

MAY 2012

Chinese in North America Before Christopher Columbus

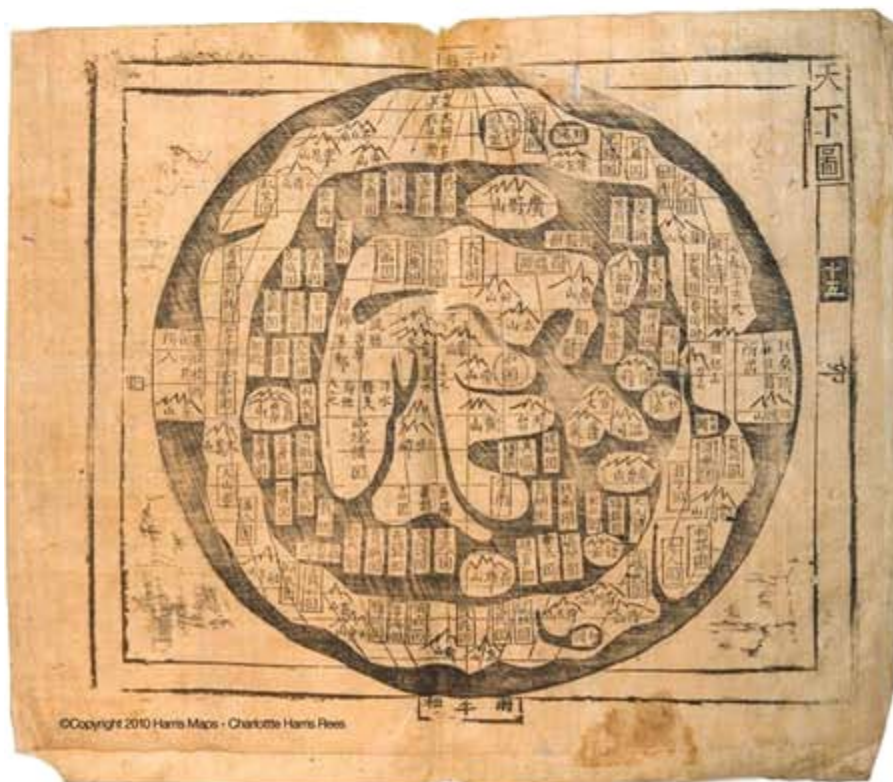
*Presentation by
Charlotte Rees*



Wednesday, May 2, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.

*Castelar School, 840 Yale Street,
Los Angeles Chinatown, CA 90012*

*Free parking - enter via College Street.
The event is free to the public. Refreshments will be served.*



In 1972 Charlotte Rees' late father Dr. Hendon M. Harris, Jr. made a startling discovery. While searching for Chinese collectibles he came across an ancient Asian map book containing a world map showing a land mass labeled "Fu Sang" to the east of China, land that we today call America. Based on a rare Asian maps collection, Charlotte will present her findings that Chinese had indeed traveled by sea to the Americas since 2000 BC.

Dr. Harris was a third generation missionary, born in Kaifeng, China to American parents. He learned both Chinese and English at a very early age. He was familiar with the Chinese classics which down through the centuries discussed Fu Sang in detail. Most Chinese today believe that Fu Sang was just myth, but was it?

Charlotte Harris Rees, author of *Secret Maps of the Ancient World* embarked on an exciting journey of discovery after finding out that her late father, Dr. Hendon Harris Jr. (the author of *The Asiatic Fathers of America*), had been right: the Chinese were in America thousands of years before Columbus. Charlotte's book lays out overwhelming evidence (including DNA tests) in support of her father's conclusions.



Nominations to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Board of Directors 2012-2013

The following have been nominated to the Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California Board of Directors of 2012-2013

Officers

President - Susan Dickson
Vice President - Eugene Moy
VP for Programs - Gordon Hom
Secretary - Donald Loo
Membership Sec. - (Open)*
Treasurer - Richard Liu

Members at Large for 2-year Term

Pedro Chan
Jenny Cho
Winifred Lew
Francine Redada
(Open)*
(Open)*

Members at Large returning for 2nd Year of 2-year Term (Not for Election)

John Jung
Steven Ng
Mei T. Ong
William Tong
William Yuen

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 6th 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 communi-
cate 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.

