

NEWS'N NOTES



**Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California**

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MARCH 2014



Chinese and Asian Americans in Conservation, Past and Present

Speakers:

Sheng-Cheng Koo,

Angeles National Forest Registered Ranger

and co-founder of the Chinese Hiking Club,

Mark Masaoka,

A3PCON Policy Director,

San Gabriel Mountains Forever Coordinating Committee

and Jack Shu.

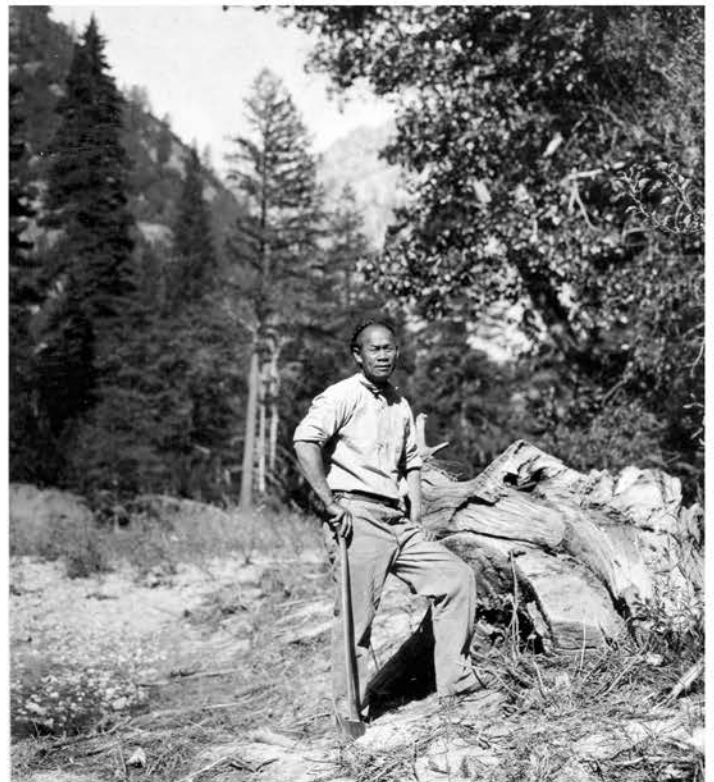
Wednesday, March 5, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

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.



Discussion will include the upcoming Sing Peak Pilgrimage, Yosemite July 25-28, 2014. Sing Peak was named after a staff cook with the U.S. Geological Survey in 1899. The pilgrimage will highlight the contributions of Chinese Americans in the history of Yosemite National Park.



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 exemplifies the many distinguished and deserving veterans whose service to the country transitioned from 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 W.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 fundraising event for the Chinese Historical Society's 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 \$125.00/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 415 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. For organization information, visit 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.



2014 Irwin R. Lai Memorial Scholarship

CHSSC is proud to announce the 2014 Irwin R. Lai Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship includes two \$1000 awards: one for an undergraduate student currently enrolled in a 2- or 4-year institution in Southern California and majoring or taking coursework in Chinese or Asian American Studies; and one for a currently enrolled graduate student pursuing thesis or dissertation research related to Chinese Americans in Southern California. The deadline for scholarship applications is 4:00 PM on Friday, March 14, 2014. Awards will be announced at the May monthly meeting. Please visit www.chssc.org for more information and instructions on how to apply or email CHSSC Scholarship Committee contact Kelly Fong at kelfong@ucla.edu.

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Criteria for Scholarship:

1. Minimum Eligibility:

- Undergraduate students currently enrolled in a 2- or 4-year institution in Southern California and majoring or taking course work in Chinese or Asian American Studies;
- Graduate students currently enrolled and actively pursuing thesis or dissertation research related to Chinese Americans in Southern California

2. Complete application packet, electronically submitted as a PDF to chssc scholarship@gmail.com by 4:00 PM on Friday, March 14, 2014

- a) Scholarship Application Form
- b) Copy of all post-high school transcripts.
Scanned copies are acceptable.
- c) Personal essay, approximately 600 to 700 words, that discusses your work on Chinese American history or in the Chinese American community
- d) Research paper, approximately 1000 to 3000 words, illustrating your research on Chinese/Asian American Studies. Paper can be original work or previously submitted for a class.
- e) One letter of recommendation from professor or work supervisor

3. Finalists MUST be available for interview on Sunday, April 13, 2014, at CHSSC in Los Angeles' Chinatown (travel expenses to be paid by students).

