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2011 Asian Pacific Spring Festival Commences in Locke

The community of Locke, one of the hidden gems of Northern California, has the unique distinction of being the only recorded town built solely by the Chinese for the Chinese. This distinctive heritage and culture will be celebrated this May, as The Locke Foundation presents the 2011 Asian Pacific Spring Festival in the community of Locke.

On Saturday May 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Locke's Main Street will feature a wide variety of family friendly activities. These activities will include fashion, street vendors, Asian-Pacific music and dance, exhibits, martial arts, food, and children's crafts. In addition, there will be a dedication of Locke's new monuments honoring Sun Yat-Sen and Confucius.

"The Locke Boarding House Museum, a partnership between California State Parks and the Locke Foundation, will be highlighting new exhibits depicting the way of life for Chinese people living in the town during different time periods," said Kelly Claar, Delta Sector Superintendent of the California State Parks Gold Fields District. "The spring cultural event will be the first opportunity the public has to view these glimpses into rural Chinese culture in the early part of this century. The Locke Foundation works hard to preserve and promote the town of Locke and this event will be a unique opportunity to have a great time as well as help support the efforts of the Foundation."

Sponsors for this year's festival include the Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Association, the Jinan Sacramento Sisters Cities Corp., the Organization of Chinese Americans-Sacramento Chapter, the Chinese American Council of Sacramento, the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, and the Sacramento Chinese Cultural Foundation.

The community of Locke has much to celebrate, due to its unique culture and history. Founded in 1915, Locke was established when a fire in the Chinese-section of nearby Walnut Grove destroyed the Chinese community there. A committee of Chinese merchants secured the land in what is now know as Locke. Architects soon went to work and by 1920 the town looked much like it does today. In 1970 was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Locke is located in the Southern portion of Sacramento County, and is bordered by the Sacramento River to the West. For directions and information call The Locke Foundation at (916) 776-1828, online at lockeca.com or email lockefoundation@frontiernet.net. (See attached flyer for more details as well.) The events will take place along the main drag of Locke at 13916 Main Street Walnut Grove, CA 95690.

There's no need to open that wallet or pocketbook, as the festival is completely free to the public—including parking. So come on down to Locke and step back in time to celebrate the 2011 Asian Pacific Spring Festival!

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THE LOCKE FOUNDATION
CELEBRATES THE 2011

ASIAN PACIFIC SPRING FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011, 11:00 AM TO 3 PM
ON MAIN STREET IN LOCKE, CA

FEATURING ASIAN PACIFIC
MUSIC – DANCE – MARTIAL ARTS
VISUAL ARTS – EXHIBITS – FOOD – FASHION
STREET VENDORS – CHILDREN'S CRAFT ACTIVITIES

A DEDICATION OF LOCKE'S NEW MONUMENTS



SUN YAT-SEN



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