

**Welcome Aboard! Walking Among Hungry Ghosts: Santa Cruz and the Chinese**  
**Sunday, April 1, 2012**  
**Time: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM**

Below you find information about the course. Keep this letter where you can find it and refer to it as we get closer to the date.

**What this course is:** A leisurely walk through Santa Cruz where you'll learn to see and hear the Chinese history that is woven into the fabric of the town. We will explore the dark underside of Santa Cruz's history as well as illuminate the stories of incredible courage and perseverance of the Chinese immigrants. You will never see Santa Cruz the same way again.

**Where we'll begin:** We'll start at the parking lot of the **Santa Cruz County Government Center**, 701 Ocean Street. We will begin gathering there around **9:30** and will have nametags and other support materials. We plan to set off promptly at **10:00 AM**.

**Distance and Pace:** This is not a marathon or a Physical Education Class. We will walk at a reasonable pace, stopping often for talk stories. I am estimating that we'll be walking around 3 miles during the day, possibly farther if the group is energetic.

**A Clockwise Circumambulation:** The general route for the day will be a clock-wise circuit of the town, including the sites of Santa Cruz's last major Chinatowns, the railroad tunnel that they were forbidden to work in, the Lower Plaza (location of many anti-Chinese rallies), the location of the Tea Cup, and the Chinese section of Evergreen Cemetery where we'll elaborate on the Chinese funerals and spiritual beliefs. Around 5:00 PM, we'll have completed our circuit and we'll retire to a Chinese-style banquet where we'll conclude our day.

The Chinese-style banquet is included in the fee.

**A Note About the Course Conclusion Time:** I would advise that you not schedule anything right up against our 7:00 PM time of conclusion. We will make every effort to have concluded by then, but who knows?

**What to wear:** As always, dress in layers as it might be chilly in the morning but warm in the afternoon. Evergreen Cemetery can be chilly in the afternoon. Also, the usual sunscreen, hat, sunglasses.

**Support Vehicle:** We will have a support vehicle shadowing us, so you will be able to divest yourself of clothing as the day progresses.

**Lunch:** We will have a lunch break at a place to be determined by our progress. The support vehicle will meet us there, so you need not carry your lunch. However, it is recommended that you have a daypack with liquid and snacks.

**Patience:** Also, be sure to bring a good supply of patience. We will be stopping frequently to do talk-story about the Chinese.

**Suggested Readings:** Though this is not an academic class and there will be no tests (yay!), it is recommended that you do some preliminary reading if you have the time and/or inclinations:

- ***Chinese Gold: The Chinese in the Monterey Bay Region*** by Sandy Lydon. Capitola Book Company, new 20-Year Anniversary Edition, 2008. See, in particular Chapters 8 and 13.
- ***Chinatown Dreams: The Life and Photographs of George Lee*** by Dunn (editor) , Grady, Hill, Houston, Lydon, Marcus and Ow. Capitola Book Company, 2002.
- ***Santa Cruz is in the Heart*** by Geoffrey Dunn. Capitola Book Company, 1989, revised 1995. See the chapter titled “Climbing Gold Mountain” and “Room at the Top.”

You can find these books and others on the history of the Monterey Bay Region at the Capitola Book Company website: [www.capitolabook.com](http://www.capitolabook.com)

I'm looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, April 1!

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