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THE WORKING LIVES OF CHINESE CANADIAN WOMEN ON DISPLAY AT BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE

The working lives of Chinese Canadian women are filled with stories of sacrifice and success. Through photographs and oral history interviews collected from community members across Canada, explore the fascinating stories of Chinese Canadian women as workers in the years 1923-1967 – a period of restricted immigration to Canada. Their contributions as homemakers, restaurateurs, doctors, business owners and more were central to the economic well-being of their families and communities.

"They gave up themselves for the next generation": The Working Lives of Chinese Canadian Women, 1923-1967, is on display at <u>Black Creek Pioneer Village</u> until December 2013.

The interviews, photographs and ideas presented in this exhibition have been adapted from a project launched by the MHSO in 2011 with the financial support of the Government of Canada (Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Community Historical Recognition Program). To access the online collection, visit www.mhso.ca/chinesecanadianwomen.

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JOURNEY THROUGH MEMORY | A REMINISCENCE EXHIBITION PRESENTED BY THE MHSO AND BAYCREST HEALTH SCIENCES

The MHSO is a proud partner of the *Journey Through Memory* exhibition, curated by Naomi Lerman, Tobie Miller and Vanessa Tamburro. The MHSO's contribution reflects its commitment to preserving and promoting Ontario's ethno-culturally diverse histories, including those from the Baycrest community and Toronto's Jewish community as a whole.

The MHSO has long believed that the collection of oral testimony is a highly valuable exercise; it emphasizes the sharing of personal stories and individual perspectives that are often unseen and unexplored in traditional historical narratives.

Exhibit on display until May 31, 2013
Monday to Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM | Free
Admission
Apotex and Water Cooler Galleries

Baycrest, 3560 Bathurst St, Toronto, ON www.baycrest.org/culture-arts-innovation

Journey Through Memory is a perfect example of the emotional, social, even physical benefits of reminiscence for the participants, for their family members, interviewers, and other support staff who have been involved in the project.

The exhibition has captured the voices and personality of individual participants, and has produced a historical resource that will be preserved and cherished by future generations.



(Above) Wayne Dowler, Carl Thorpe, Cathy Leekam, Sarah Warner and Vanessa Tamburro at the opening event on April 17, 2013. (Right) Participants reminisce using objects from the Morris and Sally Justein Heritage Museum.





MHSO COLLABORATES WITH MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Event speakers from left to right: Dr. Lorne Foster, The Honourable Justice Michael Tulloch, and Deputy Attorney General Patrick Monahan.

Selected images from the MHSO's photo exhibition, *Many Rivers to Cross* on display at the McMurty-Scott Building, 2013.



Selected images from the MHSO's photo exhibition, *Many Rivers to Cross: The African Canadian Experience*, were displayed from February 6 to 28 at the McMurty-Scott Building (720 Bay Street) for the Ministry of the Attorney General's Black History Month program. Dr. Lorne Foster, one of the Society's Adjunct Scholars, introduced the exhibit at the Ministry's Black History Month Celebration opening event on February 7.

A portion of the exhibit was also displayed at the Macdonald Block Building (900 Bay Street) for the Black Ontario Public Services Employees Network event on February 20. Deputy Attorney General Patrick Monahan wrote, "The exhibition provoked discussion from the first day of its installation in the foyer of the McMurty-Scott Building, and it continued to generate interest and attention for the entire time it was on view." He added, "The Society's commitment to increasing awareness of important aspects of the province's past is to be commended, and so too is its efforts to collaborate with partners in other ministries."

Originally curated by Dr. Sheldon Taylor and exhibited at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in 1992, *Many Rivers to Cross: The African Canadian Experience*, examines immigration, culture, struggle for justice, work and community among people of African descent living in Canada.

SMITHS FALLS HERITAGE HOUSE MUSEUM FEATURES FAMILY STORIES, TREASURED MEMORIES EXHIBITION

<u>Family Stories, Treasured Memories</u> showcases the work of Toronto middle school students as they explore their family's migration stories. The exhibition displays migration experiences from a range of periods and countries of origin, offering a glimpse of the diversity that makes up contemporary Toronto. Family Stories will be on display at the <u>Smiths Falls Heritage House Museum</u> from May 1 to July 31, 2013.