



APRIL 2011



By Light of Lanterns

An Untold History of Monterey's Chinese Fishermen

Presented by
Geraldine Low-Sabado

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Castelar School

840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Free parking - enter via College Street

*The event is open and free to the public.
Refreshments will be served.*



Among the residents and visitors of the Monterey Bay Area, very few know of the vivid and multicultural history that has shaped the region. The story of the Chinese who pioneered commercial fishing, and who made enormous contributions to the economy of the Monterey Bay in the late 1800's and early 1900's, is largely unknown and untold.

Geraldine Low-Sabado, who is a direct descendent of the first Chinese fishermen, is one of the few left in the area who has a tie to these early immigrants. Now she is on a mission to learn about and make others aware of the amazing contributions her family and other Chinese made in shaping the Monterey Bay Area.

*Produced at Teledramatic Arts and Technology Department (TAT)
California State University, Monterey Bay.*

*To order the DVD "By Light of Lanterns – An Untold History of
Monterey's Chinese Fishermen" please email alumni@csumb.edu
or call 831-582-3595*

*Contact Geraldine Low-Sabado for more information via email at:
RSaturday@aol.com or call at (510) 378-0999*



Ch'ing Ming Ceremony



**You are invited to attend the Ch'ing Ming Ceremony
hosted by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
Saturday, April 2, 2011, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Los Angeles County Crematorium in Boyle Heights
3301 E. First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033

The festival is free and open to the public. A light lunch will be served.

The Ch'ing Ming festival is a traditional Chinese holiday that goes back several centuries. Families gather to honor their ancestors by sweeping their graves and making offerings such as food and paper money. It was believed that the ancestors' spirits have to be at peace and that the spirits of those who are not taken care of could cause trouble in the mortal world.

At this year's festival, there will be a Taoist ceremony to honor the ancestors at the cemetery. Also, the Taoist master will set up an altar for attendees to place the name of loved ones who may be buried at other locations, so that they could receive blessings.

A special performance by the children of the Mandarin Dual Language program of the City Terrace Elementary School will be followed by a short discussion on the meaning of Ch'ing Ming.

We will lay flowers at the graves of the recently reburied ancestors who were removed during the construction of the gold line metro rail.

After lunch those interested will walk over to the grave of Donaldina Cameron and help clean her plot. Ms. Cameron is credited with the rescuing of thousands of Asian women, who were either being held as domestic slaves and prostitutes back in the late 1890s and early 1900s. She maintained a women's shelter near San Francisco Chinatown where women could live and where they were taught basic skills.

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- 1) to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in southern California;
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CHSSC at 2011 History Day LA

On Saturday March 12, the CHSSC once again participated at the annual juried competition organized by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, held at Azusa Pacific University. Hundreds of students from elementary, middle, and high schools throughout Los Angeles County designed posters and displays, or presented stage performances, academic papers or video documentaries to roving panels of judges; winners in each category go on to statewide and national competitions.. This year's theme was "Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures & Consequences."

The L.A. competition is part of a national program led by the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF). CRF is a non-profit, non-partisan, community-based organization dedicated to educating America's young people about the importance of civic participation in a democratic society.

The CHSSC set up a display in the foyer of one of the main halls, joining other organizations that included the Arcadia Historical Society, the Autry National Center, the Wells Fargo Museum, and the Sons of the American Revolution.



CHSSC high school intern Denise Phung assisted board member Eugene Moy in assembling and presenting the materials. In addition to historical photos and CHSSC books was a small display of photo panels from the Portraits of Pride Book 1 project, and an order form and sample copy of the soon-to-be-available Portraits of Pride Book 2. We added a little technology with a 27" screen loaned by President Gordon Hom that continuously showed videos such as our Revisiting East Adams documentary.

Many students and their parents walked past and stopped to browse. One of the more impressive students we talked to was a young 4th grader from Santa Clarita who had prepared a poster about the Geary Act, the 1892 extension of the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act. She had research assistance from her father, a physician and an immigrant from Iraq, but it was obvious this young lady could discuss the subject at a high school if not college level.

Such experiences interacting with young people are truly inspiring and are motivation to return for more. There will be future opportunities for outreach such as this, and if you would like to be involved, please let us know!



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James "Jim" Yee

August 30, 1919 - March 7, 2011

Jim, age 91, was born and raised in Santa Barbara, California, as a second generation Chinese American. His father was a merchant and his mother a housewife. He had three brothers and a sister.

During WWII Jim proudly served in the China-Burma-India Theater with the 14th Air Force as part of the 407th Air Service Squadron, an all Chinese American unit.

On November 19, 1943, while on leave from the war, he married his love Lorraine Lee. Lorraine wrote a letter to Jim every day they were apart. They settled in Los Angeles in 1946 after he was honorably discharged.

Jim worked for the US Postal Service for over 30 years and retired as a supervisor in the Personnel Dept. Following his retirement, he worked for the US Postal Credit Union.

As a avid golfer, Jim won many tournaments as a member of the Los Angeles Chinese Golf Club. His grandchildren were his greatest source of joy and he happily watched them compete in school sports and intercollegiate athletics and was very proud of their academic accomplishments.

Jim lives on in the heart and mind of his loving wife of 67 years, Lorraine, and you can see glimpses of Jim and his great sense of humor in his children Lynette (aka "Day-Day" or "Boopsie") and the "Twins" Joni (Husband Ed, Melissa and Kyle) and Jonathan (Wife Shan and Kelvin).

Jim had a positive influence on everyone who knew him and he will profoundly missed.



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at 7 pm sharp - Cantonese Yankee By Louise Su Tang,

a family archivist and a political historian. Her family's singular

history opens a window on a forgotten moment of diplomacy

between U.S. and China. China Society of Southern California

meeting at the Golden Dragon Restaurant in Chinatown 960 N.

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Sunday, April 10, 2011 - 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Riverside Ch'ing Ming - Save Our Chinatown Committee

Olivewood Cemetery - 3300 Central Ave. Riverside, CA 92506

Come into the old part of the cemetery on the south side of

Central and park. The public may bring flowers, Chinese paper

money, incense, or fruit offerings.

Friday, April 29, 2011 - 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

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