CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Chinese Historical Society of America Celebrates 50th Year

Thomas W. Chin, C.H. Kwok, Chingwah Lee, H.K. Wong and Thomas W.S. Wu founded the Chinese Historical Society of America in 1963 with a mission: “to promote the contribution that the Chinese living in this country have made to their adopted land, the United States of America.” Then in 2001, CHSA finally found a home in the historic Chinatown YWCA building, built by pioneer architect Julia Morgan. We’ve been busy these 50 years, challenging history, celebrating the legacy of Chinese America, and serving people all over the world.

Without the hard work of staff and interns; the support of our members; and the generous contributions of our donors, none of this would be possible. Here’s to 50 more years!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

CHSA Members receive special rates at the Asian Art Museum. Visit “China’s Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor’s Legacy” Exhibition. See Page 3

MARCH 2-3, 11AM-4PM

SF Museum and Historical Society, The Old Mint

MARCH 9, 1PM @ CHSA

Gallery Talk: Sally Leung will reveal the hidden meanings of imagery of hats displayed in HATS OFF RECEPTION to celebrate the donation of Qing Dynasty hats by collector Leslie Selcow in memory of Jade Snow Wong

APRIL 13, 1PM @ CHSA

Earthquake: The Chinatown Story. The beginning of Chinatown as we know it.

MAY 4

Partnership with Cameron Carnival on Jones Alley. Details TBA

Full event calendar online at chsa.org/events

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Happy Lunar New Year!
CHSA wishes you all the best in the snake year!

蛇年快樂！CHSA在此祝你身體健康，大吉大利，恭喜發財！

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New CHSA Exhibitions Feature Children’s Hats and Local Artists

This year we are featuring a new exhibition of Qing Dynasty children’s hats thanks to a generous donation from Leslie Selcow in memory of Jade Snow Wong. “Hat’s Off! A Playful Collection of Chinese Children’s Hats” displays an array of cool Qing Dynasty hats that boast the use of color, symbolism and motifs. A tradition of dressing children in these hats to foster wealth, prosperity and well being at festival time, like the Lunar New Year was practiced in China for generations. As immigrants settled in America, Chinese families continued to carry on the cultural practice evidenced by historic photos of children wearing hats in the 1940s. Opened in February 7th for public viewing, these hats have garnered positive reactions from the community!

We are proud to announce this year’s new artist exhibition program Creative Spaces. Our mission: incorporate and encourage artistic expression with the narrative of Chinese America. Late last year we put out a call to entries and we were fortunate enough to receive many proposals. We selected Leland Wong and Leon Sun to launch the program.

Donor Wall Planned for CHSA’s 50th Anniversary Donor Campaign

Founded in 1963, CHSA has grown to be our nation’s leading organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the history and culture of Chinese in America. Late last year CHSA opened the CHSA Museum — such as the acquisition and exhibition of the Jane Lee Collection. The Endowment has been critical to the Museum’s continued growth since opening in 2001.

How do I participate?

Please consider making a special gift to the 50th Anniversary Campaign Fund with a check or your credit card. For your gift there are a variety of forms of recognition available depending on the level of contribution. All gifts $5,000 and above will be acknowledged in a special donor wall to be displayed on the Main Museum Gallery Floor. Gifts of $50,000 and above will be acknowledged in a special digital display in the Gallery. Donors will be able to dedicate their gift in honor or in memory of a family member of friend.

For more information or to join CHSA’s 50th Anniversary Donor Campaign, call 415-391-1188, email info@chsa.org, or write to CHSA at 965 Clay Street, San Francisco CA 94108.

Donation by Laura Lai Ensures Him Mark Lai’s Legacy Lives On

Due to the tremendous response to our November and December free admissions, and to kick off CHSA’s 50th Anniversary year, the CHSA Museum has extended free admissions through the end of February! Special thanks to the Robert Joseph Louise Memorial Fund, POEM, and Wells Fargo for helping us to extend this offer.

We are currently seeking sponsors and community support for us to continue to offer free admissions for all museum visitors through the entire year. Check back soon for further announcements!

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