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## In Search of Gold Mountain

*A History of the Chinese in San Diego, California*

Presented by Murray K. Lee

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Castelar Elementary 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.*

Come see a presentation from Murray K. Lee's recently published book, *In Search of Gold Mountain, A History of the Chinese in San Diego, California*, a selection of photos and maps to provide a summary of San Diego's Chinese origins, the fishermen, railroad and other construction workers, and activities. It shows the influence of Ah Quin, San Diego's most important entrepreneur and patriarch. It tells about the beginnings of Chinatown and the adjacent Stingaree District, the merchant partnerships, the first families, support organizations, celebrations, the boy scouts, and the impact of the Sino-Japanese war and World War II, and the effort in historic preservation. It answers the question of how the Chinese eventually found Gold Mountain after so many years of search and struggle.

Murray K. Lee is the Curator of Chinese American History at the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum. He has made presentations to local schools, colleges, and organizations and given papers at national conferences. He is the coordinator of the San Diego Chinese American Oral History Project.



## Nominations to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Board of Directors 2011-2012

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Pedro Chan  
Jenny Cho  
Henry Huang

Board members serve from July 1 to June 30.

The Board of Directors meet on the second Saturday of each month  
from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Board members have opportunities to  
serve on committees such as the Archive Committee, the Programs  
Committee, the Nomination Committee, the Outreach Committee,  
etc. Committees meet at various agreed upon dates and times.

Election will take place at the June 1st meeting at  
Castelar Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room.

\*We will accept nominations from the floor at the May meeting.

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## Mission Statement

The Chinese Historical Society  
of Southern California was  
organized in November 1975.  
The purposes of the Society are:  
1) to bring together people with  
a mutual interest in the important  
history and historical role of  
Chinese and Chinese Americans  
in southern California;  
2) to pursue, preserve and commu-  
nicate knowledge of this history; and  
3) to promote the heritage of the  
Chinese and Chinese American  
community in support of a better  
appreciation of the rich, multicultural  
society of the United States.





Chinese Historical Society  
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## 36th Annual Gala Dinner

### *New Roads Taken: Chinese American Pioneers*

Saturday, May 21, 2011 – 6:00 pm

**Empress Pavilion Restaurant**

988 North Hill Street #201

Los Angeles Chinatown, CA 90012

*Recognizing:*

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Stewart Kwoh**

**Rosana Hsu  
Colonel R. Mark Toy  
Tyrus Y. Wong**

**Frank Jao  
Sue Wong**

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# *New Roads Taken:* **Chinese American Pioneers**

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**Derek Chew**

The first Chinese American firefighter in Los Angeles. Ultimately became an Arson Investigator and conducted thousands of fire scene investigations, determining the origin and cause of fires. Firefighter Chew served honorably for 35 years.



**Rosana Hsu**

Founder and Principal Benefactor of the California Institute for Chinese Performing Arts. Every year, CICPA provides opportunities for performers from abroad to perform in the United States and generously donates all proceeds from these performances to charities.



**Frank Jao**

Mr. Jao fled Vietnam in 1975 and came to the United States; he took real estate classes and went on to found Bridgecreek Development, the largest real estate developer in the Vietnamese American enclave of Little Saigon in Orange County, California.



**Stewart Kwoh**

CEO and founder of Asian Pacific American Legal Center. Under Kwoh's leadership, the APALC has become the largest and most diverse legal assistance and civil rights organization supporting Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.



**Col. R. Mark Toy**

59th Commander of the Los Angeles District. He is the highest ranking Chinese American in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. As Commander and District Engineer, Colonel Toy leads 844 military and civilian personnel operating throughout a 226,000 square mile area of California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.



**Sue Wong**

World renowned fashion designer immigrated to the United States when she was six years old; her fashions have been worn by Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Biel, Tyra Banks, Vanessa Minnillo and many others.



**Tyrus Y. Wong**

Centenarian, incomparable painter, muralist, lithographer, film production illustrator and kitemaker. Established the look and style for Disney's classic *Bambi*. Wong later moved on to Warner Bros. Designed Christmas cards, illustrated books and numerous magazines. His work is still exhibited at museums and fine art galleries nationwide.

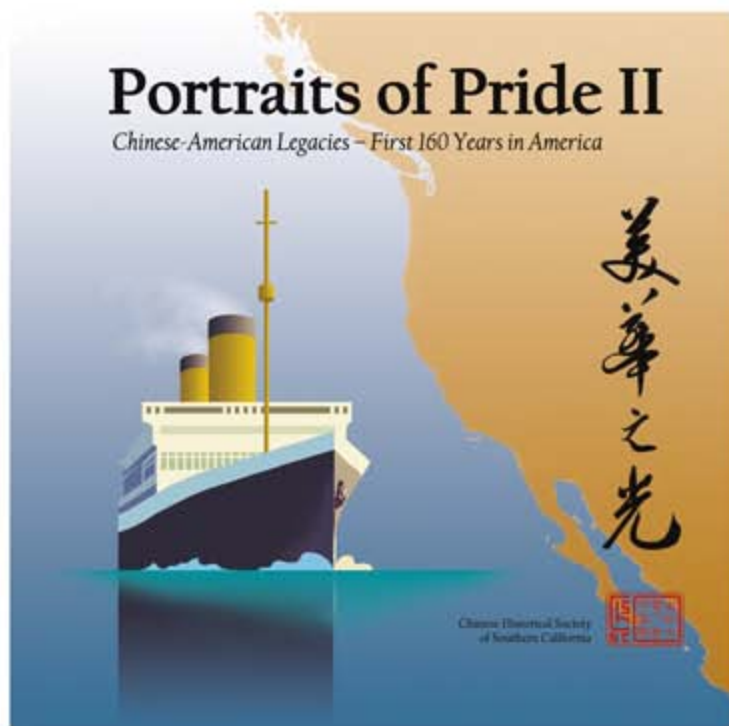
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on May 21, 2011*



