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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Remembering a special person

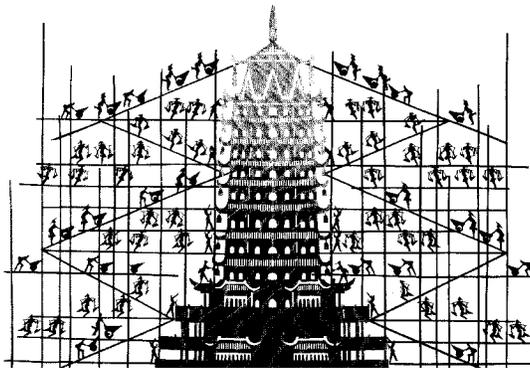
May 19, 2006 marks the third anniversary of the death of Gaelle Snell Saylor, the Council's second executive director. She succeeded Jane Leung Larson, the Council's founding director in 1995.

Gaelle's connection to the Council began much earlier. She was a staff member from 1988 to 1993 and covered the territory as a membership and program coordination and acting executive director, and then took a break to work at Portland State University, before returning to become executive director.



In 1998, Gaelle learned that she had breast cancer. She continued to work and to savor life with her family, especially with her husband Jeff and their son Grant. In a 2003 tribute to Gaelle, Jane Larson wrote, "Gaelle gave a large part of her life's creative energies to making the China Council a vibrant organization. A wide circle of China Council friends and colleagues will remember her with deep gratitude and profound loss." During this, the Council's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, it is my privilege to again acknowledge and honor Gaelle for all that she contributed to the Northwest China Council.

--Rosario Aglialoro



Zhang Houguang (張侯光) "Ancient & Brilliant Tower" (papercut).

**Northwest China Council  
Celebrating 25 Years of Service**



## CHINA COUNCIL NEWS

### Chinese in Eastern Oregon Tour & A Kam Wah Chung Museum Update

In 2004, the Council organized a tour to eastern Oregon to visit Chinese historical sites in John Day, Granite and Baker City. We will be heading out again this summer (June 16-18) if we can recruit enough people to help pay expenses (especially the Pacific Trailways coach). There should be a flyer with details inserted in this newsletter. If not, give us a call at 503 973-5451 and we'll send you one. Details can also be found at [www.nwchina.org](http://www.nwchina.org).



### Long Live Kam Wah Chung!

The 2004 tour was the result of the developing relationship between the Council and The Friends of Kam Wah Chung in John Day, a group of concerned local citizens who organized to preserve that the Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum and its irreplaceable historical objects, and to assure the facility will continue to be open to the public. In October 2002, the Council participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the museum's founding by organizing arts and crafts events and a lion dance performance by the Northwest Lion Dance Association of Portland, which was enjoyed by a large crowd in front of the museum. Since 2003, working with the Oregon State Parks Trust, the Council has supported the campaign to restore the museum and its collection.

The museum is a truly unique structure that represents the oldest known vestiges of Chinese civilization in the United States. Built in 1867, the building shares the story of Chinese immigrants who contributed so significantly to the social and economic development of this country during its westward expansion. The Kam Wah Chung & Co. building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is being nominated for a National Historic Landmark designation.

The campaign is close to its 1.5 million dollar fundraising goal and the funds are already at work. In September 2005, a new Museum Curator/Visitor Center coordinator was hired. Marti Gerdis comes to this position from the National Park Service where she has spent many years working on a variety of cultural resources projects for national parks and monuments all over the United States. She succeeds Carolyn Micinimer who we were fortunate enough to work with on several occasions. Carolyn served as curator and chief docent for more than 25 years and we are so glad that we were able to take the "grand tour" with her as our guide.

We hope you will be able to join us in June to explore eastern Oregon's China connection.

## PROGRAM NOTES

The Council's 16<sup>th</sup> annual **Chinese New Year fundraising auction and dinner**, sponsored by HSBC Bank USA, was held at the Legin Restaurant Ballroom in Southeast Portland on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Three hundred and seventy people attended, including First Lady of Oregon, Mary Oberst, and Louis Lee, recipient of the Council's Flying Horse Community Service Award. The evening officially opened with a lion dance performance by the Northwest Lion Dance Troupe, followed by great performances from the International School's Little Dove of Peace Art Troupe and students from the Northwest China Council Language School. Approximately \$27,000 was raised, with an additional \$1,400 contributed to the Kam Wah Chung restoration project in John Day. For the fifth straight year, Mr. Bob Ginsburg served as auctioneer and did a fine job. Lillian Tsai, NWCC's charismatic and capable board president, served as master of ceremonies.

