



NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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This year, the New Zealand China Friendship Society (NZCFS) joined with the prestigious Winston Churchill Memorial Trust which awards annual Fellowships to Kiwis who wish to progress in their chosen field in helping peoples overseas.

This year's Fellowship winner, indeed the first, was recently announced with Diana Coop being the successful applicant.

Read about her work as a conservator, and how the Fellowship will provide improved professional relationships between New Zealand and Chinese conservators of cultural materials.



<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/28261/first-fellow-of-winston-churchill-memorial-trust-nzcfs-is-a-conservator/>

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

CHINA 10

A GET TOGETHER ON SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

Come and meet those who have been to China this year – and see their **10 best** pictures or stories - relax and share.

Branch members bring your partners and family. Food provided (BBQ and Chinese) Non members - \$5

5.00 -7.00pm VENUE: St John's, Roslyn
(ask the branch sec if you need directions). RSVP

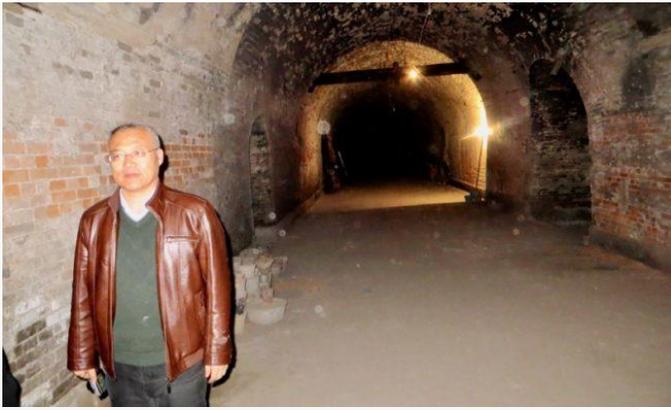
We welcome back President Paul Fawcett from an extensive tour of the north; Rob Duffy from cycling in Tibet; Craig and Liz Holmes from Sichuan and Shaanxi; committee members Annie, Simon and Miao; Anne Ford back from Beijing University; Marc Schallenberg from the NZCFS Environmental Delegation; also those who took part in the recent NZCFS South West Tour and others who have visited China this year; and we welcome some recent new members.

Our December get-together should be full of stories from many different places in China!

This month's Featured NZCFS Person

Last month we featured an article from the NZCFS website about how Rewi Alley helped hide 10,000 workers during the Japanese invasion and how he was a key figure in establishing the Chinese Industrial Cooperative movement.

Do you remember this photograph:



NZCFS Honorary Member Liu Guozhong, in one of the 26 loess caves in Baoji, Shaanxi province. Note the brick lining and the side passage.

This month – a little more background about NZCFS Honorary Member Liu Guozhong

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/13927/liu-guozhong-honorary-member/>

Liu Guozhong has had a very strong association with the New Zealand China Friendship Society for over fifteen years and his extraordinary contribution to our work in China has been invaluable.

Since his time as the Rewi Alley Scholar, he has worked with Dave Bromwich and the New Zealand China Friendship Society to develop a programme of

cooperative development projects centred in Shandan, and now extending to other areas.



Feitian Embroidery Co-op

He was also a key member of the New Zealand China Friendship Society team that evaluated our Society's response to the 2008 earthquake in both Shaanxi and Sichuan.

NZCFS National President Dave Bromwich says that, "Liu Guozhong shares a long term vision with the NZCFS. His lateral thinking has considerably broadened our Society's capacity to participate in the establishment of cooperatives and, without his practical ideas, thoughtful input and superb oversight, the successful outcomes to date would not have been achieved."

Liu Guozhong visited Otago in 2012 and met with branch members as part of NZCFS 60th anniversary celebrations, visited the Telford campus of Lincoln University in Balclutha and other rural

activities in Central Otago, just a little bit reminiscent of the climate and landscape in NW China.



Branch Treasurer Viv Holmes and Liu Guozhong at Millers Flat orchard during his visit to Otago in 2012.



Liu Guozhong and the Clutha River/ Mata-Au

In 2014 he co-authored a book on **Cooperative Case Studies**, in which he reports on the work NZCFS has done in recent years to support over 50 co-operatives in its *NW and Central China Poverty-alleviation Project*.

See extracts here

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/19171/nzdfs-assisted-co-ops-in-china-a-report-part-1/>

RECENT SW CHINA TOUR

10 words from branch members:

Jeanette: “enjoyed every minute of it - it was full on”

Paul: “If I get 10 really good shots (out of the 2-3000 I took), I’ll be happy.”

Stephen: “seeing how (minority groups) live and dress, was my highlight”

Come and experience 10 words...or more, and pictures, from a variety of branch members who have been in China this year. On 10 December.

NEWS...

Interested in learning Mandarin?

“Please send me info about the NZCFS Mandarin Course” (for those not at school or University Mandarin course).

Send to the Course Facilitator, (interim contact)

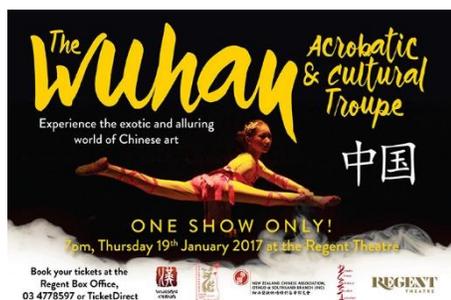
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Reminder Saturday 10 December

CHINA 10

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NEWS... JANUARY 19



Wuhan Acrobatic and Cultural Troupe to visit Dunedin

Chinese New Year is fast approaching - and with it a once in a lifetime opportunity to see one of China's foremost acrobatic troupes performing live in Dunedin's iconic Regent Theatre.

To celebrate 2017, the Year of the Rooster, the Wuhan Acrobatic and Cultural Troupe will appear in a one-off concert on **Thursday 19 January**, providing a chance to immerse the whole family in the beauty and excitement of China's evocative arts.

The Wuhan performers will be making a special trip to Dunedin for their one-off concert showcasing Chinese culture as well as to help raise funds for The Dunedin Chinese Garden, the Dunedin Chinese Scholar and Student Association and the New Zealand Chinese Association, Otago & Southland Branch.

This will be a unique opportunity to experience the exotic and aesthetic art of Chinese acrobatics from one of the People's Republic of China's oldest acrobatic troupes who, together with the singers, musicians and dancers from the Wuhan Singing and Dancing Theatre, will make up this acrobatic and cultural troupe direct from Wuhan.

Dong Yanfeng, a singer of tenor love songs who graduated from Wuhan Conservatory of Music, and Wan Jing, a National B-Class soprano, both sing with the Wuhan Singing and Dancing Theatre and will be

showcasing their expertise to the Dunedin community.

Don't miss the South Island's only public performance—one show only in Dunedin, with all net proceeds going to local organisations.

Watch – a taster Wuhan Acrobatic Troupe in action

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJID14G_izw

You can book here

<http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz/event/details/161025/wuhan-acrobatic-cultural-troupe-the-best-of-china>

OR Let us know at our 10 Dec meeting if you would like to be part of a block booking for this event (\$30 per person).

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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