

NEWS'N NOTES



Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

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June 2025



Since 1975 CHSCC has been acquiring, preserving, and communicating knowledge of Chinese and Chinese Americans. Join 4 panelists who will guide us through our website to discover this important history in four of our online exhibits.

HIDDEN TREASURES:

REGISTER NOW

CHSSC ONLINE EXHIBITS

RSVP VIA EVENTBRITE:
[HTTPS://CHSSC.ORG](https://chssc.org)

EXHIBITS EXPLORED:

Chinatown Associations: Anchors of the Community

Los Angeles Chinatown Walking Tour

10th Annual Yosemite Pilgrimage Story Map

Southern California Chinese American Oral History Project



WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 4TH



7PM - 8PM



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GROWING

We start our new fiscal year on July 1, but prior to that we will hold our annual membership meeting and election on June 4. I am very pleased to share with you, which you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, that there will be new leaders who will bring fresh new ideas to our organization. As we march through this, our 50th year, we will have the ability to move ahead with experience (hindsight) and new ideas (foresight). We hope to share some of this perspective with you at our 50th Anniversary gala dinner, chaired by V.P. Robert Chong, in on Saturday November 8. Join us, to share good memories and to share ideas for new directions.

One new way to talk history is already on our calendar. On Saturday June 7, two artists will lead a wood stool making workshop. There will only be six (6) slots for actual stool “makers”, but guests are welcome to observe and chat, and to put on specially programmed goggles to have a virtual immersive experience of Hanford’s historic Chinatown. The significance of making the wood stool? You will be replicating a surviving artifact, a wooden stool from the Hanford Taoist Temple which experienced a very damaging fire in May 2021. Your constructing a stool will be a metaphorical step in the reconstruction of Hanford Chinatown. A new way of telling and sharing history! Volunteers needed!

Eugene Moy

Board of Directors

Officers

Eugene Moy, President
Robert Chong, Vice President
Susan Dickson, Secretary
Steve Tom, Treasurer

Members at Large

Albert Lowe
Angela Lancaster
David Castro
Gordon Hom
Isaac Chu
Lauren Hom
Linda Bentz
Susie Ling

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, Inc. shall be:

- to advocate for a wider understanding of the significance of the role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in the history of Southern California;
- to bring together people with a mutual interest in the Southern California history of Chinese and Chinese Americans;
- to perform all the functions required to acquire, preserve, and communicate knowledge of this important history; and
- to promote a better appreciation of our rich multi-cultural society.



Hidden Treasures: CHSSC Online Exhibits



Coryn Hardison, our current Community Archivist, holds a BA in History from UC Irvine and a Master of Library and Information Science from UCLA. She began her career with an internship at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and has since held positions as Collections Manager at CHSSC and as CSU Archivist at California State University, Dominguez Hills.



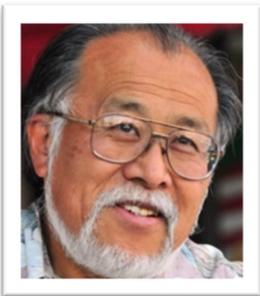
Andy Tan, who holds a Masters in Library Service degree from UCLA, is an archives and digital asset management specialist at Paroo. Formerly, he worked as an archivist at CHSSC from 2022-2024.



Susie Ling, who was born in Taiwan and raised in the Philippines, began her first project with CHSSC as co-author of Linking Our Lives. Since 2003, she has been Gum Saan Journal editor. Susie has been the Associate Professor of Asian American Studies and History at Pasadena City College since 1984.



Susan Dickson, who began working in Chinatown in 1981 at Castelar, has been on the CHSSC board for over 30 years. She is finishing her 34rd year on the board of the Friends of the Chinatown Library. She has been on the national board of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, a civil rights group, since 2011.



Eugene Moy, our current president, has been an active member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California since he joined in 1976. In addition, there are many other organizations that he is involved with: the Friends of the Chinese American Museum, the Los Angeles Lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and the Save Our Chinatown Committee in Riverside.

SAVE THE DATE: CHSSC 50! Our 50th Anniversary dinner, will be in Chinatown at the Golden Dragon Restaurant. Ten course banquet, retrospective exhibits and films, reunion with charter and longtime members. Watch for RSVP announcement in next newsletter and on website.



