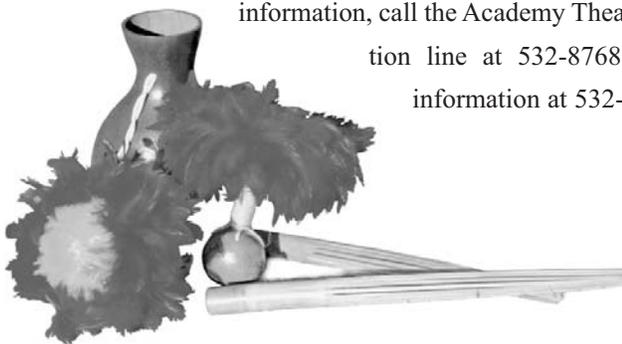


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ART ACADEMY PERFORMANCE

A tribute to *kumu hula* Auntie **Nona Beamer** will be held at the Honolulu Academy of Arts Academy Theatre on Saturday, November 3, starting at 7:30 p. m. Nona spent nearly 40 years teaching at the Kamehameha Schools, and has published numerous Hawaiiana books, tapes, and a CD, composed countless songs and chants, and continues as a storyteller and entertainer. The evening of dance and song is being organized by 1992 Narcissus Queen and Chamber director **Maile Loo** as a tribute to her *hanai* mother. For those who may not know Maile, she is herself *kumu hula* of Halau Hula 'o Kaho'oilina Aloha, owns her own computer business, and is TV anchor for "School Connections," the DOE's news broadcast. The first half of the program will have ancient *hula* featuring the use of rare implements and instruments. The second half will pay tribute to the music of the Beamer family. Tickets are \$15.00 and may be reserved in person at the Academy Visitor Information Center during normal museum hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sundays, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; closed Mondays. For more information, call the Academy Theatre information line at 532-8768 or general information at 532-8700.



Chinese Symposium

"Beyond Chineseness," a graduate symposium, will be held at the Art Building Auditorium at the University of Hawaii on Monday, November 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The symposium will feature speakers and panels discussing the rising stature of China's new art. Questions should be directed to Professor Hsingyuan Tsao at 956-5265 or htsao@hawaii.edu.

Narcissus Kickoff Reminder

by Sylvia Louie



Sixteen lovely contestants will be formally presented at our annual Narcissus Kickoff Reception scheduled for Thursday, November 8, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom 1 and 2. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. This year's show will be hosted by local TV news personality **Glenn Wakai** and will feature accomplished *erhu* musician **Chun Wah Kam**. There will of course be the usual heavy *pupu* and non-alcoholic punch. By now, all Chamber members should have received their invitation in the mail. The event is open to all Chamber members and their spouses (or significant others) free of charge, however, reservations are required for admittance. Members may bring additional guests at a cost of \$10.00 per person. For more information, please call 533-3181 or fax to 533-6967.



Ban Chan

Susanna and I have just returned from a twenty-day visit to China. We left Hawaii in late September, and arrived back home in mid-October. The primary purpose of our visit was to attend the National Day Celebration in Beijing on October 1. Each year, the Chinese government invites a number of friends from around the world to attend this event. It is the biggest national holiday in China, and most businesses and offices shut down for a full week in observance of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

This year, National Day and the Mid-Autumn or Moon Festival happened to coincide with each other. On the evening before National Day, we were hosted to a grand banquet in Beijing along with many other international guests. Of course, there was no short supply of moon cakes, so we were able to try many different kinds with different fillings and tastes. During the banquet, I was introduced to the thousands of guests as representing the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and I was given the honor of making a short speech to the audience. I did my share to advertise our beautiful state to the other guests and to encourage them to visit here.

On October 1, we looked out of our hotel room to see Tiananmen Square. We have never seen it so crowded! Official estimates claim that two million people can fit into the Square, and I believe it! It was amazing to see the mass of humanity standing shoulder to shoulder, enjoying the various cultural shows and performances that were being staged at the Square. Most of the people there were Chinese citizens who had traveled from all over the country to arrive in Beijing in time to celebrate the holidays. That evening, as official guests of the government, we were hosted to a sumptuous banquet. Again, it was an honor to represent your Chamber to so many other guests and dignitaries.

While in Beijing, we also had the opportunity to visit the Red Sandalwood Museum. This museum was completed less than two years ago. It is constructed entirely of sandalwood with no nails or other metal devices to hold the buildings together. The main building of the museum has five floors, and over 1,000 pieces of palace handicrafts carved out of precious wood. The exhibits include sandalwood, ebony, and rosewood carvings as well as several hundred pieces of Ming and Qing dynasty furniture. I highly recommend that future Narcissus Goodwill Tours consider adding this museum to their sightseeing itineraries.

