

OCTOBER 2013

Collecting Chinese and Chinese American History in Los Angeles:

UCLA Library's Resources



Wednesday, October 2, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Free parking - enter via College Street

Refreshments will be served

This event is free and open to the public



Residents praying to save Old Chinatown Buddhist Temple
UCLA Archives

Staff from the UCLA Library will discuss the ways UCLA is working to document Chinese and Chinese American history in Los Angeles. They will present on the oral histories UCLA's Center for Oral History Research is collecting and on the holdings of UCLA's East Asian Library, which include letters, photographs, civil examination papers, and extensive holdings of rare genealogies and gazetteers.

Presenters include Susan Anderson, curator of the Collecting Los Angeles initiative; Teresa Barnett, head of the Center for Oral History Research; Su Chen, head of the East Asian Library; and Alex Cline, interviewer in Asian American history.



Castelar School 4th graders playing Chinese jump rope during picnic at Elysian Park in 1976
UCLA Archives



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Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Memorial Gate

Plans have been made for a Memorial Gate at the CHSSC headquarters at 411 and 415 Bernard Street. The design reflects the Victorian era of the buildings. The gate will serve as a security entry and replace an older chain-link fence and gate. Additionally, we will be repaving a section of the driveway with paver stones. The cost of this project is approximately \$20,000, and fundraising has already begun. To date, we have raised \$7,250. This project includes a memorial plaque to commemorate those that have contributed to the Society. If you would like to donate to the CHSSC Memorial Gate please contact the CHSSC office at (323) 222-0856 or chssc@hotmail.com.



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Mission Statement

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California was organized in November 1975. The purposes of the Society are:

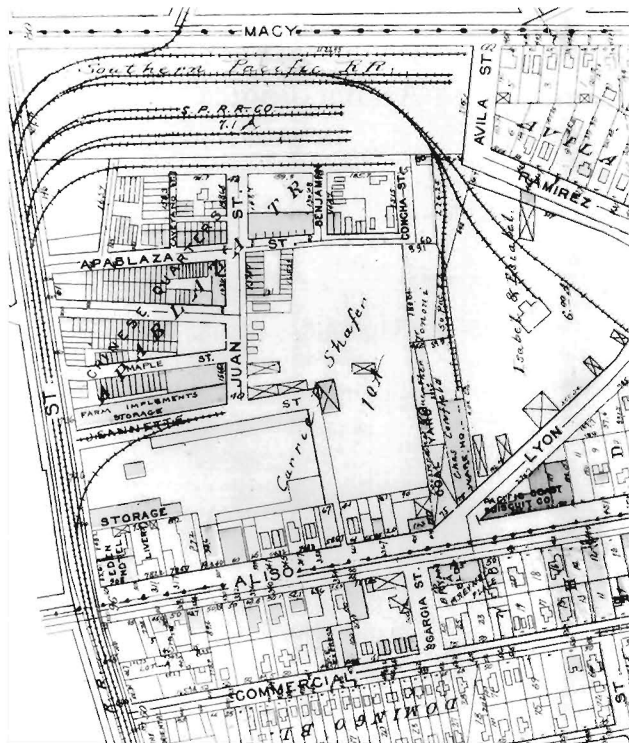
- 1) to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in southern California;
- 2) to pursue, preserve and communicate knowledge of this history; and
- 3) to promote the heritage of the Chinese and Chinese American community in support of a better appreciation of the rich, multicultural society of the United States.



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Old Chinatown in Los Angeles Photo: California Historical Society, University of Southern California, Special Collection



Chinese Quarters, Baists Real Estate Atlas Survey of Los Angeles

Remembering the Los Angeles Chinese Massacre of 1871

In Los Angeles on October 24, 1871, a mob of 500 local vigilantes publicly lynched and shot to death 18 Chinese men and boys in one of the most deadly incidents of racial violence ever recorded in the American West. In the late 1800s and 1900s, anti-Chinese sentiment spread across America and outbreaks of violence were recorded in Washington, Wyoming and Mexico against the Chinese.

