

JULY 2015

Wawona Sing Peak Pilgrimage:

*Commemorating the Contributions of Chinese Americans
in Yosemite National Park and the Sierras*

July 24, 2015 - July 28, 2015



Photo: YH Shuai



Tie Sing, a 21-year veteran cook of the U.S. Geological Survey, Yosemite National Park 1909.
Photo Source: U. S. Geological Survey Photographic Library.

Join us for our 3rd annual Wawona and Sing Peak Pilgrimage sponsored by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California working with Yosemite National Park.

It's been 100 years since Tie Sing cooked for the famous Mather Mountain Party. This group of influential men advocated for the formation of the National Park Service. The group was organized by Steven Mather, known as the founder of the National Park Service and its first Director. For two weeks, Chef Sing cooked extraordinary meals for the party as they explored the Sierra Nevada mountain range. By all accounts of the trip, Sing's meals were one of the best parts of the experience which gave birth to what many have said was the best idea America ever had – establishing the National Park Service.

This Following is the event itinerary for the Pilgrimage, including a potluck dinner hosted by the CHSSC and Yosemite:

- Friday, July 24th, 1:30 - 4:00 P.M. Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Tioga Road's ownership by the NPS. This road was originally completed by Chinese road builders in 1883 and dedicated to the Park in 1915. A Ranger will lead a walk on its fascinating history, starting at the Tioga Lake pullout which has a restroom and information kiosk about half a mile east of the Tioga Pass entrance station to Yosemite National Park.
- Saturday, July 25, 1:00P.M. - 3:00P.M. We are inviting people to portray Tie Sing and dress as he may have 100 years ago as in the photo of him above taken in 1909 (from USGS photo library). Participants should be familiar with his life and will walk around the Historic Area of Wawona while in character and converse with the public.
6:00PM – 8:00 P.M. Pot luck dinner at the Community Center in Wawona
- Sunday, July 26 –Tuesday, July 28 Backpacking trip to Sing Peak, summiting on the 27th.

If you are interested in any of these programs and for more instructions for the Tie Sing portrayers or for the backpacking trip, contact: Jack Shu at jkshu@cox.net or the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California at chssc@hotmail.com. To participate in the potluck please go to the following link for further instructions: <https://eventbrite.com/event/17179917596/>



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Making the Great Transition: Presentation by John Chen

In our last general meeting until September, we were honored to have speaker John Chen who shared his experience in documenting his family history. Chen, whose family is Protestant, tied in important events that introduced Christianity to the Chinese, such as the Taiping Rebellion, to his own families' journey as Christians from China to America. We hope that Dr. Chen's family research will encourage people to search for their own family histories and share them. If you missed this meeting, you can still see the Dr. Chen's family journey chronicled on display at Cal State LA's Kennedy Library, titled "Ties that Bind: A Transnational Family from China to the U.S."

To end the evening, the new board members for 2015-2016 were sworn in by former board member Ben Nakayama. Stayed tuned for upcoming summer events, and we hope to see you all at Castelar elementary again in September!



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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.



Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California

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1975-2015

The 40th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 17, 2015 – 6:00 pm

Hilton Los Angeles-San Gabriel Hotel
225 West Valley Boulevard
San Gabriel, CA 91776

Founded in November of 1975, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California has been at the forefront of Chinese American historical preservation and raising awareness of this history for the past forty years. Twenty years ago, we acquired the two Victorian era cottages which serve as our permanent location. This year, we are celebrating the fortieth anniversary of our organization and the twentieth anniversary of our headquarters. This is a momentous time for us, for we have accomplished much in promoting L.A. Chinatown, Chinese American culture, and historical sites. We are actively working to fulfill the vision laid out by our founding members, and we invite all of you to attend our fundraising dinner on October 17, 2015 at the Hilton Los Angeles-San Gabriel Hotel to celebrate all the accomplishments and milestones we have achieved, and to honor our founding members.

At the dinner, we will be honoring the three founders of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California: Paul DeFalla, Paul Louie, and William Mason, and 106 charter members who had joined the society at its first organizational meeting in 1975. Their passion and unwavering belief in the importance of Chinese American history have helped CHSSC become an important community organization in Southern California and the United States. We are proud to celebrate their work and dedication in creating this Society.



