



MOCA CALL FOR PHOTOS & STORIES: “HOME IS...”

The **Museum of Chinese in America** is collecting images and stories for our new core exhibition honoring the adventurous and creative spirit of Chinese in America. The exhibit will open in our new facilities designed by artist/designer Maya Lin at 215 Centre Street, New York City, and will highlight our ongoing mission to document, preserve and dynamically portray Chinese America and its historical transformations.

We want YOU and many others who share Chinese ancestry to be a part of it!

We are seeking the following types of stories to supplement our current collections:

1. Post-1965 Immigration Stories

- Were you part of the diverse post-1965 wave of immigrants coming to the United States from different parts of Asia?
- Are you a transnational Chinese American? Living both in the United States and China?
- Were you reunited with your family after decades of Cold War separation?

2. World War II Era Student Stories

- Did you come to the United States as a student?
- Were you “stranded” here after the Cold War?

3. World War II Era Suburban Family Stories:

- Did your family move to the suburbs after World War II?
- Was an American suburb or rural area your first home in the United States?

4. Multi-generational Stories:

- Has your family been in America for more than two generations?

With each individual story, our history as Chinese Americans becomes more visible and extraordinary. We look forward to hearing from you!

HELP TELL YOUR FAMILY'S STORY!

We are seeking stories and photographs for inclusion in the MOCA's new core exhibition, StoryMap website (currently viewable online in its beta version), and Collections. Please use the following form to help guide you.

Your Contact Information

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email:

General Family Information

1. Year Your Family Arrived in the United States:
2. Village/Town/City & Country of Origin:
3. Place(s) of First Settlement in the United States (City, State):
4. Place(s) of Current Settlement in the United States (City, State):

Photo Description *(please provide the following information for each photo)*

1. Names of people in photo:
2. Description:
3. Place:
4. Year:

Your Story:

1. What was **your journey** ... your experience coming to and living in this country?
2. What has the word "**home**" meant to you, living in the United States— when you first arrived, now, or over time?
3. If you have a multi-generational story:
 - a. What are the stories you have heard about the first members of your family to arrive in this country?
 - b. How do you keep in touch with your family history and what does this history mean to you? Do you have **family artifacts/ heirlooms** that represent this history?

Object Loans / Donations to the Museum:

Do you have family collections you would like considered for exhibition or donation to MOCA's historical collections? Please submit a photograph of the items and our Collections department will contact you. Please DO NOT submit artifacts in the mail.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:

1. **DEADLINE:** SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 (submissions received after 9-22-08 may not be included for the opening of the new core exhibition, but may be considered for inclusion at a later date.)
2. **PLEASE FILL OUT & SEND THE DONATION FORM WITH SIGNATURE** (required for acceptance of submission!) with your story and/or photo submission.
3. **PHOTOS** may be sent via email as TIF or JPEG files. High resolution images (300 dpi) are preferred. We are especially interested in photos that provide a sense of geographical context, time, and place.
5. **EMAIL:** A scanned form with signature can be sent to clee@mocanyc.org with the subject heading "CORE EXHIBIT."
6. **MAIL:** Submissions with signature should be addressed to: CORE EXHIBIT, Museum of Chinese in America, 70 Mulberry Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10013.

VOLUNTARY DONATION FORM

By voluntarily submitting your story and/or images, you agree to give MOCA all rights for public exhibition, display, research, education and programming purposes and these rights cannot be revoked. Your voluntary submission gives and assigns to MOCA legal title, property right and all rights of copyright that you hold. You also certify that you have the right to use the image(s) and usage does not violate copyright otherwise associated with the images. By submitting your story and/or images, MOCA does not guarantee that they will be used for public exhibition or display. Written material and/or images that are used will be given donor credit as specified by you in this Voluntary Donation Form and all materials will be accessioned by MOCA in accordance with its Collections Policy.

Signature : _____

Date : _____

Please send all forms with signature to: CORE EXHIBIT, Museum of Chinese in America, 70 Mulberry Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10013 or clee@mocanyc.org (for scanned forms with signature).

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