



# NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Appreciation of our Chinese American heritage \* A non-profit organization \*

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## PROGRAM

### UNBOUND FEET: A SOCIAL HISTORY OF CHINESE WOMEN IN SAN FRANCISCO

by

JUDY YUNG

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1996

7:30 P.M.

CASTELAR SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
840 YALE STREET, LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN  
COLLEGE & HILL ST (Enter parking on College Street)

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Judy Yung is a second-generation Chinese American born and raised in San Francisco Chinatown. She worked as a librarian and journalist before receiving her Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies from U.C. Berkeley in 1990. Since then she has been teaching Asian American Studies at U.C. Santa Cruz. Yung is the co-author of Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants at Angel Island, 1910-1940 and author of Chinese Women of America: A Pictorial Exhibit. She has been an active member of the Chinese Historical Society of America since 1981 and a member of the Editorial Committee of Chinese America: History and Perspectives since 1987.

Judy Yung will arrange to bring some of her books with her. She will be available to sign the book and also to answer questions.

**Slightly belated, but still sincere wishes to everyone:**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR - January 1st**

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY - February 14th**

**HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR - February 19th**

**FUNDRAISER at WILDE THYME.** *Save the date----***APRIL 9th.**  
*Our second fundraiser at South Pasadena Wilde Thyme will be on Tuesday, April 9, from 3 - 9 p.m. Watch for the flyer. For info, call Sylvia Soo Hoo -- 213-221-5573.*

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH CHSSC TODAY.** *Look on your address label. This may be your last issue of the News 'n Notes unless you renew by March 6, regular meeting night. You still have time to join us with three big projects : World War II Project, Shrine Preservation Phase II, and the Visitors Center. Plus the meetings, dinners, field trips, special events, and publications. Remember, dues are the major income for keeping our administrative and project operations going. Help us keep the Society BIG, FAST, and the BEST. Don't forget to add \$5.00 for a subscription to the Gum Saan Journal.*

**CHSSC WISH LIST:**

- .showcases to display additional artifacts, documents, etc.
- .folding chairs and tables
- .volunteers to help at Open House, walking tours, boutiques, etc.

Call the CHSSC office phone and leave a message (213-621-3171) if you can help in any way.

**CHSSC's HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE** on Saturday February 17 was another success under the leadership of Doreen Nakayama and with the help of CHSSC volunteers and volunteers from the Omega Sigma Tau of UCLA, Pi Alpha Phi of UC Riverside, and Alpha Chi Phi from different universities. Thank you, one and all.

**CHSSC MEMBER, NORINE DRESSER.** is the author of five books, including two on multiculturalism. Her awareness of multiculturalism developed over 25 years of teaching at various colleges in the Los Angeles area and she wrote **MULTICULTURAL MANNERS** for ordinary Americans coping on an everyday basis with people unlike themselves. Book signing dates for this book are as follows:

Vroman's Pasadena, March 23 at 2 p.m.

Border's westwood, March 30 from 2-4 p.m.

**Multicultural Manners**, published by John Wiley & Sons, is in paperback and sells for \$14.95.

Norine Dresser also writes a column entitled "Multicultural Manners" appearing twice a month in the Los Angeles Times since November 1993.

**ANGI MA WONG** continues to get donations for the Society. This is her 7th year making presentations to the students and faculty at John Dye School. The school in turn donates money to CHSSC in her name. Thank you, Angi. The \$125.00 is put to good use.

**WONG WRITES FOREWORD FOR NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOK** - CHSSC past president and LIFE member Angi Ma Wong continues to keep herself busy. She has written the foreword for **Feng Shui: Arranging Your Home to Change Your Life**, a newly published book by Random House. Her own publications include **TARGET: The U.S. Asian Market, A Practical Guide to Doing Business**, Beatty Award nominee **Night of the Red Moon**, and **The Practical Feng shui Chart Kit**.

**CHSSC MAKES IT TO THE TOP** -This past year, CHSSC climbed to new peaks with CHSSC member and mountaineer Mary Moy. Mary is a hiking and backpacking enthusiast who discovered climbing Sierra peaks ten years ago and started registering CHSSC in the peakbaggers log located at the top of each mountain peak. This is a list where CHSSC is registered:

Florence Peak	12,432 ft.	9-10-95
Vandever Mountain	11,947 ft.	9-3-95
Falcon Peak	11,400 ft.	9-3-95
Boundary Peak(highest peak in Nevada)	13,140 ft.	8-12-95
Tulare Peak	11,588 ft.	10-10-94
Mt. Brewer	13,570 ft.	Sept. 1992
North Guard	13,327 ft.	Sept. 1992
White Mt. Peak	14,242 ft.	July 1990
Mt. Cotter	12,721 ft.	June 1988
Mt. Whitney	14,495 ft.	June 1986
(highest peak in continental U.S.)		

