



NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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Branch President Paul Fawcett...



Is speaking at the Otago Southland Chinese Association on Saturday October 18 at 2.30pm. If you missed his talk earlier in the year, here is another opportunity, and to meet members of OSCA. You are welcome.

The title of his talk is:

Shandong and Dong Bei: China's Cradle and Crucible

The talk will begin by describing the NZCFS and two of the most famous New Zealanders in China, Rewi Alley and Kathleen Hall, both founder members of NZCFS in 1952. Paul will then focus on Shandong, in many ways the cradle of Chinese civilisation, and the North East of China (Dong Bei), China's crucible, which played such a large part in forging the China we know today.

Paul, recently retired from the Pharmacy School of Otago University, has visited Dong Bei many times since 2000 when he set up a collaboration with Jilin University in

Changchun (capital of Jilin Province) to work on medicine development. Based on his experience of the area, Paul recently led an NZCFS tour of Shandong and Dong Bei and will spend the latter part of his talk describing some of its history and what daily life is like there.



Find out more about OSCA
Clubrooms: King Edward St, Sth Dunedin.



The Lion Dance team is just one of their many activities!
<http://www.osca.org.nz/>

Paul also reports:

*By the way I just listened to the play on National Radio tonight (Sept 30) entitled "**Broken China**" by Elspeth Sand. Believe it or not it was about Rewi Alley and his family in Christchurch although the names were changed. It was really entertaining and I recommend you have a listen on podcast or whatever. It deserves a wider audience.*

(Ed: not available on line but watch out for it next time it is broadcast. It was broadcast twice in Sept.)

BROKEN CHINA BY ELSPETH SANDYS

Radio NZ summary: A drama set against New Zealand's Cold War attitude towards communist China. It spans more than a century, moving from the 1950s to the present day. The writer's memories of Rewi Alley are the inspiration for the story but it is a fiction.

The real heart of the story is the uneasy relationship between a mother and daughter.
Cast: Denise O'Connell as Morag with Catherine Downes, Nina Smith, Ray Henwood, Nick Blake, Loren Taylor and Gus Reese
Produced by Duncan Smith, recorded and engineered by Phil Bengé

Read more about the author, who in 2006 was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to literature, here:

<http://www.bookcouncil.org.nz/Writers/Profiles/Sandys,%20Elspeth#a2167>

from National website:

Shandan Bailie School SPORTS WEEK, Sep 2014

It was School Sports week at Shandan Bailie School recently [September, 2014] and Jane Furkert, our teacher there, has described the event below:



*Rewi's Tower, dressed up for Sports Day at Shandan
Baillie School*

Rewi's Tower "Lei Tai" – the historic home of Rewi Alley in the Shandan Bailie School grounds – has been put to good use this week, as the centrepiece and grandstand overlooking the exercise grounds. The sports event stretches over 4 days, Friday to Monday, and, in typical Chinese fashion, the official "weekend" has been moved, so I think that the following Tuesday will be considered to be a Saturday... Timetabling here is never simple!



Fan dance at opening ceremony for Sports Day at SBS

Read more about the sports and Rewi's Tower (where he lived, memorabilia of his meetings with Deng Xiaoping, Zhou Enlai, Madame Song Qingling, Mao Zedong; David Lange, and many more. There are other photos of Chinese scholars who studied in NZ, a number of whom now hold senior roles in the School; and photos of the many delegations from NZ who have visited here over the years) here:

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/18191/shandan-bailie-school-sports-week-sep-2014/>

LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITIES:

1. CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR BUSINESS PEOPLE.

A course, targeted to business people, which includes business etiquette, greetings, introductions and concentrated practice at this - Would this be ideal for you?

Dunedin NZCFS, in association with Otago University's Confucius Institute satellite office, is offering this intensive introduction to Chinese language and culture.

STOP PRESS - This course on October 6,7,8 is fully subscribed.

Interested in future classes? Contact

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LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITIES:

2. BEGINNER MANDARIN CLASS

The winter/spring Beginner Mandarin Class ended on Sept 18 with a final lesson followed by dinner in the Tower Room, Chinese Garden. An enthusiastic group appreciated the work of the teachers, the opportunity to enhance their language, and the support of the branch in making this possible.



"I really enjoyed the mandarin class and learnt so much, it is such an interesting language and has made me even more excited for my trip to China now!!"
Amelia.



(...but a bit cold outside in the pagoda)

Interested in future classes? Contact the branch secretary.

Recently

Members were able to meet with the committee and discuss future plans and activities. Their guest was NZCFS Vice President South Island Dave Adamson and his wife Carol. Dave is passionate about China and enthusiastic about his role. He tells a good story too.



*Branch President
Paul Fawcett,
Carol Adamson,
Colin Child (Sec)
Dave Adamson*

He encouraged us to work further towards hosting the Rewi Alley Photographic Exhibition and was thrilled about progress in sending a Dunedin Youth Choir to participate in the 2015 Shanghai International Music Festival. It was a good time with lots of chat and laughter at the Nanking Palace.



Recently... Mid-Autumn Festival at Chinese Garden

With thanks to member Ivy Deng of Columba College for this link:

“the link of us on channel 39 !”