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2025 Board Election Slate for 2025-2026 Board of Directors

Officers

President, Eugene Moy (for second term)
Vice President, Robert Chong (for second term)
Secretary, Isaac Chu (new candidate)
Treasurer, Anthony Miu (new candidate)

New at-large board candidates: Susan Dickson, Victoria Hong

Returning at-large board

Albert Lowe, Angela Lancaster, David Castro, Gordon Hom, Linda Bentz, Susie Ling
Open positions: 4



Secretary candidate Isaac T. Chu

Isaac is a first generation Chinese American who immigrated from Taiwan to the SF Bay Area and grew up in the East Bay. Upon graduating high school Isaac went on to study History, Political Science and Economics at UCSD, then Law at Loyola. Thereafter, he worked as a school teacher before moving into small business management and consultancy. In recent years, Isaac has been building community with organizations in and around LA's Chinatown and the San Gabriel Valley, centering API and indigenous issues.



Treasurer candidate Anthony Miu

Tony was born and raised in Chinatown L.A. He attended Castelar Elementary, Nightingale Junior High, and Belmont High School. He received his B.S. degree in Business Finance & Economics from California State University, L.A. After 33 years in Banking, specializing in credit underwriting, financial analysis, and portfolio management; he retired at the end of 2024 and is looking forward to traveling, and being more involved in the community.

At-Large board candidates: Susan Dickson and Victoria Hong



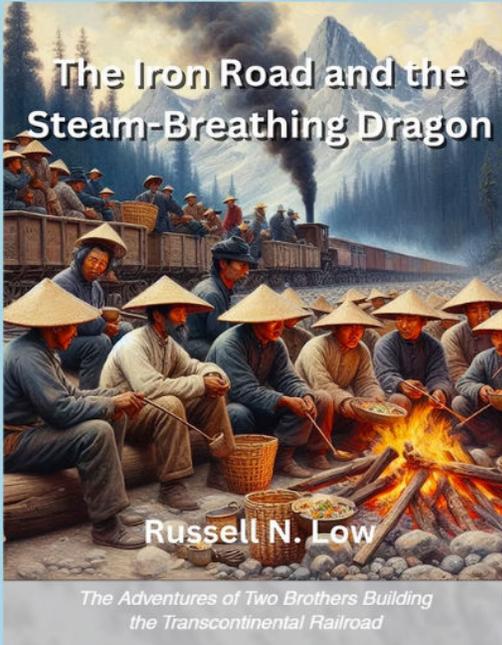
Victoria Hong was born and raised in Southern California, and spent her childhood frequenting Los Angeles' Chinatown. Her background is in education, with past experiences in classroom teaching, curriculum development, adult learning, and work with nonprofits. She is currently pursuing her MLIS at San Jose State, holds a master's in education from Loyola Marymount University, and bachelor's in English and international studies from the University of California, Irvine.



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RUSSELL N. LOW & CHSSC PRESENT:

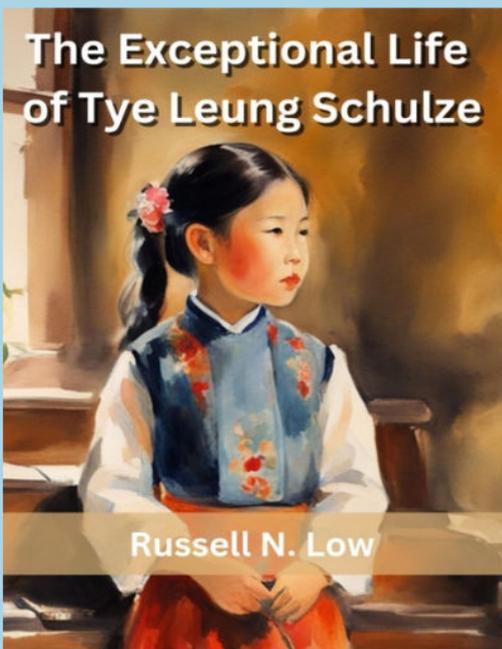


TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH 2025

12PM NOON - END

SHADOW PARK
CLUBHOUSE

19101 ALPHINGTON
AVE. CERRITOS CA 90703



Join us Tuesday
Afternoon for Russell's
Book presentation and
luncheon. There will be
current and past books
for sale and signing.



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See <https://www.russlow.com/>

Chinatown Counter-Archives: Relational Reconstructions vol. 2 – Los Angeles

Join us for a day of experiences informed by histories of Hanford's China Alley and LA Chinatown, including a stool-making workshop, hosted by Evelyn Hang Yin and Jeffrey Yoo Warren. You can join part of it or the full day of it! No prior experience needed.