Making A Difference: Our Community Leaders



Miranda Hoh

Past board member of the L.A. Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Asian Youth Center, Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment(CAUSE), L.A. Chinese American Sheriff Advisory (LACASA) and is currently serving on the board of the Hong Kong Schools Alumni Federation.



Margie Lew

Charter Lifetime member and past board member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. Active member of the Friends of The Chinese American Museum. Chinatown Library and San Gabriel Presbyterian Church.



Samuel Luk

OCA-Greater L.A. Board of directors, V.P., President; OCA National, V.P. of Chapter Development, Secretary, Executive V.P.; LAMP Optimist Club President; Monterey Park Toastmaster Club, President. President of CUHKAASC (Chinese University of Hong Kong Alumni Association of Southern California)



Annie Siu

First Chinese American president of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce. Director positions on boards of United Way and West San Gabriel YMCA. First Chinese American president of the Soroptimist International Club of Alhambra-San Gabriel and San Marino.



Tim Siu

Past president of L.A. County Medical Association District 12, and the Chinese Physicians Society of So. California. Vice chairman of the board of directors of San Gabriel Valley Medical Center. Serves on the board of Chinese American Museum. He is a member of the Chinese American Citizen Alliance of L.A. Drs. Tim and Annie are life members of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.



Angi Ma Wong

Award-winning businesswoman and best-selling author who has received numerous honors and awards for her work and volunteerism. Active in Rotary International. Charter member and two-time past president of the CHSSC. Serves as a Board Member, Friends of the Banning Museum, and is a past Board member of the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce and Development Board of Torrance Memorial Medical Center. A 24-year, 5-time cancer survivor.



Winston Wu

The Grand V.P. of Planning on the national board of directors of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. Past president and board member of the Chinatown Public Safety Assoc. Served as the V.P. of the Chinese American Civil Rights Organization and currently board of directors for the Chinese American Education Association. Founding member of Asian Pacific Islanders Police Advisory Committee.

*Please join us in honoring our heroes
on May 19, 2012*



**Chinese Historical Society
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南加州華人歷史學會

37th Annual Golden Spike Awards Dinner



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Making A Difference - Our Community Leaders

Saturday, May 19, 2012 - 6:00 pm

Empress Pavilion Restaurant
988 North Hill Street #201
Los Angeles Chinatown, CA 90012

Recognizing:

Miranda Hoh

Margie Lew

Samuel Luk

Tim & Annie Siu

Angi Ma Wong

Winston Wu

Please reserve ___ tickets @ \$88 per person (members), ___ tickets @ \$125 per person (non-members), OR

I wish to be a:

☐ Jade Table Sponsor \$880*

☐ Gold Table Sponsor \$3,000

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☐ Silver Table Sponsor \$1,250

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☐ I/we will not be able to attend, but please accept my donation in the amount of \$ _____

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

VISA/MC Account # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Total Contribution \$ _____

RSVP by April 19, 2012 Remit form and submit payment to: CHSSC 411 Bernard Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Credit Card payment can be phoned in to 323-222-0856 or mailed to above address.

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax I.D. # 95-3155357

Workshop supported by the Friends of the Chinatown Library,
the Chinese Interest Group of the Southern California Genealogical Society, and
the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

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Writing Family Stories Workshop

*Would you like to preserve the stories you have uncovered while doing
research on your family's history and experiences?
Are you interested in writing your own life story for future generations?*

4 Saturdays: May 5 & May 19, June 2 & June 16, 2012 **Time:** 10 am to 1 pm

Location: Chinatown Branch, Los Angeles Public Library
639 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, tel. (213) 620-0925

Instructor: Judy Soo Hoo, MFA, Creative Writing, UC Riverside, and PEN Emerging Writing Fellow. Her play Taking Flight: The Katherine Cheung Story is part of the East West Players' Theatre for Youth Program in 2012.

Description of 4-Session Workshop: Through writing exercises in and out of class, you will gain some of the tools and skills to write interesting stories that future generations will want to read.

