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## **DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS ARTIFACTS FROM DETROIT'S CHINATOWN FOR UPCOMING EXHIBIT**

**DETROIT** -- The **Detroit Historical Society** is looking for artifacts for an exhibit opening this April about **Detroit's Chinatown**. Our collection currently has some items, but more are needed!

Displayed at the Detroit Historical Museum, the Friends of Detroit's Chinatown and Wayne State University will present the untold and often forgotten stories of residents of Detroit's Chinatown -- a place that once thrived on Third Ave. and Porter St. during World War II. In the 1960s, it was relocated to Cass Ave. and Peterboro St. as part of a city-wide housing demolition project. Its residents worked tirelessly to send aid to China during their war with Japan in the 1930s, drawing the support of icons like **Madame Chiang Kai-shek**. They were admired for their festive celebrations of the Chinese New Year for more than 90 years. However, many political, economic, and social factors aided in the eventual demise of Detroit's Chinatown, a once vibrant and populated area. The exhibit will be featured in the Museum's **Community Gallery** presented by **Comerica**.

The Society is looking for the following items related to Detroit's Chinatown:

- World War II propaganda posters;
- Fliers or posters promoting the boycott of Japanese goods;
- 19<sup>th</sup> century laundry equipment;
- Chinese New Year décor or costumes;
- Goods from Chinese businesses;
- Chinese or Western clothing worn by residents of Detroit's Chinatown;
- Event pamphlets;
- La Choy recipe booklets;
- Newspaper articles;
- Photographs, letters and postcards.

For more information on how to donate or loan artifacts for this upcoming exhibit, contact **Chelsea Zuzindlak** at **(313) 833-0242** or via e-mail at [chelseaz@detroithistorical.org](mailto:chelseaz@detroithistorical.org).

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m.

to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*, *Frontiers to Factories*, *The Motor City*, and *The Glancy Trains*. New exhibits include *Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership*; *Fabulous 5: Entertainment Venues*; *1920s: Detroit's Building Boom*; *100 Years Ago*; *New to the Collection*, a showcase of recently acquired antiquities, oddities, and treasures; the *Detroit Artist Showcase* featuring early 20th century artist Amy Lorimer; and *Automotive Showplace*, spotlighting the Model T Centennial. For more information, call the Museum at **(313) 833-1805** or check out our website at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

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