The Chinese American Museum will host a discussion on October 24, 2013 to mark the 142nd year of the Chinese Massacre. The event will feature a short film from film-maker Valerie Soe and a discussion from Dr. Robert Romero. The Honorable Mike Eng will be the keynote speaker.

CHSSC is a sponsor of this event and it is open to the public.
Reserve your seat email: rsvp@camla.org

Thursday, October 24, 2013 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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425 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
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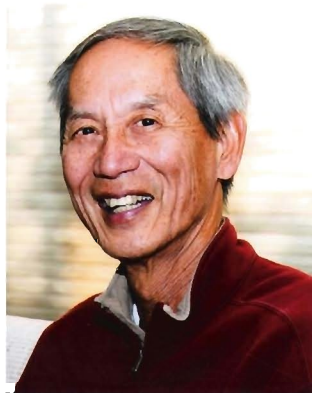
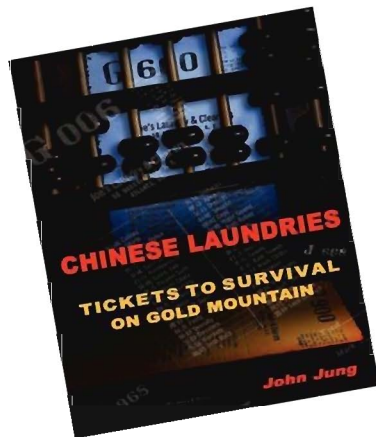
Chinese Laundries

Tickets to Survival on Gold Mountain

*Presentation by author and
CHSSC member John Jung*
October 19, 2013 2:00pm

The first Chinese laundry opened in San Francisco in 1851, and for over 100 years, all over America, Chinese laundries were an essential part of American communities. Yet the Chinese laundry worker endured incredible obstacles and hardships to build better lives for their families. Join us for a presentation and conversation with author John Jung.

Rosemead Library
8800 Valley Blvd.
Rosemead, CA 91770
(626) 573-5220
colapublib.org



Explore the Chinatown Library's Chinese Heritage Collection

The Chinese Family History Group of Southern California (CFHGSC) and the Friends of the Chinatown Library invite you to a meeting of the CFHGSC at the Chinatown Branch Library on Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. At the meeting, the Library's Chinese Heritage Collection (CHC) will be discussed and explored. Juliana Cheng, the first senior librarian at the Chinatown Branch who initiated the Chinese Heritage Collection, will be the featured speaker. William Chun-Hoon and Bo-Gay Tong Salvador will also discuss books and other resources found in this collection that may be helpful to those doing research on their Chinese family history. The CHC is designated by the Los Angeles City Public Library as the main

resource of books and material on China and the history and experience of Chinese in America. Most resources are available for loan to anyone with a Los Angeles City Public Library card. All are welcome to attend to learn about this unique collection.

Location: Chinatown Branch Library
639 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Parking: Available in adjacent lot or in metered parking on the streets surrounding the Library.

For further information, please email cfhgsc@gmail.com, or phone Bo-Gay Tong Salvador at (310) 339-0337.



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*Water to Paper,
Paint to Sky*

