

MARCH 2017

Filmmaker
Kenneth Eng
&
Author
Helen K. Chan

Wednesday, March 1, 2017
6:30 p.m.

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

Free parking - enter via College Street
This event is open to the public.

Our next monthly meeting will be a double feature with special guests: Author Helen Kimmei Chan and Filmmaker Kenneth Eng. Helen and Kenneth both capture the Chinese American experience through their medium of choice adding to the narrative of the Chinese American experience.

Helen Chan will be sharing her graphic novel "Faith and Fire" A pictorial journey of a Chinese boy coming to "Gold Mountain," America in 1882. His cultural shock, his desire to help his impoverished family, and his own desire for riches bring about struggle, inner-conflict and friendship.

Kenneth Eng will be screening his documentary "My Life In China". A story of migration is passed down from father to son, retracing the precarious steps he took in search of a better life. Ultimately asking the question, what does it mean to be both Chinese and American?



Kenneth Eng is a director, editor and executive producer. After graduating from Boston Latin School, Ken left for New York in 1994 to study film at the School of Visual Arts. His thesis *Scratching Windows*, a short documentary film about graffiti writers, was broadcast as part of the doc series REEL NY on WNET - NY PBS. In 2001, Ken directed and edited *Take Me to The River*, a feature length documentary about the Maha Kumbh Mela festival in Allahabad, India. His film about the famous Koshien Tournament in Japan, *Kokoyakyu: High School Baseball*, was nationally broadcast on PBS as part of POV and continues to play in Japan on NHK-TV. In 2007, Ken was awarded the Guggenheim Fellowship to launch *My Life In China*. Recently, he edited *Tested* for director Curtis Chin, and is currently developing a film about the Yellow Power Movement.



Helen K Chan was born in Singapore, and she currently resides in Burbank, California. She graduated from Cal State University Los Angeles with a Master Degree in Education. Helen taught at the Los Angeles Unified School District as a teacher, working with American and Chinese immigrant students at Castelar Elementary School located in Los Angeles Chinatown area for 30 years. Helen also works in real estate in her spare time.

Helen's roots go back to Hoi Ping, China, where her grandfather, Bak Quan, was born. He was the first of the family to come to America, which, in the 1800s, the Chinese called "Gold Mountain". He came looking for fortune and a better way of life for his family. His story inspired her to create this graphic novel, *Faith and Fire*.



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Tyrus

Our last meeting was a screening of the film *Tyrus* co-presented by the CHSSC and the China Society of Southern California. In another record turnout, members, friends, family, and admirers gathered at Castelar to pay tribute to the legendary Tyrus Wong. Special guests included director Pamela Tom, members of Tyrus Wong's family, and the very first CHSSC president Stan Lau. Pamela masterfully guides us through Tyrus' life and artwork through her film, and we were fortunate to be able to share this experience with everyone who attended. The CHSSC would like to thank Pamela Tom, the family of Tyrus Wong, the China Society of Southern California, members, and attendees for a memorable tribute to an inspiring artist and man.



Photo: O.C. Lee

118th Golden Dragon Parade

In the most popular Lunar New Year celebration in Los Angeles, the CHSSC members and volunteers were joined by our friends at Rotary District 5280 to march in the 118th Golden Dragon Parade. Waving the American flag proudly, we embrace our identities as Chinese Americans, and are happy to share the culture that our organization represents. We would like to thank our CHSSC Board Members for helping to organize our unit, Tennyson Kwok for leading our flag squad, Susan Sing for preparing the lettuce to feed the lions (Choi Chiang Ceremony), and everybody who made it out to march or watch the parade with us. Whether you were in the parade, or at the house watching the lion dance groups perform, we hope that everybody had a great time.



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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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Annual Golden Spike Awards Dinner
Storytellers

Saturday, May 20, 2017 –6:00pm

Ocean Star Restaurant

145 N. Atlantic Blvd., #201-203

Monterey Park, CA 91754

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Archive Spotlight

The Evans Collection

This month's Archive Spotlight will focus on one of the Society's archaeological collections. In 1966 and 1967, William Evans, Jr. and Paul Chace conducted research at twelve Chinese railroad worker sites at Summit Camp near Donner Pass, California. These camps were occupied between 1865 and 1869 when Chinese workers engaged in the construction of the Donner Summit tunnels.

While surveying the camps, Evans and Chace recorded the remains of wooden superstructures, rough stone foundations, and a hearth feature. Artifacts related to foodways included large glass bottles; porcelain rice bowls; celadon porcelain cups and bowls; and brown glazed stoneware food storage jars. They also collected metal buttons, opium pipe fragments, coins, gambling pieces, buckles, and rusted fragments of American-made shovels.

In 1969, this self-financed exploration was presented at the annual conference for the Society for Historical Archaeology. According to Paul Chace, a long time member of CHSSC, this exploration and presentation, "launched the archaeology of Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans." More recently, scholars studying Chinese Americans and the Transcontinental Railroad have analyzed the collection to learn more about everyday life in worker camps.



2017 Ching Ming Festival



Saturday, April 1, 2017
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.

Los Angeles County Crematorium in Boyle Heights
3331 E. First St., 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.

CHSSC is accepting applications for the 2017 summer internship program! Thanks to generous CHSSC members, CHSSC proud continue developing its internship program with two \$1000 summer internships to undergraduates with an interest in Chinese American history, Asian American Studies, Asian American community work, and/or archival studies. For more information about the application, please visit chssc.org. Applications are due April 7, 2017.



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Saturday, March 4, 2017 2:00pm-3:30pm

"Reunification" By Alvin Tsang

Alhambra Civic Center Library - Reese Hall

101 S 1st St, Alhambra, CA 91801

In this deeply personal award-winning film that gives an insider view on the contemporary Asian American immigrant experience, divorce and family psychology, and the personal filmmaking process, filmmaker Alvin Tsang reflects on his family's migration from Hong Kong to Los Angeles in the early 1980s - fraught with betrayal from his parents' divorce, economic strife and communication meltdown between parents and children.

This poetic exploration of many unresolved years moves moodily across different channels and modes, bending into labor histories and Hong Kong's colonial trajectories. Tsang turns the camera on his own family, cautiously prodding for answers, but fully acknowledging that the only closure he can get will be from deciding for himself how to move on.

Saturday, March 4, 2017 12:00pm-3:00pm

"Millennials-China's Hope, China's Challenge" By Clayton Dube

Forbidden City Restaurant

6380 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA 90803

Born between 1980 and 2000, there are over four hundred thousand millennials in China and they differ radically from previous generations. In this talk, Clayton Dube will discuss this diverse new generation and how it will shape China's future.

General \$25 in advance, \$27 at the door, Students 25 years and younger \$15

For more information call Hazel Wallace at 562-494-0107 or

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