This June 7, we'll be hosting a day of events including 1) a full-day wooden stool-making workshop, followed by 2) a chance to experience a virtual reconstruction of Hanford's China Alley as it was in the 1800s, which we've developed over the past few months, 3) a story circle event to share Asian American family stories and experiences, and 4) a special viewing of select artifacts from the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California collection. There are limited spots available for the woodworking workshop, but everyone is welcome to the other activities at the end of the day, where you'll also get to see and try out all the stools that were made.

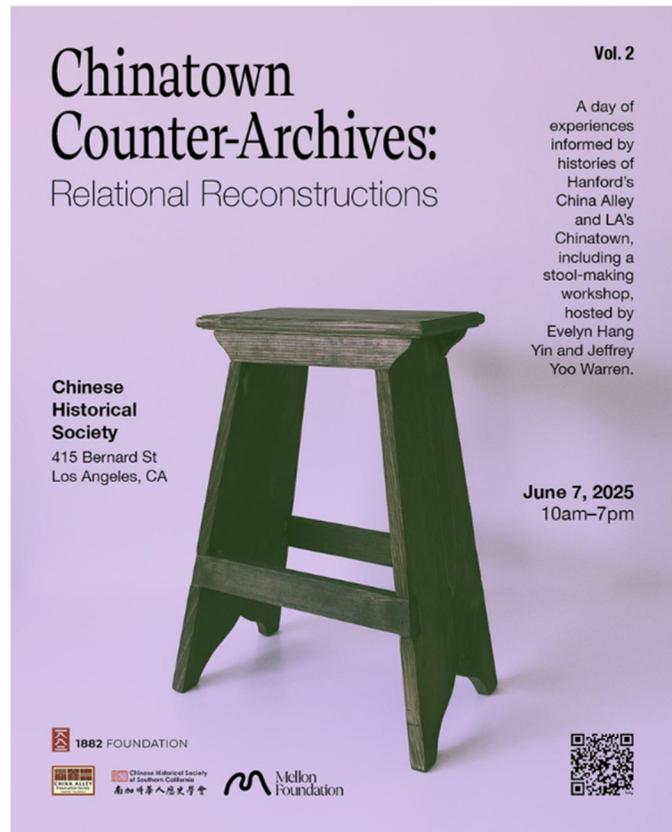
DATE: Saturday, June 7, 2025

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| 10am-4pm | Stool-Making Workshop
(6 spots available, each can bring a +1; lunch included; see pricing below) |
| 5pm-6pm | Virtual Immersive Experience (free and open to public) |
| 6pm-7pm | Story Circle (free and open to public) |
| Ongoing | Special Viewing of Select CHSSC Artifacts (free and open to public) |

LOCATION: Chinese Historical Society, 415 Bernard St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

PRICE (stool workshop only): sliding scale \$20-\$150, email us if it's a barrier

Scan QR code or join via this link: <https://bit.ly/ccalosangeles>



This event is hosted in collaboration with the Mellon Foundation, the 1882 Foundation, Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, and China Alley Preservation Society. Email us if you have any questions: evelynhyin@gmail.com & jywarren@gmail.com.



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UCLA Master of Library & Information
Science (MLIS) students visit CHSSC



Walking tour 5/24 for Missio
Community Church (Pasadena)

Donations

Kenneth L. Chan

In Memory of Chong Lew

Susan Dickson
James & Liana Hachiya
Eugene Moy & Susan Sing

In Memory of Calvin Lee

Lulu & Josh Wong
Candace Lee
Carol Yamashita



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Community Events

May 16, 2025-Jan 8, 2026 at Chinese American Museum (CAM)

(BE) spoken: poems from our Asian American Voices. Curated by rapper-poet Jason Chu

May 29 6:30-8:00 PM at the Pico House and on Zoom (CAM)

The March Fong Eu Story: An Authorized Biography of an Unauthorized Woman

Discussion by co-author Tim Vandehey and guest speakers on the pioneering California icon

Aug 30-Sep 1 and Oct 4-6 Backpacking trips to Sing Peak, named after Tie Sing, renown camp cook. Contact co-organizer Dennis Arguelles: darguelles@npca.org

Aug 28-Sep 2 140th Anniversary Commemoration of 1885 Rock Springs Massacre

Organized by past board members Ricky and Grace Leo, this event will involve visits to historic sites and museums, and talks by scholars in Wyoming along the route of the first transcontinental railroad.

The program culminates in the dedication of a new monument. For reservations, see <https://www.rockspringscommemoration.org/>

Mid-Sep (dates to be announced): Yosemite Pilgrimage. Hikes to or on historic trails and Chinese laundry site in Yosemite.