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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 2, 1992 - 7:30 p.m.
Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles Chinatown

"SHADES OF L.A."

A SEARCH FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC ETHNIC HISTORY IN THE ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

Tonight's speaker is Carolyn Kozo, Senior Librarian at the Los Angeles Public Library, in charge of the photo collection of the library. Carolyn will give a presentation on "Shades of L.A."

"Shades of L.A." is a grass roots project sponsored by the Photo Friends of the Los Angeles Public Library, a non-profit support group funded by Sunlaw Cogeneration Partners I and Security Pacific Corporation. The project's mission is to copy photographs that represent ethnic life in Los Angeles from 1860 to 1960 and add them to the library's collection, which is available to the public.

This project began in October 1991 with the African-American community and continued in March 1992 to the Latino community. Because of its success, in October/November 1992 Photo Friends is planning to copy photos in the Asian/Pacific Islander American communities of Los Angeles. Volunteers will be needed to help locate and document these desperately needed photographs which provide the visual history of the contributions and social life of Asian/Pacific Islander Americans in Los Angeles.

Castelar School has been scheduled (10/24/92) as one of the site locations in which the community is invited to bring family albums and personal collections of historical value to be reviewed by trained volunteers and professional photographers will be on hand to copy these photos while the donors wait.

If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile project, be sure to note this program on your calendar and come with questions you might have for Carolyn. If you wish to contact Carolyn, her number is (213) 612-3316.

SOCIETY SETS DATE TO ACQUIRE 19TH CENTURY CHINESE BURIAL SHRINE - in mid-September, officers of CHSSC will formalize an agreement to acquire the 19th Century Los Angeles Chinese Cemetery Shrine (Los Angeles Historical/Cultural Monument No. 486) located at Evergreen Cemetery in Boyle Heights. CHSSC, Los Angeles Council members Richard Alatorre and Michael Woo, archaeologist Roberta Greenwood and others supported the nomination of the property as a city monument which was so designated on August 31, 1990. CHSSC plans to upgrade the immediate area around the monument and also to perform restorative work on the structures which were constructed in 1888. Please stay tuned for more details next month!

Soon approaching (August 28-30) is **CHINESE AMERICANS: "ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS"** - a conference on Chinese Americans to be held at California State University, Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032.

Parking is free Friday (after 3 p.m.) through Sunday. Registration starts Friday 4:00-7:30 p.m. Check in at Eagle's Landing (cafeteria). Reception is 5:00-7:00 p.m. Opening Plenary is 7:30-9:00 p.m. All sessions of the conference will take place in the Student Union on the 2nd/3rd floors except for the opening and closing sessions. Distribution of box lunches at Student Union on Saturday. Saturday buffet is 5:30-7:30 p.m. (cafeteria). No food at Sunday session.

Conference participants will be issued badges with color ribbons identifying their category of service. A walkie-talkie will be on hand at the Registration area, if needed.

(Note: For those of you planning to volunteer or participant at the conference, you need to register in advance. Registration fee is extra at the door.)

DETAILS ... AT CONFERENCE!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DONATIONS - CHSSC thanks Johnny Wong for his donation of \$15 at the Society's August picnic. Johnny is the surviving spouse of past member, Eleanor Wong. (Thank you, Uncle John!)

Many thanks to the volunteers who came out for the **LOTUS FESTIVAL** on Saturday and Sunday, July 11-12. Volunteers helped set up and decorate the booth, provide some of the needed supplies, cutting of the many pineapples, placing them on sticks, and selling them to the public. Special thanks to Bob Large, Society's Lotus Festival Chair, for his hard work, time, energy, and dedication. The following volunteers deserve a hand for working the booth either one or both days: Bob Large, Elmo Gambarana, Franklin Mah, Jim Fong, Sue Yee, Mary Yee and friend, Gene Moy, Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Doreen and Ben Nakayama, Cy Wong, Beverly Hom Tsao, Tom Eng, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Beverly and Carlos Picazo, Roselyn Chen, Johnson Yee, Bob Lee, Lillian Fong, and Don Loo. A special thanks to Angi Ma Wong for making the signs for our booth. Thank you, everyone, for your hard work, time, and effort.

CHSSC PICNIC was held August 1 at the Alhambra Park (C-1 area). As expected, the day was quite warm and some 60 of us seem to enjoy ourselves despite the heat. We had quite a variety of foods to sample, a little volleyball game on the go, the pool for those wishing to swim and stay cool, and the children's play area for the little ones to stay entertained. Those of us not wanting to get too much sun, managed to stay in the shade (where possible) and catch up on old times. It was a good time to share old stories as well as new ones. The highlight of the picnic was the delicious birthday cake. We couldn't pass up the opportunity to celebrate the first birthday of Melissa Quan who was born the next day after our picnic of last year. So we celebrated a wee bit early -- at the time, just 18 days to go! For those of you wondering who is Melissa, she's the granddaughter of Society members Harry and Ella Quan and the daughter of Richard and Virginia Quan. Special thanks to picnic coordinators, Gene and Susan Sing Moy, from booking the picnic site to arranging the many details involved with planning the picnic. Thank you for doing all the leg work! And a special "warm" thanks to all the cooks -- Cy Wong, Irvin Lai, and Alvin Wong -- who had to take shifts in the sun to barbecue the delicious chicken and sausages! Thank you to all those who came out and we hope to do it again next year, same time! Hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

THANKS TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CENTINELA VALLEY for announcing our Chinese American Studies Conference: Origins and Destinations.

