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## Once Upon a Time on Dragon Mountain

*The Legacy of Jeff Chan and the Immortals*

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 - 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.

From his days as a teen as Mr. Chinatown to the founding and success of the renowned lion dance troupe *the Immortals*, Jeff Chan will give us a glimpse into this unique and entertaining story.



Jeff Chan and the Immortals 1985



Mr. Chinatown U.S.A. 1958





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## Annual Golden Spike Awards to Recognize Military Heroes

Dedicating their lives to their country in times of conflict, exceptional Asian-American veterans who continued to devote their lives to community and public service are being honored by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) at the Annual Golden Spike Awards Dinner, Saturday, May 31, 2014, at the Hilton of Los Angeles/San Gabriel, 225 W. Valley Blvd., San Gabriel, CA 91776.

The Chinese Historical Society's selection of 2014 Golden Spike recipients recognizes the many distinguished and deserving veterans whose service to the country transitioned from armed combat to the battlefield of social justice, civil rights advocacy and economic empowerment. Honorees include World War II veterans Hayward L. Fong, Hiram W. Kwan and William Y.S. Tom; Korean War veteran Gerald L. Shue; and Vietnam War veteran Ben Nakayama. The American Legion Post 628, long known as the Chinatown Post, will be honored with an institutional Golden Spike Award for overseeing the welfare and advocating the concerns of active and retired servicemen and servicewomen.

Author Marjorie Lee, the Librarian and Reading Room Coordinator, UCLA Asian American Studies Center, will be recognized with a Golden Spike for editorial leadership in the assembly of the seminal publication *Duty and Honor: A Tribute to Chinese American World War II Veterans of Southern California*.

The annual event for the Chinese Historical Society helps to raise funds to continue its mission for increasing awareness of Chinese American heritage through public programs, education, preservation and research.

The Dinner and Awards Ceremony will begin at 6:00pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$100.00/members and \$135.00/non-members. Table sponsorships also are available.

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California is a 39-year old 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located at 411 Bernard St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. All contributions are tax deductible.

For more information on tickets, donations and sponsorship opportunities, please contact CHSSC administrator, Fenton Fong Eng, at 323-222-0856 or [chssc@hotmail.com](mailto:chssc@hotmail.com). For organization information, visit [www.chssc.org](http://www.chssc.org).



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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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# 2014 Ching Ming Festival

Los Angeles County Crematorium in Boyle Heights

3331 E. First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90063

Enter from First Street by Concord Street

This event is free and open to the public. A light lunch will be served.



Saturday, April 5, 2014

11:00 A.M. to 1:00 p.m.

CHSSC will host Ching Ming (Chinese Memorial Day) Festival. Ceremonies will begin at the Los Angeles County Crematorium and continue 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. 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. Please join us for this culturally rich event.



## *In Memoriam*

### Steve C. K. Liu M.D.

August 16, 1920 - February 5, 2014

Steve C. K. Liu, M.D., a distinguished and internationally recognized cardiologist who dedicated his life to the pursuit of excellence in medicine, died peacefully

in his home in Palos Verdes Estates, California, at the age of 93. He leaves an important legacy in the field of cardiology through his knowledge, skill and compassion for others. Steve was born in China to parents Bhuk Fun and Oi To Lau. After immigrating to the United States, Dr. Liu began his medical career in 1949 as a postgraduate physician and researcher in hematology at Stanford University. He went on to pioneer cardiac catheterization techniques at the University of Chicago School of Medicine and was codeveloper of an electronic device that was instrumental in the ability of cardiologists to record bilateral heart sounds and pressures. In Los Angeles, he was appointed the first chief of the division of cardiology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in 1958, later serving as a professor of medicine. In 1959, Dr. Liu affiliated with Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance, California, a relationship spanning 41 years. He served as director of cardiology from 1970 to 1988. Dr. Liu developed a research laboratory on the hospital campus, perfecting innovative cardiovascular techniques and training others in the art of catheterization. It was at Little Company of Mary Hospital