In Beijing, we also visited the new China Millennium Monument. The monument was constructed as a commemorative landmark for the new century, and the structure combines the spirit of traditional Chinese culture with modern architectural art. The monument serves as the center for cultural, scientific, and

artistic exhibitions. This monument would also be a worthy addition to any tour of Beijing.

After stopping for a few days in Shanghai, we proceeded to Shenzhen in Guangdong Province. We spent about a week touring Shenzhen and adjacent areas. The modern buildings and facilities, the carefully planned infrastructure, and the thrust of economic development in the region astounded us. We were especially impressed with the Shenzhen Overseas Chinese High-Tech Venture Park. The park has a total area of 27,6000 square meters and serves as an incubator center for the development of high-tech programs and enterprises. The area is fast becoming the Silicon Valley of southern China. Our visit to Shenzhen also enabled us to attend the annual High-Tech Show that attracts "techie" innovators from all over the world.

In addition to Shenzhen, we visited several other model developments that included office buildings, residential villages, and seaside resorts. As far as stepping into the 21st century, this region certainly is in the forefront of modern China. At the end of our trip, as Americans who are overseas Chinese, Susanna and I felt great pride in China and in our ethnic heritage.

The Chamber office was very busy while I was gone. Progress was made on many events and activities, and some of them will happen soon. These events are mentioned in other articles in this month's *Lantern*, but in particular, I want to encourage all of you to attend our Narcissus Kickoff at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Thursday, November 8. Hope to see you there!

SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS for 2002

The Hawaii District Office of the Small Business Administration (SBA) is seeking nominees for its Small Business Awards for 2002. Each year, the awards recognize the best of Hawaii's small business owners, outstanding entrepreneurs, and advocates.

This year's categories for small business owners and entrepreneurs are Small Business Person of the Year, Exporter of the Year, Entrepreneurial Success, and SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Awards for advocates are to individuals who have demonstrated support for minority small business, women in business, veteran small businesses, home-based businesses or through work as accountants, journalists or financial services.

Specific eligibility and selection criteria are detailed on the nomination forms available at the SBA district office, Room 2-235, PJKK Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard or from the new SBA Hawaii Website (www.sbahawaii.org). All completed nomination packages must include a signed, completed Form 898 and Consent for Disclosure form. Deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 12, at the SBA District Office. (Members may recall that Chamber director and Elvira *Chocolat* owner **Elvira Lo** was the 2001 Exporter of the Year).



At the invitations of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Offices of Beijing and Shenzhen, Chinese Chamber's President Ban Chan and his wife Susanna attend the National Day Celebration in Beijing and participate the China Hi-Tech Fair 2001 in Shenzhen from September 27 to October 16, 2001.



YOUNG MARSHAL PASSES

According to reports in both Honolulu daily newspapers, **Chang Hsueh-Liang** passed away in Honolulu on Sunday, October 14, in Honolulu from pneumonia. Students of Chinese history will remember that it was Chang who was involved in the “Xi’an incident.” He was born in northeast China in 1901, the eldest son of Manchurian warlord Chang Tso-Lin, who controlled much of Manchuria with several other warlords following the overthrow of the Qing dynasty. The elder Chang was assassinated in 1928 by a Japanese bomb planted on his train. The Young Marshal succeeded his father and fought the Japanese, who invaded Manchuria in 1931 and set up the puppet state of Manchukuo. In December of 1936, Chang captured Chiang Kai-Shek in Xi’an and held him captive for twelve days until Chiang agreed to form a united front to fight the invading Japanese.



Chamber 90th Anniversary

The Chinese Chamber is the second oldest ethnic chamber of commerce in Hawaii, and 2001 is the Chamber’s 90th anniversary. As part of the anniversary, Anniversary chair and past president **Frances Goo** scheduled several anniversary events. They included two events this month. First, on Monday, October 22, the Anniversary Film Festival was held at the Honolulu Academy of Arts Theatre. Featured was “Pavilion of Women,” a film based on a novel by **Pearl S. Buck**, directed by **Yim Ho**, and starring **Willem Dafoe**.

Then on a very rainy and blustery Saturday, October 27, there was a special evening opening reception, sponsored by the Chamber and the director and board of trustees of the Academy of Arts, for “Beauties of Nature: Selections from the Shanghai Museum.” The Hawaii Chinese community should be very honored since the Shanghai Museum is world famous for its outstanding collection of Chinese art. The exhibition features a selection of twenty jade pieces, representing periods from the earliest Neolithic through the 19th century as well as 15 works by some of the best known painters of the “Shanghai school” from the late Qing dynasty.