Yes, we will support the
Chinese Historical Society of Southern California as a:

☐ **Diamond Sponsor \$5,500**

- Your Company Name and/or logo as Diamond Sponsor on all promotional materials for the event
- History Panel Sponsorship (CHSSC Timeline display)
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☐ **Silver Sponsor \$2,000**

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- Reserved Table for ten (10) at the dinner
- Recognition in the 40th Anniversary Banquet Program
- Special Recognition at the Dinner

☐ **Entertainment Sponsor \$1,500**

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- Reserved Table for four (4) at the dinner
- Recognition in the 40th Anniversary Banquet Program
- Special Recognition at the Dinner

☐ **Individual Ticket**

- Member Rate Ticket \$125
- Non-Member Rate Ticket \$150

☐ **Ad/Congratulatory Message**

(Deadline: October 1st, 2015. File Type: JPEG, 300 dpi)

- Back Cover \$1,000 – 8 1/4" w x 10 3/4" h
- Inside Cover \$750 – 7" w x 10" h
- Full Page \$500 – 7" w x 10" h
- Half Page \$300 – 7" w x 5" h
- Quarter Page \$250 – 3 1/2" w x 5" h
- Business Card \$100 – 3 1/2" w x 2" h

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

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Total contribution \$ _____

RSVP by October 15th, 2015 and email
Table Guest list to CHSSC @hotmail.com.

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.

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Honoring Chinese American Community Leaders

On May 28, 2015, there was a special program by California State University, Los Angeles, co-sponsored by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, to recognize Chinese American community leaders and the continuing engagement between CSULA and the Chinese American community. President Don Loo, representing the CHSSC, helped present the awards to the honorees.



CSULA honors the following Community leaders:

U.S. Representative JUDY CHU

Congresswoman Judy Chu is recognized for a long and distinguished career dedicated to public service and higher education, and for prioritizing advancement for youth and Asian Americans.

CHARLIE WOO

Charlie Woo is recognized for his longtime leadership in business, education, and civic organization, and for his commitment to creating youth leadership development opportunities.

STEWART KWOH

Stewart Kwoh is recognized for founding and leading the nation's largest Asian American legal services and civil rights organization, and for empowering the Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander community.

LINDA WAH

Linda Wah is recognized for relentlessly advocating for the educational, labor and civil rights of women, and for supporting the University through the Cal State L.A. Alumni Association and Charter College of Education.





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Community Calendar

Friday & Saturday, July 3 & 4, 2015 4:00pm–1:00am

Sunday, July 5, 2015 4:00pm–11:00pm

626 Night Market

The original and largest Asian-themed night market in the United States, 626 Night Market features hundreds of food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music, and entertainment attractions in one jam-packed weekend of festivities that appeals to all ages. Santa Anita Racetrack, 285 W Huntington Dr Arcadia, CA 91007

Sunday, July 12, 2015 10:00am–6:00pm

Free 2nd Sunday - Cambodian Cultural Festival

Admission to the galleries is free all day,
as well as these special events:

Silk Road Story Time: 10:30 am & 11:30 am

Crafts: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Spotlight Tours: 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

Saturday, July 25, 2015

Chinatown Summer Nights

943 – 951 N. Broadway, Los Angeles CA 90012
(Central and West Plazas)

Part food event, part summer party, Chinatown Summer Nights presents an exciting hot spot for Angelenos this summer. Taste the many culinary offerings of Chinatown and LA's gourmet food trucks; sample the neighborhood's wares; watch Chinese chefs perform cooking demonstrations; experience large-scale, outdoor video projections; take part in hands-on, Chinese cultural activities presented by local organizations and museums; sip on craft brews and dance in Central Plaza with 89.9 KCRW's DJ's!

Now through July 26, 2015

The Language of Xu Bing

Xu Bing's first solo presentation in Los Angeles explores the artist's two-decade-long career. One of the most active and influential Chinese artists living today.

LACMA, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036

Save The Date

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