Boston Chinatown celebrates August Moon Festival

BY LING-MEI WONG

A young kung fu student peeks out from a lion dance head at the August Moon Festival in Chinatown on August 14. (Image courtesy of Arturo Gossage.)

Boston’s Chinatown celebrated its 47th August Moon Festival on August 14 along Harrison Avenue and Beach Street. The event featured food, cultural performances and live music.


The August Moon or Mid-Autumn Festival celebrates a harvest ritual, which falls on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month. For 2016, Mid-Autumn Festival takes place Sept. 15 of the Western calendar. Traditional activities include moon-gazing, a full moon symbolizes family unity, along with lighting lanterns. Moon cakes are part of the celebration, with origins from Yuan dynasty (1271-1368) revolutionaries said to have used the pastries to pass secret messages.

Boston’s celebration takes place on the second Sunday in August as a summer activity, while children are out of school. The August Moon event actually falls closer to the Hungry Ghost Festival on the 15th day of the seventh lunar month. According to Chinese traditions, the seventh lunar month is when restless spirits roam the earth. Chinese people make efforts to appease and “feed” these ghosts and ancestors by burning spirit money and leaving out food for them.

Fifth annual Boston Seafood Festival held at historic Boston Fish Pier

BY SYLVANA CHAN

The Boston Fisheries Foundation hosted its fifth annual Boston Seafood Festival on August 7 at the historic Boston Fish Pier in the Seaport District. This year’s event featured roughly 40 businesses and organizations and attracted an estimated 8,000 people—all of whom gathered to celebrate their common love for seafood.

The Boston Fisheries Foundation was first created to support the generations-old fisheries that operate along the New England coastline. Today, it continues its mission to preserve, sustain, and share the region’s maritime heritage and to maintain its legacy as a seafood haven.

According to the nonprofit’s president, Chris Basile, the festival has been a major part of that initiative. “We want to have fun and bring seafood-loving people from all cultures and backgrounds together to celebrate the bounty and history of our local waters,” Basile said.

Festival attendees enjoyed a day by the ocean with delicacies from local seafood restaurants, live chef demonstrations, family-friendly entertainment, a lobster bake and the summer beer garden.

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Event Calendar

MBCC Aquathon
Saturday, August 20
7 a.m. to noon
4388 Main Street
Brewster, MA 02631
The Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC) will hold its annual, statewide Against the Tide Swim, kayak, Walk, Run and/or Aquathon fundraising event in Cape Cod. Register at www.mbcc.org or call (617) 376-6222.

East Meets West Kite & Cultural Festival
August 20 to August 21
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Pope John Paul II Park, Boston, MA 02124
The East Meets West Kite & Cultural Festival will take place at Pope John Paul II Park. Sunday is kite flying day, with Saturday programs moved to Sunday in the event of inclement weather. For more information, visit www.emw21.com.

Salem Jazz and Soul Festival
August 20 to August 21
11 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.
167 Fort Avenue
Salem, MA 01970
The Salem Jazz and Soul Festival will celebrate its 10th season this summer at the Salem Willows, featuring 10 bands, music education and family tents, artisan vendors and beer pavilion. For more information, visit www.salemjazzandsoolfestival.com.

August Moon festival
Sunday, August 21
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02171
The August Moon Festival hosted by Quincy Asian Resources is a community event filled with vendors, lion dances and children’s games. For more information, visit http://quincyasianresources.org.

Free tai chi class
August 22 to August 29
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
440 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02116
Free tai chi classes provided by Castle Square Tenants Organization and South Cove Manor will take place on Mondays at the Eva White Courtyard.

Free legal clinic
Monday, August 22
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
1509 Hancock Street, Suite 209
Quincy, MA 02169
Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. will host a free monthly legal clinic addressing individual concerns over immigration law, landlord-tenant law, family law, personal injury and criminal issues. Please contact QARI at (617) 472-2200 or e-mail info@qasianresources.org.

Free yoga class
August 23 to August 30
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
30 Edgerly Road
Boston, MA 02135
Free yoga classes will take place on Tuesdays at Symphony Park, with mats and chairs provided. People in wheelchairs and with limited mobility are welcome to join. In the event of rain, classes will be held at Morville House, 100 Norway Street.

Dialogue with BPS Superintendent Tommy Chang
Tuesday, August 23
6:30 p.m.
85 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
A Chinese Dialogue with Boston Public Schools Superintendent Tommy Chang will take place at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School auditorium. Food and interpretation provided. For more information, email ourfuture@bostonpublicschools.org.

Free health care service
Every Tuesday
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
First Church in Malden
184 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148
The Sharewood Project offers free, unchallenged health care to the medically underserved populations of the greater Boston area. For more information please call (781) 324-8991 or e-mail sharewood.director@gmail.com.

Parcel 24 South building update
Wednesday, August 24
6 p.m.
66 Huntington Street
Boston, MA 02111
Asian Community Development Corporation will host with NEI General Contracting its quarterly community meeting at the One Greenway community rooms to update Chinatown residents on the construction progress of Parcel 24 South, which will create 51 affordable homeowner-ship units. Please register with Mary Lo by calling (617) 482-2380 x 6212 or email may.lui@asianacdc.org.

