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A Visual Story of the Grandview Gardens Murals as Painted by Tyrus Wong Wednesday, April 8th 7:00 - 8:00 PM

This program will be discussing Classical Chinese composition, iconography and brush techniques used by Tyrus Wong in 1961 to paint two very different visual stories for the two 20-foot-long murals displayed in Grandview Gardens restaurant.

Check-in: 5:30 PM, Dinner at the Golden Dragon at 6:00 PM

Purchase tickets on CHSSC website:

<https://chssc.org/event/april-2026-program/>



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THE NEW YEAR

Winter has ended, and we look forward to new beginnings. While we have just celebrated our 50th anniversary, we know we are not yet done. Our mission is to collect and share our history, which to some, might sound like going back over old information and telling stories of the past. However, we find ourselves constantly discovering/uncovering new history, new achievements, new connections. We are learning about some of the amazing journeys of our current and prior generations, the efforts by individuals and families to break out of the mold.

In recent years, we have helped publish *Roads Into and Out of Chinatown* and *Stand Up and Be Counted*, the memoirs of Dr. Annie Chin Siu and lawyer Albert C. Lum, respectively, two professionals who made their mark in Southern California. We assisted with archival documentation for *Quan Journey* by Carey Gelernter, whose family lived and worked in the China City neighborhood. We assisted with research by Winston Young toward his writing the story of his maternal grandfather in *Live and Let Live: The Life Story of Sing Quan Quock*.

All of these stories detail some of the challenges that generations of Chinese Americans have faced, and how their work paved the way for others. In our upcoming book, *The Five Chinatowns: A Community History*, our three editorial and production leaders, Dr. William Gow, Dr. Kelly Fong, and Dr. Isabela Seong Leong Quintana, have led a multi-year team of students toward final publication. We look forward to not only seeing the printed volume, but personally hearing the stories of those who overcame barriers, became leaders in their community, and who made a greater America.

Stay tuned!

Eugene Wong Moy

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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.

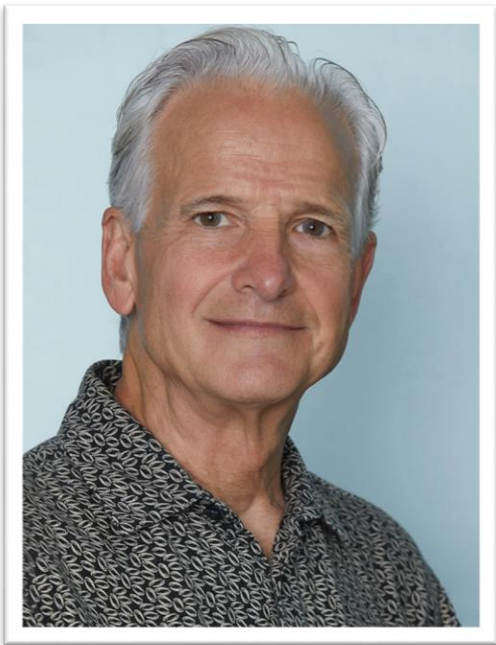


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Program Speaker: Randel Urbauer



Randel Urbauer is a photographer videographer with a BFA from Art Center College of Design. For over 30 years, he ran his advertising photography studio in the Brewery Arts Complex in Los Angeles. His clients range from Cadillac to Cartier which took him to several international locations and dozens of cities within the US and Canada. In the early days of digital capture, he won the digital image competition held by the Advertising Photographers of America. He always enjoys sharing knowledge and collaborating within the arts community. In 2013 he created a short film documentary based on the Los Angeles artist Lynn Foulkes which screened at the Hammer Museum's Bing Theater.

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Hoover Joseph Louie

November 27, 1931 - December 21, 2025



CHSSC member Hoover Louie passed away December 21, 2025, at the age of 94.

Although Hoover was born in Stockton, CA, he and his 8 siblings were raised in Los Angeles where his father opened K.G. Louie Art Co. as one of the founding families of L.A.'s new Chinatown. Hoover and his siblings worked at the store from childhood through adulthood, taking one evening per week to work after their day jobs as teachers and accountants. He attended all local schools – Castelar Street Elementary, Central Middle School, and Belmont High School where he met his wife, Ruby Ling.