All applications must include the following information

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name.
2. Graduate or Undergraduate student.
3. Current Academic Institution.
4. Current Address.
5. Current Phone Numbers.
6. Current Email.
(Students will be contacted via email, unless student requests otherwise.)
7. Permanent Home Address.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

8. History of High School/Colleges/Universities Attended.
9. Major(s)/Minor(s).
10. Units Completed for Current Degree.
11. Current Overall GPA.
12. Courses pending and currently enrolled in.
13. List courses you have taken that are relevant to Chinese/Asian American studies. List your grades for each of these courses.
14. Expected Degree and Date of Graduation.
15. What are your educational plans for the near future?

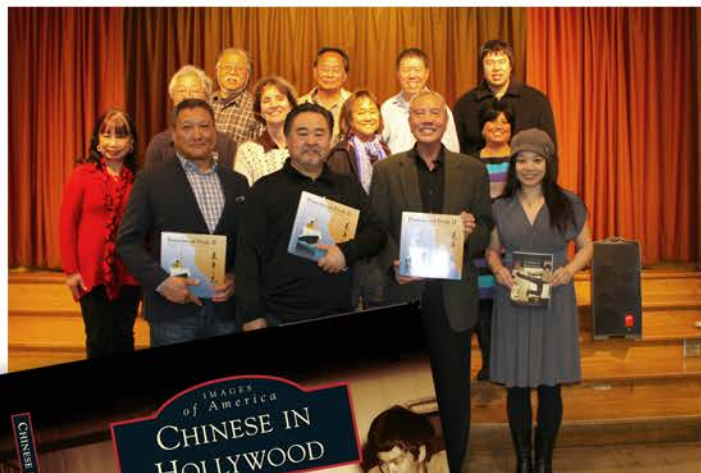
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

16. Please list organizations you are active with, offices held, awards received, and other relevant information.
17. (Optional) Please share any interesting information including financial status, special talents, general background, special needs, etc.



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Chinese in Hollywood *by Jenny Cho*



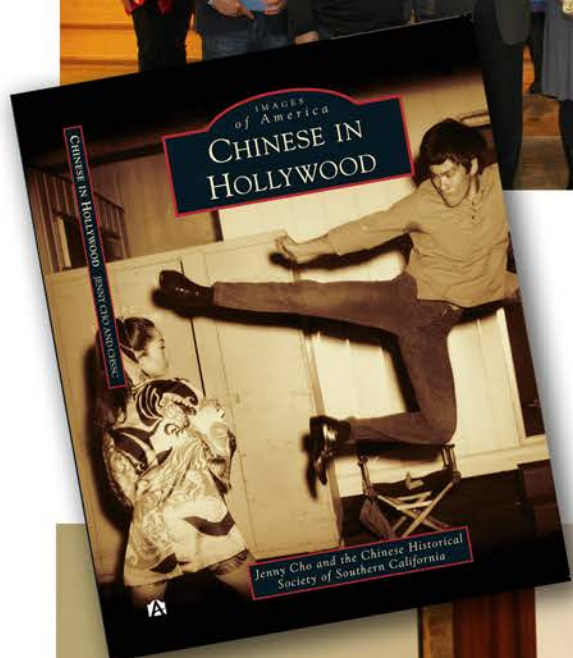
On February 5, 2014, CHSSC hosted a book talk and panel discussion on "*Chinese in Hollywood*" at Castelar School. Actors Keone Young, Jack Ong, and Kelvin Han Yee discussed their experiences in Hollywood and answered questions from the audience. It was a full event with a book signing afterwards.

As the author of *Chinese in Hollywood*, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this book possible through their support, preorders, and donations. Without the support of the CHSSC board, staff, members, friends, and general community, this book would never have been completed. I would especially like to thank all who donated to the Indiegogo campaign.

