

129th Annual Bok Kai Festival

February 28 & March 1
Downtown Marysville

The 129th Annual Bok Kai Festival is almost here! The Year of the Ox will be celebrated in Marysville with the famous Bok Kai Parade, performances, vendors, tasty foods, Bomb Day, and more. Read on to find out what's happening...



Bok Kai Parade

6th & D Streets
MARYSVILLE, California
Saturday, Feb 28
11am

This year's parade is truly an historic event, featuring DOUBLE DRAGONS! The 2009 parade will be the last run of our beloved Lung Huang, a 152-foot dragon, and the premiere of our brand-new 175-foot dragon who just arrived in Marysville from China last month. In addition to the two dragons, there will be Lion Dancers, marching bands, dignitaries, floats, Shriners, and much more.



Bomb Day

1st & C Streets
MARYSVILLE, California
Sunday, March 1
2pm

One hundred handmade ceremonial "bombs" will be tossed into the air followed by a mad dash for the lucky rings contained inside the individual bombs. Click on the picture above to read the 2008 article in the Appeal-Democrat about Bomb Day. This colorful activity, known as "The Firing of the Bombs", is punctuated by the vivid snapping and popping of fireworks. This event is open for public viewing only.



Vendors

2nd & C Streets
MARYSVILLE, California
Saturday, Feb 28

Get your 2009 Festival t-shirts, 2009 posters featuring the art of California artist Greg Scargall, 2009 Year of the Ox cachets (you know, the fancy envelopes from the Post Office) and other Bok Kai items, plus all sorts of great items from Ben's Collectibles, Kong's Jade, Cheng Cheng Trading, D&L Creations, Lis International, The Big Iguana, and metal art from Creative Cuts Unlimited.



2nd & C Streets
MARYSVILLE, California
Saturday, Feb 28

Oh yes, there will be Pork Buns! Plus, there will be lots of other tasty treats available so bring your appetite and enjoy lunch at the 129th Bok Kai Festival while you watch the performances and visit our vendors. There's certain to be something that will tickle your tummy from The Jerky King to chicken kabobs & eggrolls to hot dogs & lemon freezes to delicious kettle corn to tasty Mexican, wontons, and many more delights!



Performances

Yuba Co. Library Parking Lot
2nd & C Streets
Feb 28
Various times - FREE

The 129th Bok Kai Festival will feature many performances after the Double Dragon Parade.

The lineup includes:
California Dancescape
Kang Martial Arts
Yuba Sutter Royal Court
CDR Chinese Orchestra
Jacque's Dance Expressions
City Dance Center
Miladi Karate
Charisma Dance



Rising Sun Martial Arts
Golden State Martial Arts
Aurora's Butterfly Dancers
Pinky & Plunky

Additionally, there is a FREE children's art area in the Yuba Co. Library parking lot with great activities, including face painting, crafts, and more!

Exhibit at YSRAC Gallery

YSRAC Gallery
624 E Street
MARYSVILLE, CA
through March 6
Tue - Fri, 9-5
FREE



An Exhibit of Dragons is on display at YSRAC Gallery through March 6. The exhibit features a history of the dragons of Marysville, including the travels of Moo Lung, the oldest Chinese parade dragon in the United States, dragon lore, artifacts, and other photos. A display featuring the family of Aneka Lim McKean, the 2009 Bok Kai Festival Hostess and granddaughter of Tim & Kay Lim, is also on display at YSRAC Gallery. The exhibit is free and open to the public, Tuesday-Friday from 9 until 5pm and on display through March 6.

Lectures & Tours on Sat, Feb 28

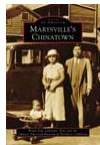
Chinese-American Museum of Northern CA
232 1st Street
MARYSVILLE, California
Feb 28 & Mar 1
Various times - FREE
ADMISSION



Sat. Feb. 28
12 noon - Museum Tour with Brian Tom
12 - 4pm - Chinese Medicine Information with John Walz, Licensed Acupuncturist
1:15 - Remembering Chinatown, a walking tour with Lawrence Tom
1:30 - Being Chinese in the American South, Jon Jung
1:45 - Chinatowns by Arcadia Publishing, featuring Marysville, Stockton, Mendocino, San Jose, and their respective authors
2:45 - Tea & Cookies: Meet Old & New Friends
3:15 - A Report on the Present Status of the Chinese Fishing Villages of Pacific Grove & Monterey County, Gerry Low-Sabado
3:45 - The Mystique of Chinese Culinary Creations, Dr. Irene Kwok Tom
4:15 - Research Your Family Roots, Dr. Raymond Tom

Lectures & Tours on Sun, Mar 1

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Sun, Mar. 1
11:00 - Museum Tour w/ Brian Tom
11:15 - Remembering Chinatown, a walking tour with Lawrence Tom
12 noon - Marysville's Chinatown: A Book Reading, Brian Tom & Lawrence Tom
12 - 4pm - Chinese Medicine Information w/ John Walz
12:30 - Canton Footprints: Sacramento's Chinese Legacy, Philip Choy
1:00 - Am I or Am I Not Chinese- The Ebb & Flow of my Chinese American Identity, Prof. Jon Jung
2:00 - Firing of the Bombs
2:00 - Tea & Cookies: Meet Old & New Friends
3:00 - Chinatown Memories, May Lum and Dorothy Yee, moderated by Arthur Tom

Bok Kai on TV and the WWW

Channel 19 on Comcast
Fox 40 Sacramento
Appeal-Democrat website
Various times

Tune in to Comcast Cable Channel 19 on Tuesday, Feb 24 at 6pm to see Take 5 live with Festival Chair Peppie Schrader, Rick Lim, Dragon Trainer Sami Nall and Sahm Fow Chinese Community President Janice Nall, the 2009 Festival Hostess Aneka Lim McKean and her mom Amy Lim McKean, and filmmaker Daniel Barth.



Comcast Cable will also be airing "Bomb Day" by Daniel Barth on Friday, Feb 27 at 11am and Sat Feb 28 at 10am on Comcast Channel 19. Segments of this film may be viewed on the Appeal-Democrat website by [clicking here](#). [Amicus Books](#) on D Street in Marysville also sells DVDs of the film along with a large selection of books about Marysville's Chinese community.

[Click here](#) to view a recent video from Appeal-Democrat about the newly renovated Bok Kai Temple.
[Click here](#) to view a 2008 video from AD about the late Lee Burrows & her involvement in Bok Kai Festival.
[Click here](#) for a recent article from Appeal-Democrat about 2009 Festival Hostess Aneka Lim McKean.
[Click here](#) and [here](#) for recent articles from AD about the Bok Kai Temple.

You can also visit the Bok Kai Temple website and learn the whole history of the Temple by [clicking here](#)