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Mission

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WALKING TOURS OFFER FIRST-HAND LOOK AT PORTLAND'S 'FORGOTTEN' CHINATOWN

"Sweet Cakes" kicks off Dill Pickle Club's 2010 field trips with visiting scholar Dr. Marie Rose Wong

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Sweet Cakes, Long Journey: A walking tour of Portland's Chinatown
Saturday, June 19, 3PM-6PM | Sunday, June 20, 2PM-5PM

Tour departs: Purest Cafe | 115 SW Ash St.
Registration limited to 45 people each tour

Purchase tickets at: www.dillpickleclub.com and the Purest Cafe | Cost: \$15 general / \$10 members

Portland, OR – (May 13, 2010) The Dill Pickle Club and Friends of Portland Chinatown proudly partner to present *Sweet Cakes, Long Journey*, two behind-the-scenes community tours of Portland's Chinatown. The tours offer a unique opportunity to learn about the neighborhood through its architecture, oral history and little-known cultural heritage. A rare lecture by visiting scholar Dr. Marie Rose Wong offers a broader sociological and historical view of the area.

Highlighting many of Chinatown's lesser known landmarks, the walk encompasses Yat Sing Music Club, New Market Theater, historic Chinese association buildings, as well as the original Chinatown on the south side of Burnside. Along the route, elders will meet the tour to share their memories. The walk will stop at sites more familiar to most, including Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Portland's Chinatown gate and Lan Su Chinese Garden.

The tours conclude at University of Oregon's White Stag Building, where Dr. Wong will give a slide lecture based on her research for her authoritative book, *Sweet Cakes, Long Journey: The Chinatowns of Portland, Oregon* (University of Washington, 2004). Dr. Wong will place the tour in context, detailing how discrimination and public policy have affected Chinatown, from its years as home to the second largest Chinese population in the U.S., to its present-day period of development, economic struggle and changing identity. Dr. Wong is an associate professor specializing in urban design at the Institute of Public Service, Seattle University.

Sweet Cakes, Long Journey is the first of the Dill Pickle Club's summer tour series, which examines overlooked facets of Oregon history. Documentation of the tour will be made available online at: www.dillpickleclub.com.

Dr. Wong's stay is made possible by a generous donation from the Ace Hotel.

A NOTE TO THE MEDIA

The media is invited to a walk through preview of the tour, Sunday, May 16th, 11AM -1PM. The tour will depart from the Purest Cafe (115 SW Ash St).

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ABOUT FRIENDS OF PORTLAND CHINATOWN

Friends of Portland Chinatown's mission is to increase pedestrian traffic and raise historical and cultural awareness for Portland Chinatown. Friends of Portland Chinatown is a grassroots group comprised of volunteers with diverse backgrounds. We share a common desire to revitalize Portland's historic Chinatown through arts, cultural and community events.

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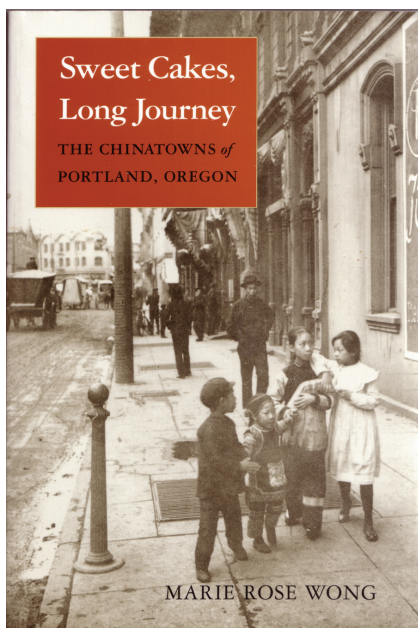
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