Thank you to Jack Ong for his donation, editorial input, use of photos, and overall support of this book. Jack went above and beyond in reaching out to his network for this project and I am truly grateful to him.

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Special thanks goes to the Ephemera Society of America for awarding the annual 2013 Jones Fellowship to CHSSC. ESA sponsored a book signing at the 2014 Antiquarian Book Fair at the Pasadena Convention Center.





So many people contributed to this book in a myriad of ways. I would like acknowledge the Indiegogo donors and friends whose financial contributions made all the difference:

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My eternal gratitude to David Wells and the invaluable resource of his blog: <http://softfilm.blogspot.com>.

(If anyone was left out of these acknowledgements, please email me at chinesehistoricalsociety@gmail.com and you will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.)

In Memoriam

Calvin Nee Woo

July 4, 1927 - February 12, 2014



People often say that Calvin was the nicest man they knew. His kindness and his friendly smile touched the lives of those around him. His legacy of generosity and compassion will live on through his loving wife Betty; his children Karen, Michael, Donald, Jeanette, and Sharon; his sons-in-law Mark and John; his daughters-in-law Eva and Becky; and his grandchildren Jennifer, Krystal, Braille, Bryan, Lauren, Rynne, Adam, Kaitlyn, Sydney, Sarah, and Abby.

Calvin Woo was a long time member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. His family states that memorial donations may be made in his memory to CHSSC.

Yee Wong Yem Sue

August 1, 1918 - February 7, 2014

Born in Toisan, Guangdong Province of China. She spent her teenage years in war-torn China. In 1938, she married Yick On Yee. Her cherished privilege was becoming a U.S. citizen in 1959. She and her husband spent their career in the laundry business, often working 12-hour days, 6-days a week, year-after-year. After raising a family and providing for their college education, she and her husband retired in 1971 and lived in South Pasadena.

Yee Wong Yem Sue is survived by Helen and Darryl Quon (daughter and son-in-law), Jennifer and Tim Eng (granddaughter and grandson-in-law), Leslie Quon (granddaughter); Henry and Mary Lam-Yee (son and daughter-in-law), Jennifer and Angela Li (granddaughters); William and Carol Yee (son and daughter-in-law), David and Christina Yee (grandson and granddaughter). Yee Wong Yem Sue was the mother of Helen Quon, Secretary and Board Member of CHSSC. Her family states that memorial donations may be made in her memory to CHSSC.



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Community Calendar

Monday, March 3, 6:00 check in, 7:00 dinner, 8:00 lecture

China Society of Southern California presents

Film Making in China and Hollywood By Janet Yang

Ms Yang will speak about the exploding film industry in China, and its relationship with Hollywood, and her specific experiences and insights in making movies between the two places.

\$20 Members, \$25 non-members

Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 N. Broadway, LA Chinatown

rsvp@chinasocietyofsocal.org or 310-454-3621

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 6:30 pm

Chinese Americans & Asian Americans in Conservation Past

& Present Speakers: Sheng-Cheng Koo - Registered volunteer Ranger with Angeles National Forest, CHSSC on Sing Peak Pilgrimage, Yosemite; Mark Masaoka, A3PCON Policy Director San Gabriel Mountains Forever Coordinating Committee

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Tuesday, March 18, 2014 7:00 pm

Never a Burnt Bridge by Sylvia Minnick

The Chinese American Museum, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, Friends of the Chinatown Library, CHSSC and Chinese American Citizens Alliance present community activist and author, Sylvia Minnick. Abandoned as an infant and raised as a refugee in Japanese-occupied Malaya during World War II, *Never a Burnt Bridge* is a memoir of humility, humor and pluck. Reserve your seat by email rsvp@camla.org

Chinese American Museum

425 N. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles, CA

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Ching Ming 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

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Sunday, April 14, 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

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Save The Date

Saturday, May 31, 2014

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Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel

225 West Valley Boulevard, San Gabriel, CA 91776

We are seeking donations for our silent auction.