Thank you, **Mary Moy**, for putting CHSSC on the records.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION OPEN** - The Chinese Historical Society of America (CHSA), a non-profit organization, is searching for an executive director who can lead the organization through its next phase of institutional development of a National Museum and Learning Center. The salary range is \$35,000 to \$40,000 and is negotiable after the first year of service. Closing date for submission of letter of application and comprehensive vitae is Friday, March 29, 1996. The projected starting date for the position is summer of 1996. The "Mission of the CHSA " is to foster an understanding of the Chinese experience in America through research, documentation, interpretation, and education. For more info, write or call

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**MUSEUM OF CHINESE IN THE AMERICAS**, 70 Mulberry Street, New York had a special members' opening of their new permanent exhibit on January 28th. **Where is Home? Chinese in the Americas and a first look at the spectacular new galleries Billie Tsien has designed for MCA. Where is Home? is a milestone for this Museum and for the Chinese American community;** the exhibit weaves original documentation and personal and domestic artifacts with historical interpretation and artists' creations to fully explore the Chinese American experience.

**CBEST WORKSHOPS at CSULA** -CBEST is the required examination for teaching credentials in California, which consists of three parts, Reading, Writing, and Math. In March, April, and May, three classes will be offered each month on the mentioned three subjects. All classes are taught by university professors. Because space is limited, and it's first-come-first-served, call and make reservations as early as possible. Registration forms can be obtained by calling Dr. Lori Kim at 213-343-4442.

Session 1: March 2 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Session 2: April 6 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Session 3: May 4 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

### **COMING EVENTS**

Jan. 27- February

**CHINESE SEALS & CALLIGRAPHY** - China Society member, Tseng-Yao "Terry" Sun, will have a solo exhibition from his collection of traditional Chinese seals and calligraphy at the Malaga Cove Plaza Library, 2400 Via Campesina (at Via Corta) in Palos Verdes Estates. Recently retired, Mr. Sun has expanded on his late father's collection. For info, call 310-377-4607.

Wednesday  
Feb. 28-7:30 p.m.  
HSCV Heritage Center

**CALIFORNIA FUNICULAR RAILWAYS** - Joseph W. Campbell spent four years visiting all the funicular railways in the U.S.A. and found that California had more than any other state. We are very interested since Angel's Flight was so recently reinstalled in Los Angeles. He has written three books on the subject and will bring copies for sale. They are:

**Angels Flight - \$4.95**

**Professor Lowe & His Mountain Railway-\$5.50**

**California Funicular Railways - \$5.50**

Friday - Sunday  
March 1 -3, 1996

**CONFERENCE OF CALIF. HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, 1996**  
**SOUTHERN SYMPOSIUM** by Kern County Historical Society.  
For info, call 805-871-5119 or 818-792-1048.

Thursday  
March 14, 7:30 p.m.

**SAN MARINO FIGHTS WORLD WAR II** -Ken Veronda will take us back to the fascinating era of the 1940s. Admission free.  
Southwestern Academy, 2800 Monterey Road, San Marino.

Saturday and Sunday  
March 23-24, 1996

**BOK KAI FESTIVAL** - Mark the dates of March 23-24, 1996, on your calendar for the 1996 Bok Kai Festival. This traditional Marysville Chinese community celebration has been held since 1880. The festival events are a grand Saturday and Sunday party. We are looking forward again to having a Society delegation marching in the historic Bok Kai Parade on Saturday morning and enjoying the many other festivities. A local banquet dinner is planned. Members will assemble in Marysville, 45 miles north of Sacramento, on Saturday morning. Travel arrangements and motel reservations are best made individually. Johnny Yee will lead a side-trip to historic Chinese locations in the Mother Lode for those with an extra day or two for touring. Contact Paul Chace (619-743-8609) or Johnny Yee (818-572-0459) for more details.

Sunday  
March 24, 9-4 p.m.

**STONES FROM HEAVEN**

The Natural History Museum will host an exhibit on Ancient Chinese Jade opening March 3rd. The Education Division will be presenting an all-day symposium on Sunday, March 24th at the Jean Delacour Auditorium of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County at Exposition Park. Flyers will be available at the March 6 meeting.

