



Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

January 2026

MOVIE NIGHT WITH CHSSC

Revisiting East Adams

Chinatown Two-Step

*Congressional Gold Medal Presentation
(in Southern California)*

Celebrating Tyrus



REVISITING EAST ADAMS



JANUARY 7, 2026

7PM - 8:30PM

Join us to watch these four short documentaries about Chinese American experiences in Southern California

Each viewing will be followed by a brief discussion of the documentary

Free to attend. RSVP via Eventbrite on CHSSC website: <https://chssc.org>



PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

First, I would like to thank all who came out to help celebrate our 50th Anniversary at our dinner and exhibition event on November 8 at the Golden Dragon. Thanks to the herculean leadership of our vice president Robert Chong and his planning team, and the voice of M.C. Susie Ling, and sponsorship support from our donors, we saw creative presentations, heard recognitions from community leaders, enjoyed each other's company, and had a great meal.

We heard a lot about our founding in 1975, our early years, and our many efforts to explore and document our past. We are poised to publish our Five Chinatowns volume this coming year. We are continuing our monthly programs and newsletter. A new issue of our annual *Gum Saan Journal* will be distributed to members. We will continue our Chinatown walking tours, for adult and school groups. We will continue organizing our archival collections, thanks to generous support from our local family foundations and from state and national foundations, and thanks to solid grant management leadership of the Archives Committee.

We will also aim toward more public history support. We are starting a Chinatown Legacy Business Project, for which we will host a web page and publish newsletter articles that recognize long time businesses. Local preservation advocate Dorothy Wong has been appointed to chair this effort. This will be a step toward our mission, which includes the preservation and sustainability of our Chinatown and Chinese American community. I look forward to 2026 and many more years ahead!

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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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Video Descriptions

Revisiting East Adams (10:00 mins (edited)) By Jenny Cho, 2004

Revisiting East Adams captures the history of a Chinese American community in downtown Los Angeles from the 1930s to 1950s. During this period, the intersection of East Adams and San Pedro Street was home to a vibrant Chinese American community that preserved Chinese culture through social and religious organizations such as the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Chinese schools and various youth groups. East Adams was also a self-sustaining community whose residents earned a living by working at local businesses such as the City Market on 9th Street, the CFO gas station, and the Kwong Hing Lung grocery store. The stories of these former Chinese residents expand our understanding of the history of Los Angeles.

Chinatown Two-Step (17 mins) By Eddie Wong, 1975

Chinatown Two-Step spotlights the importance of the Los Angeles Chinese Drum and Bugle Corps as an important fixture of the Chinese American community — not only serving as its representative in parades and events, but also as an activity bringing the young Chinese American middle class together.

Southern California Chinese American Living WWII Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Presentation (10 mins (edited)) By Kenneth Eng, 2021

It is estimated that almost 20,000 Chinese American men and women served in the U.S. military during World War II. Sixty years after the end of the War, a dinner was organized by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance in Los Angeles Chinatown, to honor those veterans, living and passed. Southern California Chinese American Living WWII Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Presentation spotlights the formal award by ranking military leaders, of Congressional Gold Medals to living Chinese American WWII veterans or their families.

Celebrating Tyrus (9:13) By Pamela Tom, 2022

Celebrating Tyrus is Pamela's 2022 short film about the Chinese American artist Tyrus Wong, whose paintings were the inspiration for the classic Disney animated feature *Bambi*. The film offers an intimate look into Tyrus Wong's work on *Bambi* and his passion/hobby: kite making and kite flying. Tyrus's kites and inspiration send viewers soaring towards the sky.

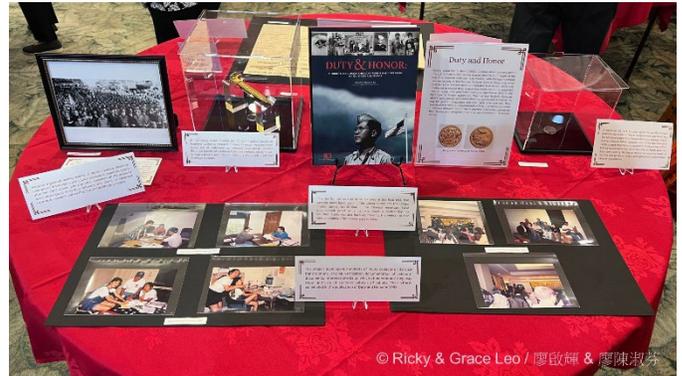


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50th Anniversary Celebration Photos

CHSSC Archive Exhibition





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Before the Banquet

Silent Auction





Donations for November & December

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Mission Statement

Established in 1975, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) unites people with a mutual interest in promoting the rich heritage of Chinese and Chinese American history. Our mission is to pursue, preserve and communicate the history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in Southern California.

What We Do

- Conduct monthly meetings and public presentations on Chinese American History.
- Sponsor and participate in symposiums, exhibits and conferences.
- Conduct Chinatown walking tours for students and public.
- Lead the annual Lunar New Year Golden Dragon Parade.

Research and Publication

- Publication of multiple books by renowned scholars.
- The Gum Saan Journal is the Society's annual publication.
- Maintain a library with thousands of topics related to Chinese American topics.
- Maintain an archive consisting of oral histories, archaeological collections, photographs and family histories.



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Community Events

Little King & Queen Pageant, January 10, 2026, Chinese Confucius School, Chinatown
Miss Chinatown Pageant, February 8, 2026, Bonaventure Hotel
Chinese New Year – Year of the Fire Horse, February 17, 2026
Golden Dragon Parade, February 21, 2026, L.A. Chinatown
L.A. Firecracker 5/10k Run/Walk, March 1, 2026