where his foresight, determination and leadership in the field of cardiology matched his faith and belief in the mission of the Little Company of Mary Sisters to "make visible the healing presence of Jesus." In 1975, Steve and his beloved wife Milly, also a physician, led a medical mercy team from Little Company of Mary Hospital to the Chinese mainland, significantly advancing cardiac care. Dr. Liu was not only generous with his time and talent as a physician and medical missionary; he was also generous with his treasure. In 2007, in recognition of his legacy in the field of cardiology, Little Company of Mary Hospital dedicated the Steve C. K. Liu, M.D., Cardiology Unit in the Hannon Tower. Steve is survived by his daughter Patricia, son Richard, daughter-in-law Cathy, grandson Jonathan and granddaughter Gloriana. His parents and his wife Milly preceded him in death. The family requests donations be made to:

Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation,  
Dr. Steve Liu Memorial Fund,  
4101 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503  
or online at [www.plcmfoundation.org](http://www.plcmfoundation.org)  
(contact: Marlene Young at 310.303.5344)  
or Bread of Life Church,  
2780 Lomita Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505  
(attention: Wilson Lee).

*Steve C.K. Liu was a life member and major donor  
of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.*





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## The Other Side: Chinese and Mexican Immigration to America

Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 2 pm

Dr. Shelley Fishkin, Co-Director of Stanford University's Chinese Railroad Workers in North America Project presents "Re-imagining America: Sites of Trauma and Possibility in Cultural Memory". How have Chinese American and Mexican American artists and writers re-imagined places and chapters of the past that are sites of haunting absence and ghostly presence in the cultural memory of their communities? This talk will examine how contemporary artists and writers have transformed the U.S.-Mexico Border and the landscape of the Transcontinental Railroad—iconic sites of violence, erasure and invisibility—into sites of creativity.

Now through July 20, 2014

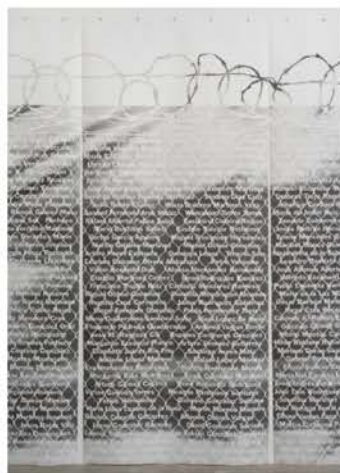
The exhibition presents a collection of visual narratives about the Chinese and Mexican immigrant experiences. Through the works of five contemporary artists, we explore the recurring issues of immigration, border relations and labor practices that have persisted throughout U.S. history and remain timely today. The selection of works demonstrates a range of different styles and references, spanning different historic periods, geographic locations, cultural influences and gender perspectives, bound together by the common threads of memory, history, identity and humanity. Artists featured include Zhi Lin, Hung Liu, Andrea Bowers, Tony de Los Reyes and Margarita Cabrera. Lecture: "Re-imagining America"

USC Pacific  
Asia Museum

46 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101  
626-449-2742 www.pacificasiamuseum.org



Hung Liu, *In the Garden 1*, 2005, Oil on canvas,  
Courtesy of the artist and Walter Maciel Gallery,  
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Andrea Bowers, *No Olvidado (Not Forgotten)*, no. 11, 2010,  
Graphite on paper, Courtesy of Susanne Vielmetter  
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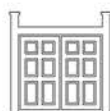
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Isobel & Chong Lew	Betty & Benjamin Yu
Winifred Lew	Ruth Seid Yue
Joe H. Lim	

## Building Railroads and Transplanting Chinese Food: Chinese Americans in 19th Century

Dr. Yong Chen, Professor of History,  
University of California, Irvine

Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 10 am

After exploring the experiences of Chinese Americans in the late 19th century, Professor Chen will focus on two seemingly disparate topics: Chinese participation in railroad construction and the development of Chinese food. Critical to the development of our rail transportation system, Chinese immigrants maintained a diet of Chinese food in the camps and, in doing so, helped facilitate the spread of Chinese food in this country. Chen is the author of *Chop Suey, USA: The Rise of Chinese Food in America*, and he co-curated *Have You Eaten Yet?: The Chinese Restaurant in America*, in New York and Philadelphia. He has also published numerous books and articles on diverse issues including race and immigration in America, Chinese American history, higher education and Sino-American relationships, and writes regularly in *World Journal*, the largest Chinese-language newspaper in the United States, on important issues in both America and China.



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**“ Put on some music from the 1930s and 1940s, start turning the pages of this remarkable volume, and step into the intoxicating and magical world of the Chinese American nightclub scene. Enjoy!”**

From the foreword by

LISA SEE

Bestselling author of *China Dolls*, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, and *Shanghai Girls*



# *Forbidden City, USA*

## **Chinese American Nightclubs, 1936-1970**

***Forbidden City, USA*** captures the magic and glamour of the Chinese American nightclub scene, which peaked in San Francisco during World War II. Previously unpublished personal stories, along with over four hundred stunning images and rare artifacts, are presented in this sexy and insightful chronicle of Asian American performers who defied racial and cultural barriers to pursue their showbiz dreams.

It was the mid-1930s: Prohibition was repealed and the Great Depression was waning. With a global conflict on the rise, people were out to drink, dine, dance, and see a show to forget their woes—and what a surprise for the world to behold an emerging generation of Chinese American entertainers commanding the stage in their own nightclubs. *Forbidden City, USA* reveals the sassy, daring, and sometimes heartbreaking memories of the dancers, singers, and producers who lived this story, and it weaves in a fascinating collection of photos, postcards, menus, programs, and yes, even souvenir chopsticks. Together they recreate a forgotten era, treating readers to a dazzling night on the town.

***Forbidden City, USA*** is the culmination of filmmaker and writer Arthur Dong's nearly thirty-year devotion to the topic, originally inspired by the author's research for his documentary of the same name.

216 pages, 8.25" x 10.75," paperback, \$29.95

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## Community Calendar

**Wednesday, April 2, 2014 6:30 pm**

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**Saturday, April 5, 2014**

### **Ching Ming Festival at Evergreen Cemetery**

Join members and friends of CHSSC to remember those who have left us. Experience the History, Celebration, Remembrance, Turkey Jook, Dim Sum and Roast Pig  
[www.evergreen-losangeles.com](http://www.evergreen-losangeles.com)  
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[chsscorg.blogspot.com/](http://chsscorg.blogspot.com/)

**Saturday, April 19, 2014 6:00pm**

### **South Pasadena Chinese American Club**

#### **25th Anniversary Dinner Dance**

NBC Seafood 464 S. Atlantic Blvd., Monterey Park, CA 91754  
[spcc91030@gmail.com](mailto:spcc91030@gmail.com)

**Sunday, April 27, 2014 11:00 am to 4:00 pm**

### **Los Angeles Heritage Day**

L.A. Heritage Day brings together over 200 heritage organizations including CHSSC from across LA to share Los Angeles and Southern California history through exhibit, booths, tours, seven museums, childrens activities, presentations, giveaways, food, and other activities.

El Pueblo Historical Monument, Home of Olvera Street  
(Downtown LA)

424 N Main Street, Los Angeles, 90012, Los Angeles, 90012  
[www.facebook.com/LosAngelesHeritage](http://www.facebook.com/LosAngelesHeritage)

**Wednesday, May, 7 2014 6:30 pm Free**

### **Anna May Wong - Frosted Yellow Willows:**

#### **Her Life, Times & Legend**

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**Saturday, May 10, 2014**

### **145th Anniversary of the Golden Spike Ceremony**

Board members of CAMLA, CACA & CHS of Southern CA, have agreed to charter a bus from LA to Golden Spike National Park Historic Site leaving Friday, May 9th to arrive Sat. May 10th for the 145th anniversary. OCA Salt Lake City chapter has ID'd, Viet, Thai & Japanese American local Buddhist priests to conduct a memorial ceremony about 1.5 miles away (from Golden Spike) at the Chinese Arch. Site of the last Chinese labor camp. Additional information and details will be announced shortly. Please contact [chssc@hotmail.com](mailto:chssc@hotmail.com).

## Save The Date

**Saturday, May 31, 2014**

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

2014 Golden Spike Awards

Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel

225 West Valley Boulevard, San Gabriel, CA 91776

**We are seeking donations for our silent auction.**