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MAY 2011

## Portraits of Pride II: Chinese American Legacies - *First 160 Years in America* Grand Debut Edition Arrives in CHSSC's Offices

by Marian Chew and Randy Bloch

March 26, 2011 was a day of acknowledgment and victory for the Portraits of Pride II (PoP II) team and its friends. All available hands convened at the Society's Chinatown offices to meet, greet, and share the momentous event of the new book's arrival, and its upcoming, large-scale delivery scheduled for April first.

Reuniting with long-time friends dispelled a slight morning chill as PoP II Director and Editor-in-Chief L.P. Leung, and CHSSC President Gordon Hom, greeted guests, the Society's friends, and the PoP II team, many of them viewing the impressive publication for the first time.

L.P. Leung personally presented the book to the donors, supporters, and team members attending the March 26th event. He also thanked CHSSC's Board for their graciousness in giving the PoP II team the freedom to operate unfettered. The PoP II team appreciates Mr. Leung's great leadership.

We thank the following individuals for taking delivery of 305 cartons of the book (13 pallets) on March 31st and April 1st: Simon Chhuor, Fenton Eng, Gordon Hom, Michael Lew, Eugene Moy and Robert Verre. We could not have carried the seven tons of PoP II books into the 411 and 415 Bernard Street houses without your strong backs and minds!



## Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles

Author Jenny Cho will speak about her latest book. This publication features over 100 years of postcards depicting Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles.

Although designed for mass consumption, postcards are a vital means of preserving history.

Wednesday, May 11, 2011 7:00 pm

Katy Geissert Civic Center Library  
Community Meeting Room

3301 Torrance Blvd. Torrance, CA 90503

*Books will be available for Jenny to autograph  
after the presentation.*







MAY 2011

## Ch'ing Ming Ceremony

*hosted by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California*

The ceremony took place on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Los Angeles County Crematorium and Evergreen Cemetery. 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.

A special performance was made by the children of the Mandarin Dual Language program of the City Terrace Elementary School. Flowers were laid at the graves of the recently reburied ancestors who were removed during the construction of the gold line metro rail. Respects were also given at the grave of Donaldina Cameron.



Photos: O.C. Lee



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CHSSC attendees at the L.A. Chinatown Firecracker Run Honorary Dinner.

### 2011 Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Members and Donors (April 2011)

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Albert Chang, MD  
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### Community Calendar

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011. 6:30 pm - Free**

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<http://www.chssc.org>

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**Jenny Cho's "Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles"**  
Meet author Jenny Cho, as she depicts the history of LA Chinatown through the postcard images found in her book.  
Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. Torrance CA 90503

**Thursday, May 12, 2011. 7:00 pm - Free**

**THE KILLING OF A CHINESE COOKIE**  
A light-hearted documentary by Derek Shimoda on the origins and history of the ubiquitous fortune cookie.  
Cerritos Public Library 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA  
<http://menu.ci.cerritos.ca.us>

**Saturday, May 14, 2011. 2:00 pm - Free**

**Dr. Tritia Toyota discusses her book, "Envisioning America: New Chinese Americans and the Politics of Belonging"**  
Dr. Toyota is an Adjunct Professor in the Departments of Anthropology and Asian American Studies at UCLA and a former Emmy Award winning broadcast journalist.  
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**Saturday, May 14, 2011. 2:00 pm - Free**

**Walk of Remembrance: The Pacific Grove Chinese Fishing Village** - ... burned to the ground in May, 1906. Join Gerry Low-Sabado, a descendant of this village, and Mayor Carmelita Garcia to pay respects 105 years later. Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History 165 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove, Ca. 93950  
For information (831)-277-1091 or (510) 378-0999.

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**Sunday, May 22, 2PM - \$100 prior to 5/16 no tickets @ door**

**Honoring Nancy Kwan 50th Anniversary in Show Business**  
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AMC Theatre 14 in Monterey Park 450 N. Atlantic Boulevard,  
Banquet at Empress Harbor Restaurant 111 N. Atlantic Blvd.  
#350, Monterey Park, CA  
Contact: Cindy Yee (626) 300-0828 or [cyeexcel@charter.net](mailto:cyeexcel@charter.net)

**Thursday, May 26, 2011 / 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**"Carved in Silence Film Screening" and Discussion with Felicia Lowe - Chinese American Museum**  
Emmy-award winning filmmaker combines historical materials, oral history interviews, and dramatic re-creations in this film to tell the story of Angel Island Immigration Station and its debilitating impact on early Chinese immigration to America  
To RSVP call (213) 485-8567 or email [RSVP@camla.org](mailto:RSVP@camla.org)