His attendance at UCLA was interrupted by military service where he served in the Korean War. After returning from Korea to graduate from UCLA, he began work as a CPA. Hoover had an active license and client base until the age of 90, Hoover and Ruby married in 1961 and soon had their children Leigh-Ellen and John. Hoover believed in his community, choosing Chinatown as his

permanent home instead of moving to the suburbs.

Hoover and Ruby supported many local groups, including the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and the Friends of the Chinatown Library. Hoover and Ruby funded an endowment to support the CHSSC library. Our library located at 411 Bernard Street is open to both scholars and the public. This library now has an online presence. Hoover managed the endowment for many years. Likewise, Hoover was a generous donor and financial advisor to the Friends of the Chinatown Library.

Hoover loved his family, work, community and church and remained actively devoted to all of them. Hoover is survived by his children, their spouses, his grandchildren. He was loved and respected and will be deeply missed.



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Golden Dragon Parade, February 21, 2026





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Firecracker Run Booth



CHSSC Table at Vasquez Rocks Natural Area



Historic Lang Station plaques at new location, Vista Canyon Metro Station





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Lunar New Year Prep and Outreach

The past month and a half have been a busy period for us. We provided a walking tour for Kinecta Credit Union, AAPI Employee Resource Group, THREE walking tours for senior groups coming by Metro train, and another one for a high school group from Massachusetts. We set up info and book tables at the L.A. County Arboretum on Feb. 9 (Gene Moy gave a talk also), at Vasquez Rocks Natural Area in Agua Dulce on Feb. 14, and at the Firecracker 5K/10K festival on Mar 1. In between, we marched in the Feb. 21 Golden Dragon Parade, led by Will Yuen's tall flag and Bill Yee's family carrying our iconic banner. During the parade, we held an open house on Bernard St., managed by house captains Willie Lew, Harry Du Young, Anita Lee, and Cindy Fong, for many friends, visitors, and lion dance groups. [see photos]. On top of all that, CHSSC loaned some items for exhibit in the foyer of the Sierra Madre Playhouse for the Lunar New Year period.

Robert Chong and Berrie Tsang at Sierra Madre Playhouse



Kinecta Credit Union at CHSSC

Qing Ming 10am-12pm, Saturday, April 4: Volunteers needed

This year, we will continue our tradition of performing maintenance work at our 1888 Shrine in Evergreen Cemetery in Boyle Heights. Also known as tomb sweeping day, we will remove any weeds or brush from the shrine enclosure and weed-whack the adjacent grassy field which has been final resting place for the over 100 sets of human remains that had been disturbed by Metro's Gold Line construction in 2005. Overlooking the field is also a large memorial wall erected by Metro that we have been monitoring. We'll light incense and place flowers in honor of our L.A. pioneers. Afterwards, we'll walk/drive over to the Cameron family plots and clean that site. There we will honor Donaldina Cameron, and her longtime assistant at the Cameron House, Tien Fuh Wu.

<https://www.kqed.org/arts/13880286/the-child-slave-who-helped-rescue-thousands-of-women-in-chinatown>.

This month, March 2026, the City of San Francisco named a street in honor of Tien Fuh Wu, and it's appropriate that this year we especially recognize her lifelong contribution to rescuing and supporting girls. Volunteers are needed! Please email Eugene Moy at ewmoy49@gmail.com to let him know that you can join in (wear grubbies). Afterwards, we can gather at a lunch place in the area.



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Community Events

Sat. Apr 6, 10am-12pm, CHSSC Qing Ming event at Evergreen Center in Boyle Heights 10am-12pm.

Sat. Apr 25, 12-5 PM the Chinese American Museum is hosting its annual Spring Festival, from 12-5 PM, featuring multicultural performances and family friendly activities. Site venue is El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument. **FREE TO ALL, NO RESERVATION NEEDED.**

Apr 30-May 7, 2026 Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival