



## Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

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MAY 2014

# Anna May Wong ~ Frosted Yellow Willows: Her Life, Times and Legend

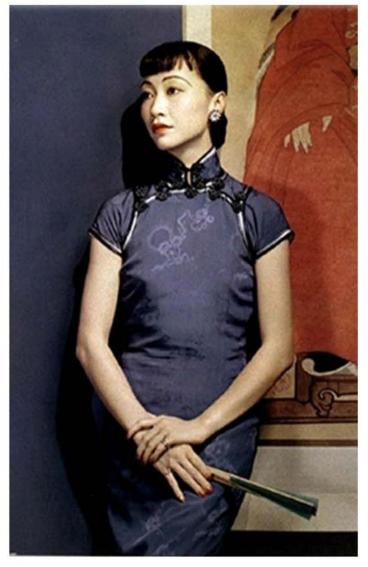


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Wednesday, May 7, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

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.

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) will be screening "Anna May Wong ~ Frosted Yellow Willows: Her Life, Times and Legend" (2007) narrated by Nancy Kwan. It is the first biographical documentary film on the first Asian American actress to achieve international and Hollywood stardom both in silent and early talking films. This Anna May Wong (1905-1961) 10-year in-the-making documentary film has screened and premiered in Pordenone, Italy; London, England; Glasgow, Scotland; Melbourne, Australia as well as major cities within the United States and in England. It aired on TCM (Turner Classic Movies) in 2008. Producer/director Elaine Mae Woo will be present.



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#### **MAY 2014**

## Nominations to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Board of Directors 2014-2015

The following have been nominated to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Board of Directors of 2014-2015

## Officers

President - Don Loo Vice President - Winifred Lew VP for Programs - Susan Dickson Secretary - Helen Quon Membership Sec. - Kelly Fong Treasurer - Richard Liu

#### Members at Large for 2-year Term

Gilbert Hom Gordon Hom Clement Lai Shirley Chu Ng Eugene W. Moy

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

Rick Eng Mei T. Ong

Board members serve from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. 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 4, 2014 meeting at Castelar Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room. \*We will accept nominations from the floor at the May meeting.

## **Board of Directors**

#### Officers

Susan Dickson, President Eugene W. Moy, Vice President Gordon Hom, VP for Programs Helen Quon, Secretary Kelly Fong, Membership Sec. Richard Liu, Treasurer

## **Members at Large**

Su Chen Jenny Cho Rick Eng Clement Lai Winifred Lew Donald Loo Steven Ng Mei T. Ong Francine Redada William Yuen

## **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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## Annual Golden Spike Awards Dinner Honoring Heroes Abroad, Heroes at Home

Saturday, May 31, 2014 – 6:00 pm Hilton Los Angeles – San Gabriel Hotel 225 West Valley Boulevard San Gabriel, CA 91776

Recognizing:

Hayward L. Fong Marjorie Lee Gerald L. Shue Hiram W. Kwan Benjamin Nakayama William Y.S. Tom

**American Legion Chinatown Post 628** 

Please reserve tickets	@ \$100 per person (memb	ers), tickets @	\$135 per pe	rson (non-men	nbers), OR	
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RSVP by May 20th, 2014 **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

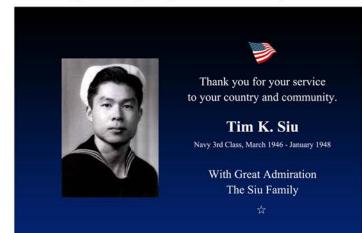


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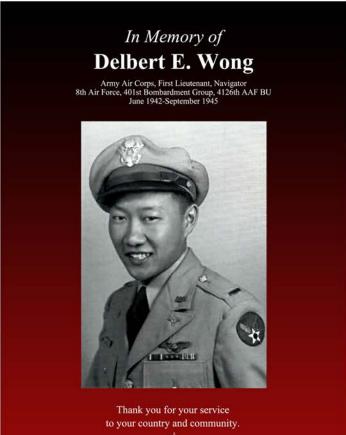
## Veteran Recognition Plaques Let You Personally Honor Your Heroes Abroad, Heroes at Home

The Society is offering the opportunity for you to honor a veteran by ordering a Veteran Recognition Plaque to be featured in the Annual Golden Spike Awards Dinner program booklet. Pictured are examples of full page and half page Veteran Recognition Plaques. If you would like to congratulate one or more of the Golden Spike recipients or recognize a family member or friend who served our country in uniform, please contact the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California at chssc@hotmail.com, or at (323) 222-0856.

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☆ The Wong Family

## Irvin R. Lai Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to the 2014 Irvin R. Lai Memorial Scholarship winners

> M. Rosalind Sagara and Rachel Chuen.



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## **Once Upon a Time on Dragon Mountain**

On Wednesday, April 2, 2014, the monthly CHSSC meeting took place at Castelar school. Guest speaker Jeff Chan reflected on his life jouney from his days as a teen as Mr. Chinatown to the founding and success of the reknowned lion dance troupe *the Immortals*. The presentation gave us a colorful glimpse into this unique and entertaining story. Much of his story is chronicled in Jeff Chan's book Once Upon a Time on Dragon Mountain.





## **2014 Ching Ming Festival**

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, the CHSSC hosted the annual Ching Ming (Chinese Memorial Day) Festival. Ceremonies took place at the Los Angeles County Crematorium and continued 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.









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#### Community Calendar

#### Wednesday, May, 7 2014 6:30 pm Free Anna May Wong - Frosted Yellow Willows: Her Life, Times & Legend

Screening of the first biographical documentary film on the first Asian American actress to achieve international and Hollywood stardom both in silent and early talking films. Castelar Elementary School 840 Yale St. L.A., CA 90012 Free Parking – enter via College Street www.chssc.org www.facebook.com/groups/chssc chsscorg.blogspot.com/

#### Saturday, May 10, 2014

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

Commemorative trip 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 arranged for 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.

Sunday, May 18, 2014 1:30pm Chinese in Hollywood Book Talk and Signing with author Jenny Cho Chinese Community Church in DC Chinatown 500 I Street NW Washington, DC 20001 Free and open to the public.

#### Saturday, May 31, 2014 Chinese Historical Society of Southern California 2014 Golden Spike Awards

Honoring Heroes Abroad, Heroes at Home: Hayward L. Fong, Hiram W. Kwan, Marjorie Lee, Benjamin Nakayama, Gerald L. Shue, William Y.S. Tom, and the American Legion Chinatown Post 628. Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel 225 West Valley Boulevard, San Gabriel, CA 91776

#### Wednesday, June 4, 2014 Forbidden City, USA: Chinese American Nightclubs, 1936-1970 - book talk and signing.

Arthur Dong's new book, is a fascinating look at the Chinese American nightclub scene, which peaked in San Francisco during World War II. Castelar Elementary School 840 Yale St. L.A., CA 90012 Free Parking – enter via College Street www.chssc.org www.facebook.com/groups/chssc chsscorg.blogspot.com

## **Save The Dates**

#### Friday July 25, 2014 - Monday July 28, 2014 Pilgrimage to Sing Peak, Yosemite National Park

Join us for programs about Chinese Americans in Yosemite during the upcoming anniversaries for Yosemite Park and the National Park Service.