<http://www.dunedin.tv.co.nz/content/chinese-moon-festival-attracts-young-and-old>



Listen to the music, see the costumes...

Chinese Moon Festival attracts young and old

September 8, 2014 - 6:43pm

More than 300 Dunedin residents spent their weekend celebrating traditions from a far-away land.

The annual Chinese Moon Festival attracted young and old to the Dunedin Chinese Garden, where performers entertained in cultural costumes.

The festival is celebrated around the globe, but organisers say it has a special place in Dunedin.

From National Website: **NZCFS President Dave Bromich President's Report on September activity in China, 2014**

***Youxie* Friendship Forum, Guiyang, September 1 to 5** The focus of the Prominent Persons and Leaders delegation this year was to attend the *Youxie* Friendship forum in [Guiyang](#), Guizhou province. The NZ contribution was very well received with our focus on youth in ‘evergreen friendship’.



Suzanne Billington speaking at the Friendship Forum, Guiyang, 2014.

Suzanne is a member of Tauranga branch

See <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/17816/presidents-report-on-september-activity-in-china-2014/>



Linda, Carla, Karen and Kristina try their hand at picking tea in a tea plantation in Guizhou province, during the Friendship Forum at Guiyang, Sep 2014. Carla and Kristina are Nelson branch members



Matt Stuart (right) helps unveil the new Rewi Alley Bust, Qingpu, Shanghai, Sep 2014

NZCFS Tours in 2015

1. Chinese Gardens & Missionaries Tour, 25 April to 13 May 2015

With Diana Madgin and Bill Willmott



Chinese Garden

Diana and Bill have taken many tours to China, several of them with a Chinese garden theme. Diana is a highly-respected garden writer and speaker and has a specialised knowledge of Chinese Garden design and history.



Bill was born in Chengdu, China, to a Canadian missionary family and lived there until he was 17. Chinese was his first language until he was four. Now retired from the Chair of Sociology at the University of Canterbury, Bill's academic work focused on China and he has been honoured as a Chinese Friendship Ambassador. They will be supported by NZCFS friends in managing the tour.

See for details and itinerary

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/18168/chinese-gardens-missionaries-tour-25-april-to-13-may-2015/>

2. NZCFS Photographers China Tour, September 2015

Visit destinations specially selected for amazing photographic opportunities in different environments ranging from Huanglong & Jiuzhaigou UNESCO parks with waterfalls, multi coloured lakes, and minority villages to modern cityscapes and peaceful landscapes to the bustle of daily life. A broad varied offer of old and new.



Our visit includes:

- Sichuan landscapes and pandas
- Tibetan culture and train trip
- Scenic Dongchuan Red Land
- Chengdu cityscape

Fully escorted. This tour has been specifically designed by Judy Livingstone with both amateur and professional photographers in mind.

Judy will also lead this tour on an unforgettable journey to Sichuan – Tibet – Yunnan giving tour members spectacular photographic opportunities at organised site visits as well as plenty of time to wander.

Please pass this information on to friends and relatives with an interest in photography.



Potala Palace

For expressions of interest and further information please contact: Ann White tours@nzcfs.org.nz 03 614 8944

See: <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/17800/nzcfs-photographers-china-tour-september-2015/>

Coming soon... part of



WORLD PREMIERE

16 October

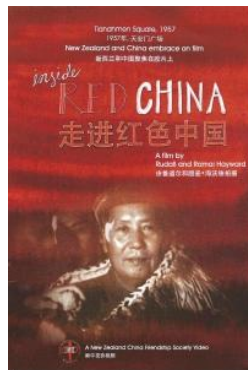


Arts Festival Dunedin is proud to bring you the world première of **Gao Shan Liu Shui - High Mountain Flowing Water**. This beautiful show comes direct from China and is a China/New Zealand collaboration that brings together Chinese artists who are masters of their chosen instruments.

Wu Na, one of China's most accomplished young players of the **guqin**, plucks this ancient seven string instrument with a touch that awakens its great subtlety and refinement. Her collaborator is Gao Ping, a new generation composer and pianist, who has carved a formidable reputation in New Zealand as an exciting and energetic force in contemporary music making. Joining forces with Kunqu opera star Dong Fei and live video artist Jon He, under the guidance of New Zealand Director Sara Brodie, the troupe combine their innovative approaches to treat audiences to an exquisite tableau of captivating eastern music theatre telling an ancient story of friendship and loyalty.

<http://www.artsfestivaldunedin.co.nz/festival-programme/2014-season/music/high-mountain-flowing-water>

Coming soon ... |
Recent DVD relaunch of 1957 **Film “Inside Red China”** - our branch will be having a special showing soon.



Read the article form Xinhua

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/30/c_133684818.htm

and background on national website.

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/18215/our-dvd-inside-red-china-is-making-waves-already/>

FOR YOUR DIARY

- * **October 16 High Mountain Flowing Water**
- * **October 18 President Paul Fawcett speaks to Southland Chinese Association about the 2014 NZCFS NE China Tour which he led.**
- * **Mahjong Evening** ...details coming
- * **Film: Inside Red China** ... details coming

NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

“Building New Friendships on Solid Foundations”

Learn more about the aims of NZCFS, its history, its current projects

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/>

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