*Bring paper and pen, a notebook/ journal. If you write on a laptop, bring that to the workshop sessions.

Class One:

In-Class: Timeline exercise and Event Memory exercise. Discussion on sensory/concrete details.
Assignment to next class: Type out the timeline assignment or event memory exercise.

Class Two:

In Class: Finding/Mining your past and Food and Family exercise. Discussion on setting, place and tone.
Assignment for next class: Type out Finding/Mining your past or Food and Family

Class Three:

Read Finding/Mining the Past or Food Exercise.
In Class: Firsts exercise and/ or Big Day exercise. Discussion on Voice
Assignment for next class: Type out Firsts Exercise and/or Big Day Exercise

Class Four:

Read Firsts exercise and/or Big Day exercise
In Class: Digging deeper exercise or Past/Present exercise. Discussion on writing process/revision.
Next steps.

Space is limited to only 12 participants, register today.

To secure your space for the 4-session workshop, you must register prior to the first meeting.
Please register with Bo-Gay Tong Salvador at bosalvador@gmail.com or 310-339-0337 with your name, home mailing address, telephone # and email address. Registration is on a first-come, first served basis. Confirmation of your registration will be sent to your email address.



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2012 Ch'ing Ming Festival





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On April 7, 2012 CHSSC hosted Ch'ing Ming (Chinese Memorial Day) Festival at the historic Chinese Memorial Shrine at Evergreen Cemetery. The Shrine stands at the center of what was once a 19th century Chinese cemetery. Built in 1888 by the people of Los Angeles' Old Chinatown, the Shrine is considered the earliest extant Chinese structure in Los Angeles. Though few Chinese are still buried there, the site remains culturally and historically significant and has been designated Los Angeles Historic/Cultural Monument No. 486. It is owned and maintained by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.



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Community Calendar

Wednesday, May 2, 2012 6:30 p.m. - Free

Chinese in North America Before Columbus - Charlotte Rees
May Chinese Historical Society of Southern California meeting
Castelar Elementary School, multi-purpose room,
548 W. College St. Los Angeles, CA 90012
chssc@hotmail.com (323) 222-0856

Sunday, May 6, 2012

Portraits of Pride II Book Talk

Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library
318 S. Ramona Ave. Monterey Park, CA 91754 (626) 307-1368
montereyparklibrary.llwip.org/
chssc@hotmail.com phone 323-222-0856

Wednesday, May 9, 2012 noon to 1:20 pm

History of Chinese in the San Gabriel Valley

by Eugene Moy, President of the Chinese Historical Society of
Southern California, Pasadena City College - Creveling Lounge
(west end of PCC campus)
Public welcomed

Thursday, May 17, 2012 6:30 pm

Him Mark Lai: Autobiography of a Chinese American Historian

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Meeting will be held at Castelar Elementary School multi-
purpose room
548 W. College St. Los Angeles, CA 90012
chssc@hotmail.com phone 323-222-0856
free parking, enter via Yale Street admission is free and open to
the public, refreshments will be served

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"Making A Difference" Honoring our community leaders:
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Angi Ma Wong and Winston Wu.
Empress Pavillion 988 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
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Sunday, May 20, 2012 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

What You Do Not Know About Angel Island

Conversion and book signing with Dr. Judy Yung, professor
emerita in American studies at UCSanta Cruz and co-author of
Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America.
Autry Museum: Wells Fargo Theater, Griffith Park
Museum Admission Rates Apply / Free for Autry Members
For info 323.667.2000, ext. 252, or vservices@theautry.org.

Currently til Friday, May 25, 2012

'Round the Clock: Chinese American Artists Working in L.A.

Showcases the work of George Chann, Jake Lee, John Kwok,
Milton Quon, and Tyrus Wong, who employed their artistic abili-
ties in their professional lives while remaining true to their own
artistic pursuits in their personal lives. Featuring more than one
hundred works by these Los Angeles-based artists.

Curator and Project Manager, Sonia Mak is a Los Angeles-based
independent curator. She was a founding curator at the Chinese
American Museum,

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