Sunday  
March 24, 2 p.m.

**MARIE NORTHROP LECTURE SERIES:** Not in my Front Yard: Conflicts over Road Construction in Los Angeles, 1920-1940" by guest speaker Matthew W. Roth. For info, call 310-831-1641 or 213-936-2912.

Monday  
April 1

**KNOCK OFF BALANCE** will be read by Cherylene Lee, daughter of CHSSC member Holly Lee, at the Ivy Substation, 9070 Venice Blvd. "Doris is tired of hiring Elvis lookalikes for a living. Her Hong Kong namesake, cousin Doris, is looking for inroads to Hollywood. But they find there's more to success than swapping names, nationalities and designer labels. FREE but need reservations (310)284-9027.

Saturday & Sunday  
July 13 & 14

**19th ANNUAL LOTUS FESTIVAL** 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.

**CHINESE GOLD AT THE AUTRY MUSEUM OF WESTERN HERITAGE** - Director and independent film-maker Nancy Kelly has donated items from her 1991 movie, **Thousand Pieces of Gold**, to the Autry Museum of Western Heritage in Los Angeles. With a classic Western theme, the work is also the first popular American film to feature an Asian woman as the leading character. Lalu, a Chinese woman sold into slavery, survives, like many other Western characters, because of (and in spite of) her fierce independence. Delivered to an Idaho mining town in the 1880s, she is supposed to become a wife, barmaid, and prostitute. Lalu refuses, and thus begins her struggle to adapt to her strange, often violent and racist, new home. For further info, call Marva Felchlin, Research Librarian, Autry Museum of Western Heritage, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027-1462, (213) 667-2000 x323.

**THANK YOU** to the following for their special treats at the February meeting: Lillian Fong, Winifred Lew, Margie Lew, Ruth Lung, and Sylvia Soo Hoo.

**INFO WANTED ON DR. MARGARET CHUNG** - Stanford Ph.D. student Judy Wu seeks assistance for her dissertation research on Dr. Margaret Jessie Chung (1889 - 1959), reputedly the first Chinese American female doctor. Dr. Chung grew up in Southern California, working her way through medical school while also taking care of her ten younger siblings. She established one of the first Western medical clinics in San Francisco Chinatown in the early 1920s and helped found the Chinese Hospital. Interested at a young age in becoming a medical missionary in China, she eventually participated in patriotic activities to support the U.S. and China during World War II. She helped recruit aviators for the Flying Tigers, fundraised for the war effort, and served on the medical staff of the Disaster Relief Commission of the American National Red Cross. She also initiated the Waves Bill which advocated the formation of a female auxiliary for the U.S. Navy. Dr. Chung achieved some fame for becoming the adopted "mom" to a number of American aviators and navy personnel, who called themselves "Mom Chung's Fair-Haired Bastards." The group eventually grew to more than a thousand and included such famous individuals as General Claire L. Chennault, Ronald Reagan, and singer Sophie Tucker. If you have any information about Dr. Margaret Chung, her family or friends, please contact Judy Wu at the following: 3083 Alma, Palo Alto, CA 94306, (415) 857-0150, scoobywu@leland.Stanford.edu.

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

**NOTE: CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE IN MAY AND JUNE** . CHSSC is planning to hold the monthly meeting on Saturday, May 4 and Saturday, June 1 at 411 Bernard Street from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is to accommodate many of our members who cannot make weeknight meetings. It will also be a good chance for everyone to see the progress made at our Heritage and Visitors Center.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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☐ Please include me on the membership roster that will be available to members only.  
I am interested in helping with:  
☐ Programs ☐ Publications ☐ Research  
☐ Membership/Publicity ☐ Fundraising  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ GUM SAAN JOURNAL (2 issues annually).....\$5.00
- ☐ ACTIVE, annual..... \$ 25.00
- ☐ ADDITIONAL, annual..... 10.00  
(spouse, same household)
- ☐ CONTRIBUTING, annual..... 10.00  
(senior citizen over 60 years, student)
- ☐ INSTITUTIONAL, annual..... 50.00
- ☐ LIFE..... 300.00
- ☐ CORPORATE, annual ..... 100.00
- ☐ LIFE PATRON .....1,000.00
- ☐ DONATION: Please accept my tax-deductible donation(s) to the following fund(s)

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