chinese lunch is \$20.00.



CHSSC Members:
Contact Eugene.
May for bus info.
(818) 243-7601 (h)
(818) 953-9582 (co)

Symposium Participants

Lucie Cheng, Ph.D., Director of the Asian American Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles will focus on the origins of the migrants.

Harry Lawton, Administrative Analyst, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, University of California, Riverside will discuss the Chinese population in Riverside.

Kai Loo Huang, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Environmental Economics, University of Pennsylvania will discuss overseas Chinese remittance banking practices.

Edna Bonatch, Ph.D., Professor Sociology, University of California, Riverside will discuss demographic patterns of Riverside's Chinese population.

Paul Chace, Paul Chace and Associates, Archaeology and Historic Site Specialists, Escondido, will discuss Riverside's Chinatown Site.

Gloria Conick, The Tiraz Textile Collection, Los Angeles will focus on costume changes in Imperial China.

RIVERSIDE CHINATOWN TRIP

Itinerary:

- 7:30 am Bus leaves from Castelar.
- 9:30 am Attending Chinatown Symposium. Catered Chinese lunch will be served at noon.
- 3:45 pm Preview of the exhibit: "From China to California: Riverside's Chinese Heritage 1885-1985."
- 4:45 pm
- 5:15 pm Visiting Chinatown site.
- 6:00 pm Bus leaves Riverside.

Costs:
Bus: \$8.00 per person

Registration & lunch: \$20/person.

Total cost: \$28.00 per person.

Please make your check payable to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and mail it to:

Eugene W. Moy
Chairperson
Riverside Chinatown Trip
1550 N. Verdugo Rd. #11
Glendale, CA 91208.

Checks must be received by:
May 11, 1985

For more information please call Eugene Moy at (818) 243-7601 (h) (818) 953-9582 (w)

Promise to be a fun trip. Join us