CALENDAR

- August 28-30 "CHINESE AMERICANS: ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS",
National Chinese American Studies Conference -
California State University, Los Angeles.
- September 12 MOON FESTIVAL - 1:00-10:00 p.m., LA Chinatown.
Free admission to Chinese opera, classical music,
authentic dances, lantern making contest, face
painting, arts and crafts, storytelling, moon
poetry, Farmers' (Harvest) Market, workshops, mobile
telescopes, and Moonviewing ceremony (moon cakes and
tea will be served). Sponsored by the Chinese
Chamber of Commerce, Chinese Historical Society of
Southern California, and City of Los Angeles
Cultural Affairs Department.
Contact: Sue Yee (818) 799-8396.
- September 16 CHSSC BOARD MEETING - 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSSC Office,
969 North Broadway, Los Angeles. Parking is
available at Castelar School or Mandarin and Bamboo
Plazas.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Saturday, August 22 - CHILI VISIONS VI -- VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
ANNUAL FILM SCREENING AND CHILI COOK-OFF - Japan America Theatre,

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244 South San Pedro Street (between 2nd and 3rd Streets), L.A.,
(213) 680-3700 or Visual Communications (213) 680-4462.

4:30 p.m. - Chili cook-off and feed; 7:30 p.m. - Pioneering visions
film screening "The Kiss" - film directing debut of award-winning
playwright Philip Kan Gotanda, and other new film works. Cost:
Food & film (\$22), film only (\$7), children under 12 (\$12).

The proceeds of this event will go towards production and
programming activities which will continue the organization's
twenty-two year commitment to community development and the
building of positive and creative relationships between the diverse
communities of Los Angeles.

Friday-Sunday, August 28-30 - THE PEKING CIRCUS - Inglewood Forum.
For showtimes/tickets, call (213) 480-3232. Cost: \$8.00-\$14.00.
Witness the impossible!

Sunday, September 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m. - 1992 FIESTA at the Centinela
Adobe Complex, 7634 Midfield, Los Angeles (310) 649-6272. Free
admission. High School Alumni Center, dancing, historical exhibits
and demonstrations. Pinatas, tortillas, pan dulce, punch, coffee.
Wear costumes. Free parking; free tram to fiesta. Sponsored by
the Historical Society of Centinela Valley and Inglewood City
Department of Parks & Recreation.

Saturday, September 26 - Two tours sponsored by the Los Angeles
City Historical Society -- Tour #1 - Rosedale Cemetery, 1631 West
Washington Boulevard, LA (9:30 am-12:00 noon) and Tour #2 - Durfee
Estate, 2425 South Western Avenue, LA (11:00 am-1:15 pm). Tour #2
is self-guided tours of mansion. Bring lunch; picnic at your own
time. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Cost: \$5 per tour.
If interested, call (310) 831-1641 or (213) 936-2912.

Friday-Saturday, October 2-3 - ASIAN PACIFIC WOMEN'S NETWORK, LOS
ANGELES presents "Shaping our Future" National Conference at the
Miramar Sheraton Hotel, 101 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica.
Workshops, exhibits, and Woman Warrior Awards Dinner -- a
conference to bring greater awareness of Asian Pacific Women's
career, economic, health and family issues to help shape our
future. For info, contact Marcella Low (213) 244-2529 or
Nan Takeda (310) 782-1698.

Saturday, October 10 - Los Angeles City Historical Society invites
you to the JUBILEE OF THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS QUINCENTENARY:
1492-1992 AND THE 450TH ANNIVERSARY OF CABRILLO'S LANDING IN SAN
PEDRO - This is a joint celebration with the Los Angeles Maritime
Museum, San Pedro, and the California Hispanic Cultural Society.
Activities include: Harbor tour (10:30-11:30), picnic and
enactment of Cabrillo's 1542 Landing (11:45), lecture/reception
(3:00) - "Commemoration or Controversy: Columbus, 1992". Cost:
Harbor tour (\$5 adults, \$2 children under 12); box lunches (\$6.50),
lecture/reception (\$10). Check is payable to LACHS, P. O. Box
41046, Los Angeles, CA 90041. Questions: (310) 831-1641.

Saturday, November 14 - 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. - Los Angeles City Historical Society invites you to join in a history field trip "A Field Reconnaissance: San Buenaventura and Ojai". For info/cost: Jene McKnight (213) 292-7833.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION - "LAW AND DISORDER: PUBLIC POLICY AND CIVIL UNREST IN CALIFORNIA" - a special conference sponsored by the John Muir Center for Regional Studies (University of the Pacific, 46th Annual California History Institute, April 22-24, 1993). This conference is designed to address public policy and civil disorder in California, past and present, from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Two days of academic sessions, followed by a regional field trip are open to presenters, participants, students and general public who want to learn more about this important subject. The conference invites proposals on any aspect of this theme. Mail proposals for papers and sessions (along with a brief resume) to: CHI 93 Program Committee, c/o Professor John Phillips, Sociology/Anthropology Department, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA 95211 (209) 946-2930 or fax (209) 946-2596. Proposals are due November 15, 1992.

Items for News 'n Notes are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to: Bev Hom Tsao, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

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