

NOVEMBER 2023

Paintings in Print: Studying Art in China



Monday, November 6, 2023, 6pm

Dinner & Program at Golden Dragon Restaurant

**Guest Speaker: Michelle Bailey, Assistant Curator,
The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens**

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President's message

We had a busy month in October. Linda Bentz, Grace Leo & myself tabled at the Family History Month Open House at the Sahyun Library in Santa Barbara. See picture on Page 7.

Our 11th annual Yosemite Pilgrimage was from Oct 6-8. Read the article by Tennyson Kwok on Pages 3 & 6. On the way home, we stopped in Bakersfield and were fortunate to meet Andrew Ho of the Ying On Association. He was kind enough to give us a tour, including the Chinese School.



L to R: Grace Leo, Ricky Leo, Andrew Ho, Eugene Moy, Kim Tran, Susan Sing

On Oct 10, my wife and I were invited to the 48th Installment & Awards Banquet for the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association by the founder, Albert C. Lum, who is writing a memoir that CHSSC hopes to publish in the near future. Although he could not attend, we met his son Justin who has been a past president of SCCLA.



Standing: Ricky Leo, Grace, Justin Lum (Albert Lum's son)
Seated: Nowland Hong

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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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November Meeting

Our November monthly meeting is a joint dinner/program co-sponsored with the China Society of Southern California. It features Michelle Bailey, Assistant Curator, The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. Her talk will center on the current exhibit entitled “Paintings in Print: Studying Art in China”.

In the 16th century, Chinese publishers began creating educational manuals filled with colorful prints of paintings and texts on the history and methods of brush arts. The manuals were unprecedented because they taught aspiring painters and collectors from the growing merchant class how to create and appreciate literati art—a combination of painting, calligraphy, and poetry long practiced by elite scholars. This exhibition at The Huntington, which runs from October 7, 2023 to May 27, 2024, explores the ways these manuals used innovative printing methods to introduce the techniques, history, and appreciation of painting to widening audiences in early modern China.

About Michelle Bailey

As assistant curator for the Center for East Asian Studies, Michelle assists with interpretation of the Chinese and Japanese Gardens, exhibition planning, and educational programming. Prior to joining The Huntington, she served as curatorial assistant for Chinese and Korean art at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art from 2000 to 2010. She received her M.A. in Art History from the University of California, Riverside, and B.A. in International Relations from the University of Redlands.

2023 Yosemite Sing Peak Pilgrimage

By Tennyson Kwok

The CHSSC 2023 Yosemite Sing Peak Pilgrimage, 11th edition, was held between October 5th and 8th. Attendees came from SoCal, San Francisco and Sacramento locales, around 60 people altogether. Although most stayed in cabins, many also camped in reserved campsites, all in the Wawona area, located at the southern part of Yosemite National Park.

The group spent Friday in the Yosemite Village area. A morning talk by National Park Service (NPS) park rangers, (Sharon Miyako, Branch Chief of Interpretive Field Operations, and Mirella Gutierrez, a Ranger from the Park’s Education Division), gave information about history and diversity in Yosemite’s past and how the NPS is planning on increasing public knowledge about how many cultures have, and continue, to enhance visitor experience. In the afternoon, Park Ranger, Yen-yen Chen, and retired State Park Superintendent, Jack Shu, conducted a guided walk through parts of the Yosemite Valley meadows, describing how Chinese helped build roads for access to Yosemite Valley from Wawona in the early years of Yosemite National Park. Of course, famous chef, Tie Sing, was mentioned, who cooked for many dignitaries, including Stephen Mather, the first director of the National Park Service, and John Muir. Sing Peak was named after Tie Sing, and the annual Sing Peak Pilgrimage was named in his honor. In past years, Jack Shu, Yen-yen Chan, and Paul Lee have conducted the three-day hike to Sing Peak, a remote 10,540 foot high peak that is not visible from most parts of Yosemite. This year’s hikers chose a different hike due to the deep snow pack.

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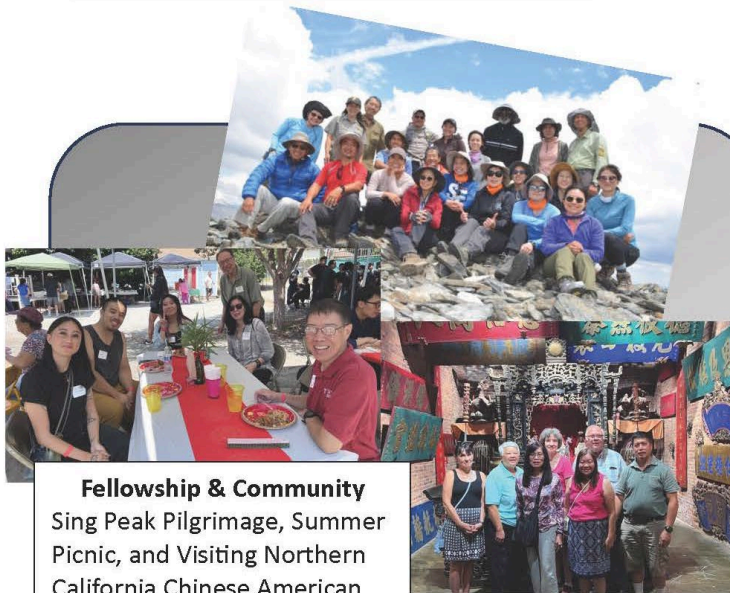
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2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

YOUR 2023 MEMBERSHIP HAS SUPPORTED THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

Virtual walking tour of Chinatown and walking tour training manual.