This year's auction committee deserves much credit for helping to make things run smoothly. Many thanks to committee chair Lillian Tsai and to the following committee members: NWCC board members Heidi Benaman, Dave Bleyle, Laura Mattingly and John Wong, and to Council language teacher, Willow Zheng, who has perennially donated her artistic skills to create our auction program catalogues.

Last but certainly not least, many thanks to a wonderful volunteer crew for a job well done. They include Antonia Agliadoro, Kathy Bleyle, Fei Chen, Leanne Cheung, Nate Donely, Matt Fildes, Jennifer Harry, Trina Hing, David Kohl, Dennis Lee, Holly Lim, Jeanne Liu, Mike Mattingly, Paul Millius, Robert Moon, Nesteren Pintarich, Judith Poutasse, Elise Sanders, Ron Smith, Jane Stackhouse, Shawn Wall, Michael Wallis, Marcia Weinstein, Ann Williams, Melinda and Stuart Woolley, Cong Zhang and Lynne Zhang.

**Save the date:** The Year of the Pig begins on January 29, 2007. The Council's auction and dinner will be held on **February 17** at the Legin Restaurant Ballroom. Hope to see you there!



## CHINA BUSINESS NETWORK

On March 1, at the House of Louie restaurant, Mr. **Jeff Nuss**, founder, president and CEO of GreenWood Resources, Inc., talked about his company's involvement in the development of high-yield, fast-growing trees in China. His talk, titled "China's Green Revolution: Sustainable or Not?", provided background on the state of the industry in China and the need for improved techniques and strategies toward developing healthy, sustainable tree farms.

**Peter S. Goodman**, *The Washington Post* Shanghai bureau chief was featured at a CBN luncheon on April 4 at the House of Louie. Mr. Goodman, a veteran foreign economic correspondent, zeroed in on the long list of current difficulties and potential trouble spots that the Chinese leadership must deal with to keep the economy on track, the middle class growing, and the country stable. Goodman is concerned about the growing inequalities that the rural poor face and questioned the ability of the Chinese leadership to deal with the numerous challenges they face.

On April 10, **Jim McGregor**—author of *One Billion Customers: Lessons From the Front Lines of Doing Business in China*—talked about the current business atmosphere for foreign investment and trade in China. McGregor, who spent many years in China as *The Wall Street Journal* China bureau chief, chief executive of Dow Jones' China business operations, chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce and as a business advisor and entrepreneur, stressed China's growing importance. Though still a developing nation with immense challenges ahead, China possesses a vast pool of talent in government, business and education. Over time, and in its own fashion, McGregor is confident that China will rise to the challenge. The talk was held at the University Club in downtown Portland.

**SAVE THE DATE: MAY 17 CBN AT THE HOUSE OF LOUIE WITH MURRAY KING, DIRECTOR, APCO WORLDWIDE SHANGHAI**

### LANGUAGE TRAINING for the BUSINESS TRAVELER

An increasing number of professional people have been adding Chinese language study to their long-term career planning strategy. The China Council has been teaching Mandarin language classes since the 1980's. We offer evening classes at the Council and on-site training in a variety of formats. Please call at 503 973-5451 for details.

**SUMMER LANGUAGE CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, JULY 18**



**2006 Year of the Dog Auction & Dinner** (Begin top left, left to right) NW China Council language students with Willow Zheng; NW Lion Dance performers; Flying Horse Award recipient Louis Lee, NWCC president Lillian Tsai; NWCC board member and HSBC USA vice-president Paul Ip; The International School performers; auctioneer Bob Ginsburg, right, encouraging bidders at the pre-dinner silent auction; Council members Ed & June McLean placing a bid; Council member Marsh Hieronimus and First Lady of Oregon Mary Oberst; auction volunteers Matt Fildes, Leanne Cheung, Nesteren Pintarich and Melinda Woolley. Photographs by E Guangcai, courtesy of the Portland Chinese Times & Willow Zheng

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## Poetry Month Event with Oregon Poet Laureate Lawson Inada

The Old Town Chinatown Arts, Culture and History Committee warmly invites you to a springtime afternoon of poetry, stories, music and song. Oregon's newly designated poet laureate and well-known storyteller, Mr. Lawson Inada, will host the program. The event will also feature many talented young people who study Chinese and Japanese in our community.



Willow Zheng

Special guests include: The Dragon Art Puppet Troupe, The Yat Sing Music Club, Tanuki Taiko and musician Mitch Iimori.