The evening began with entertainment and jade and chop carving demonstrations. A lion dance opened the program in which greetings were extended by representatives of the Chamber (**Ban Chan**), Art Academy (**George Ellis**), and Shanghai Museum; a number of past Chamber presidents were recognized; and a ribbon was cut to open the exhibition. Refreshments were then served and guests were free to view the exhibition in the **Maurice J. Sullivan** Family Gallery. The exhibition will run through Sunday, December 16, and was made possible by significant contributions from **Warren and Carolyn Luke, Betty and Bob Wo, Frank and Frances Chang, Han Hsin and Barbara Ching, Peggy and Edward Eu, Jill and Sanford Friedman, Cecilia and David Lee, Rosita and Ricardo Leong, Tan Tek and Wai Ling Lum, and Joanna Sullivan**.



Chamber's President Ban Chan, USCPFA's President Walter Chang and Chamber's EVP Wen Chung Lin greet Consul General Lan Lijun and Consul Xue Bing of the Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles upon their arrival at the Honolulu airport on September 10, 2001.



Chamber's President-Elect Frank Mow, USCPFA's President Walter Chang and Chamber's EVP Wen Chung Lin welcome Ambassador Yang Jiechi of the PRC to the USA and his delegation upon their arrival at the Honolulu airport on October 15, 2001.



Above & Right: Chamber's President-Elect Frank Mow and Past President Wesley Fong have a nice meeting with a visiting Prosecutor's Delegation from Guangdong at Chamber's office on October 11, 2001.



CHAMBER'S VISITORS

October 11, 2001

- Mr. Niu Decai, Director
Nanhai Quality Technology Supervisory Bureau and delegation of 16

October 15 - 16, 2001

- Mr. Yang Jiechi, Ambassador
The Embassy of the PRC in the USA and delegation of 3

October 22 - 23, 2001

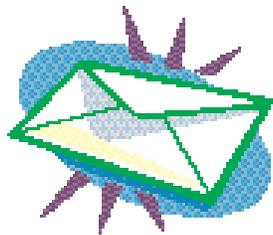
- Mr. He Yafai, Charge of Affaires
The Embassy of the PRC in the USA and delegation of 3

October 22 - 24, 2001

- Mr. Xu Shiguo, Acting Consul General
The Consulate General of the PRC in L.A. and delegation of 3

MEMBER BENEFITS

AAA-Hawaii is offering all members of the Chamber, their families, and associates an opportunity to become new AAA members for only \$54.00. That's \$20.00 (27%) off annual membership! Among the services provided to AAA members are emergency service (towing, gas, dead battery), travel services, maps, TourBooks, group movie tickets, notary service, and AAA discounts on hotels, restaurants, and car rentals. To join, call **Charisse Freitas**, account representative for group membership sales, at 597-5095, or enroll online at www.aaa-hawaii.com/group and enter code #7541.



State Senator **Suzanne Chun Oakland** was one of three very concerned legislators who met with health and human services individuals and agency representatives at the State Capitol on October 16. Their concern was that not enough was being done to help individuals and families who were and are most in need in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks. In the special session which began on

Monday, October 22, very little was being done to address the needs of lower income families (as well as small businesses who make up the vast majority of business in Hawaii).

Have you seen the Hawaiian Airlines commercial on TV recently? For those with sharp eyes, you may have recognized 1992 Narcissus Queen and Chamber director **Maile Loo** dancing a spectral *hula*. Reportedly, the voice-over for the ad is done by Maile's *hanai* mother, well-known and respected *kumu hula* **Nona Beamer**.

Sprint Hawaii Vice President and General Manager **Nonie Toledo**, in her capacity as education task force chair of the Hawaii Business Roundtable, had a letter to the editor published in the October 24 issue of the *Honolulu Advertiser*. Written in the aftermath of School Superintendent **Paul LeMahieu**'s resignation, Nonie praised Dr. LeMahieu and urged that "we join forces to support and nurture our [public] schools."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 8 • Thur	53rd Narcissus Kick-Off Reception Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom - 6:00 p.m.
Nov 12 • Mon	Veteran's Day
Nov 20 • Tue	Executive Board Meeting Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Nov 22 • Thur	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27 • Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon

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DBEDT TRIP

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's "Aloha China!" business mission, which was originally scheduled to depart on September 15, but was postponed due to the September 11 attacks, has been rescheduled for December 2-14. The mission will travel to Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong. The mission will be led by Governor **Ben Cayetano**. It is not known whether there is still possible for other businesspeople to join the mission, and you should contact DBEDT if you're interested.

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