Digitalized our Chinese language materials.

Processing the Paul Chace library donated in November 2021.

Three archivists working on our physical and digital archives and our library.

Organized and launched the online version of the Southern California Oral History project.

Summer intern research using 1950 census of the East Adams area for our
"The Five Chinatowns" book project with partner UCLA.

Augmented reality exhibit of Old Chinatown at Union Station.



YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

Begin renovation of our Chinatown Heritage Center.

Andrew Mellon UCLA Intern

Continuing partnership with Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West.

Finding aids for our archives on the Online Archive of California.

Grants from Cathay Bank & Louie Family Foundation.

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2023 Yosemite Sing Peak Pilgrimage (cont.)



Saturday morning, the group met at the base of Mariposa Grove, where giant Sequoias abound, for an informative and entertaining ranger guided tour by Ranger Connie Lau up the paved trail towards the Upper Grove. The more adventurous people continued up to see the amazing Grizzly Giant tree, and beyond. We had a brown bag lunch near the Gray Barn, next to the Wawona Hotel, where in the early years of Yosemite, Chinese provided laundry and food services for the guests. Behind the Gray Barn, a renovated Chinese Laundry Building was visited by all. A talk by Yen-yen gave us a brief history about the building, which was also used as a carriage shop and storage, before restoration back to the current Chinese Laundry presentation. Some period laundry artifacts are displayed, as well as pictorial and written history about the Chinese in Yosemite and about the Chinese railroad workers.

Then we met at the Wawona Redwoods Community Center, for a talk by Phil Sexton, Interpreter of Cultural and Natural Resources for the State of California Parks. He spoke about how Chinese helped build the Transcontinental Railroad, completed in 1869, and also about the many other areas that the Chinese helped in building the American West, beyond just the contributions for the Transcontinental Railroad.

The much anticipated Sing Peak Pilgrimage Pot Luck dinner was held Saturday evening at the Wawona Redwoods Community Center. Thanks to all those who helped set up and break down the tables and chairs for this occasion. Delicious dinner entrees, salads and desserts were served. Presentations to Yen-yen Chan, Phil Sexton, and others were made by CHSSC's Eugene Moy for their contributions to this year's event.



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Family History Open House – Sahyun Library, Santa Barbara



L-R: Back row: Ricky Leo, Terry Marks, ?, Judy Sahm, George LaPlante, Mary Jacob, Christine Klukkert, Mary Hall, Kate Lima, Karen Ramsdell, Theresa Calvin
Middle row: Dr. Larry Basham, Melinda Crawford, Grace Leo, Lynn Adams, Marie Sue Parsons, Laurie Hannah, Chris Gallery, Kathy Jordan, Jim Friestad
Front row: Linda Bentz, Holly Snyder, Mary Hancock, Charmien Cartier, Jean Foster, Mari Friestad, Merna McClenathen

Lisa See Dinner/Program



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Upcoming Events

“Where You Stand: Chinatown 1880 to 1939” Exhibit at Union Station, Opening on October 23

The exhibit invites participants into the center of the vibrant community of families, businesses, and associations through a multi-dimensional experience of the Chinese community of early Los Angeles.

View historic photographs, listen to oral history recordings, and view augmented reality presentations superimposed to see onto other locations around Union Station.

October 27, Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant

Curtis Chin’s memoir about coming of age and coming out traces the author's journey through 1980's Detroit as he navigated rising xenophobia, the AIDS epidemic, and the Reagan Revolution to find his voice as a writer and activist — all set against the backdrop of his family's popular Chinese restaurant. Admission to the talk is free, ticket including a copy of the book is \$32.85 (including tax) while supplies last, Friday, October 27, 6:00pm reception, 7:00pm program, The Democracy Center at the Japanese American National Museum, 100 N. Central Ave, Los Angeles, CA

October 28, The History of Tsinoys, Chinese in the Philippines

Susie Ling, Associate Professor of History at Pasadena City College, is the featured speaker. Saturday, October 28, 12:00 – 2:00pm, Albert O. Little Community Center, 18750 Clarkdale Ave, Artesia, CA

27th Annual Historymakers Awards Gala – Chinese American Museum, November 9, 2023, 5:00pm Guest registration

This year’s theme, “Standing on the Shoulders of Those Who Led the Way”, honors fearless leaders, who have dedicated their lives to pursuing the greater good and creating a better tomorrow for Chinese Americans.