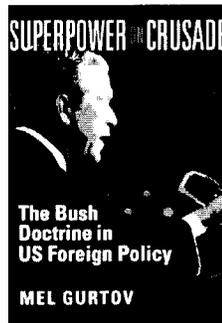
**When:** Sunday, April 23, 1:30-3:30 PM

**Where:** Globe Hotel (formerly Import Plaza at NW First and Couch)

**Cost:** The event is free but advance reservations are required on a first-come, first-served basis. To make a reservation, call the Portland Classical Chinese Garden reservation number at, 503-228-8131, X2001.

## Superpower on Crusade: The Bush Doctrine In US Foreign Policy

The Bush Doctrine, as applied to China and East Asia, has been undercut by the war in Iraq but has by no means been abandoned. The administration remains committed to containment as well as economic engagement of China, to supporting a larger Japanese security role, and to bringing about regime change in North Korea. The alternative to such a divisive and ultimately confrontational foreign policy is one focused on human security and common security, and a new China policy should be its centerpiece.



Mel Gurtov, Professor of Political Science and International Studies at Portland State University, is the author of the recently published *Superpower on Crusade: The Bush Doctrine In US Foreign Policy* and other books on China and East Asia, including *China Under Threat: The Politics of Strategy and Diplomacy*. Professor Gurtov has a Ph.D. in Political Science from UCLA and is editor-in-chief of *Asian Perspective*, an international journal published in Seoul.

**When:** Thursday, May 18, 7:00 PM

**Where:** Looking Glass Books, 318 SW Taylor St.

**Cost:** Free



GoogleEarth aerial view of Shanghai-Nanjing corridor

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## Zhang Jian and China's First Museum

by Lisa Claypool, Lewis & Clark College

The Nantong Museum was the first domestically conceived, managed, and developed museum in China. The museum was established in 1905 by Zhang Jian, (1853–1926), a famous industrial entrepreneur and social reformer, in his adopted native place of Nantong, Jiangsu, a city approximately sixty miles northwest of Shanghai.



"Viewing paintings at an exhibition," by Chen Shizeng.

Professor Claypool will talk about what motivated Zhang Jian and his collaborators to establish the museum as a site of cultural production that revolved around Chinese elite collecting practice and was based on the model of the colonial museum available in Shanghai.

She will also consider how, in their attempts to define what modern China looked like, Zhang Jian and his colleagues attempted to shape how visitors could begin literally to see and participate in this new and uniquely assembled vision of China at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**When:** Tuesday, May 30. 6:30 PM

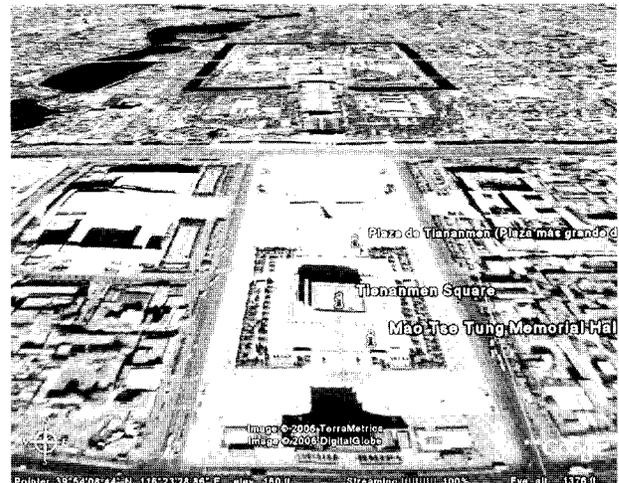
**Where:** Stevens Room, Portland Art Museum (Hoffman entrance)

**Cost:** Free to NWCC and museum members; \$5 general (Please show your membership card at ticket booth)

*Sponsored by the Asian Art Council of the Portland Art Museum and the Northwest China Council*

## Mapping China

The Council needs you to help launch a "Mapping China" geography project. The idea is to develop a series of programs, for adults and school children (K-6) that will focus on China's geography and how it has, literally and figuratively, shaped Chinese history and culture. If you are interested in geography and travel (and volunteer grant writing), this might be the group for you. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 21**. Executive director Rosario Aglialoro will also talk about exploring China's geography using internet mapping tools. If you plan to attend please RSVP by **June 19** to 503 973-5451 or by e-mail to [ChinaGeo@nwchina.org](mailto:ChinaGeo@nwchina.org).



GoogleEarth aerial view of Tiananmen and the Forbidden City, Beijing

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