THE ART OF

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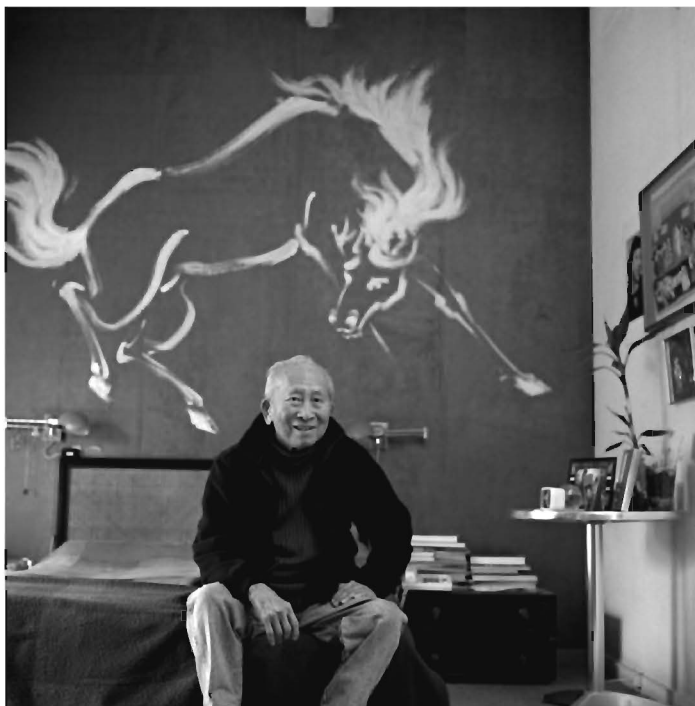
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Water to Paper, Paint to Sky: The Art of Tyrus Wong

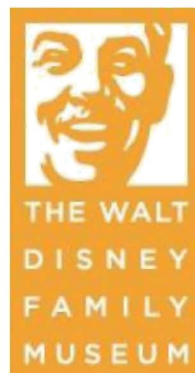
Now through February 3, 2014, The Walt Disney Family Museum will present the exhibition *Water to Paper, Paint to Sky: The Art of Tyrus Wong*. Organized by Michael Labrie, the museum's director of collections, the exhibition will focus on the life and work of Chinese-American artist Tyrus Wong—a celebrated painter, muralist, kite maker, lithographer, Hollywood sketch artist, calligrapher, ceramicist, and Disney Legend. At age 102, Wong is still a practicing artist today.

This retrospective features more than 150 works including paintings, sculptures, works on paper, painted scarves, kites, and more. Although he never met Walt Disney, it was the ethereal beauty of Wong's Eastern influenced paintings that caught Walt's eye and became the inspiration for the animated feature *Bambi*, which changed the way animation art was presented, and continues to be an inspiration to contemporary artists.

Tyrus Wong is a long time member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and was a 2011 CHSSC Golden Spike Award recipient.



Tyrus Wong at home in Sunland, CA 2004 Photo by Peter Brenner



The Walt Disney Family Museum
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The Presidio, San Francisco
San Francisco, CA 94129

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See more at: www.waltdisney.org



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Community Calendar

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 6:30 pm

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Teresa Barnett Department Head of UCLA Library Center for Oral History Research and her staff will present an overview of their program along with oral histories of 30+ years ago. They will also show other Chinese related items for review and discussion.

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chssc.org.blogspot.com

Monday, October 7, 2013

Steep in Culture by Linda Louie. Find out how tea and tea culture evolved through the passing of dynasties and how the same tea plant can produce thousands of variations of tea. Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 N. Broadway, LA Chinatown. Lecture is free @ 8:00 p.m.

Dinner is optional @ 6:30 p.m., \$20 for member of China Society, \$25 for non-members. Pay at the door.

RSVP at rsvp@chinasocietyofsocal.org
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Sunday, October 20, 2013 2:00 pm

**The Little Tokyo Historical Society presents
Dr. Hillary Jenks to discuss "Bronzeville."**

Did you know that when Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II, Little Tokyo became the home of African Americans because these new migrants could not find other housing? After the war, African Americans and Japanese Americans lived together until....

Far Bar (formerly Far East Cafe) at 347 East First Street in Little Tokyo/Bronzeville.

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Monday, October 28, 2013

Dragons, Snow Lions & Horses:

Saddle Rugs of China and Tibet with Drs. Koos de Jong.

From before the 5th century A.D., Mongolian, Chinese and Tibetan horses were ridden for speed and quick maneuvering in battle, as well as for crossing vast expanses of territory. This led to the development of lightweight and decorative saddle rugs. Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 N. Broadway, LA Chinatown. Lecture is free @ 8:00 p.m. Dinner is optional @ 6:30 p.m., \$20 for member of China Society, \$25 for non-members.

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