South Cove Manor breakfast seminar
Thursday, August 25
9:30 a.m.
120 Shawmut Street
Boston, MA 02111
All are welcome to attend at the BCEC auditorium, the former South Cove Manor location. Refreshments provided. Seminars will be presented in Chinese. For more information, call Terry Yin at (203) 893-7963.

Films at the Gate
August 26 to 28
Chinatown Gate
The Asian Community Development Corporation will screen films at the Chinatown Gate. For more information, please visit http://astand.org/content/films-gate.

Chinatown Safety Committee meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 7
10:30 a.m.
821 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Chinatown Safety Committee meeting will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel. The public is welcome to attend.

Free immigration clinic
Wednesday, Sept. 7
Noon to 2 p.m.
1 City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201
The Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement offers free private immigration clinics at the Boston City Hall Room 806. For interpreters other than Spanish, please call at least one week in advance at (617) 635-2980.

Chinatown Resident Association meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 7
6:30 p.m.
885 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02110
The Chinatown Resident Association meeting will take place at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School cafeteria.

The Chinatown Coalition meeting
Thursday, Sept. 8
9:30 a.m.
38 Ash Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Chinatown Coalition meeting will take place at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, 4F. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, visit tcboaston.org.

Lantern Festival
Saturday, Sept. 10
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Chinatown Gate
Chinatown Main Street will host its annual Lantern Festival at the Chinatown Gate.

Chinese Women’s Association gala
Saturday, Sept. 10
6 p.m.
9 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Chinese Women’s Association of New England will celebrate its 76th anniversary at the China Pearl.

Clean Up Chinatown meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 13
10 a.m.
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Clean Up Chinatown meeting will take place at the Asian American Civic Association, 5F. The public is welcome to attend.

Customer service English class
Sept. 19 to Dec. 2
9:30 a.m. to noon
28 Ash Street
Boston, MA 02111
A class to help learn English and workplace skills to work in the customer service field will be held at the Chinese Progressive Association (CPA) on Mondays to Fridays. Applicants must be Boston residents, know intermediate English and be available on Mondays. Sign up at CPA or call (617) 357-4499.

Naturalization workshop
Monday, Sept. 19
1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Asian American Civic Association naturalization workshop provides free instruction on filling naturalization applications, translated study material and much more. Please register with Melody Tsang at (617) 426-9492 x 0 or melodya@aacu-boston.org.

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Boston City Councilors Pressley and Wu discuss liquor license reform

BY LING-MEI WONG

Boston City Council President Michelle Wu hosted a monthly press conference on August 5 at City Hall, inviting Councilor at-large Ayanna Pressley to discuss their work.

Wu discussed the language and communications ordinance she introduced with Councilor Tim McCarthy in March, which was passed in August. It requires City of Boston departments to implement a communications access policy, such as help for translating important documents or finding interpreters for public meetings.

Boston is seeking local control on liquor licensing, which are currently issued through the state, Pressley said. While cities like Cambridge have full local control over the number liquors and where they are issued, Boston has just 75 new licenses for 2016 that are awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis. The current system in Boston favors existing license holders, resulting in some neighborhoods such as the North End becoming saturated for liquor licenses, while other neighborhoods have fewer licenses.

Pressley noted Roxbury has not received a new liquor license in 20 years. “Boston can’t be a world-class city without a world-class dining scene,” Pressley said. “We should have authority over how to economically revitalize our neighborhoods.”

The city is applying for the fourth time for a home rule petition on liquor license reform. Wu proposed bringing-your-own-bottle (BYOB) in Boston, which passed a council vote, so patrons can enjoy alcoholic beverages at local restaurants. Business owners benefit from not having to stock alcohol due to BYOB, as smaller restaurants may have limited storage space.

A presidential forum gathers Asian viewers

BY LING-MEI WONG

A presidential forum at the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) convention in Las Vegas was streamed live on August 12 at the One Greenway community room. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

The 2016 Presidential Election Forum was hosted by Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote) and the AAJA at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace.

President Bill Clinton spoke on behalf of Democratic presidential nominee Secretary Hillary Clinton. Libertarian presidential nominee Gary Johnson attended, along with Green Party nominee Jill Stein. Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes spoke on behalf of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

Bill Clinton spoke about immigration and education for about 30 minutes. He said if Hillary Clinton was elected, she would submit a comprehensive immigration reform plan in her first 100 days.

“If you want the money to round up and deport every undocumented person in this country, you’ve disrupted millions of families and along with the heartbreak, it would drive this country into a recession,” he said.

Reyes spoke about his heritage as the son of a Spanish-Filipino immigrant and Japanese Hawaiian mother. “Your sacrifices to come to this country … to make our communities better and raise strong families — all of these sacrifices and efforts have not gone unnoticed by Donald Trump or the Republican party,” he said.

MSNBC’s Richard Lui interviewed Stein and Johnson on their policies.

Johnson spoke about how polarizing Trump and Clinton are. He said, “A wasted vote is voting for someone you don’t believe in.”

Stein emphasized her outsider status and objectivity. “What I don’t have is the experience going behind closed doors and making secret deals,” Stein said. “That’s an experience I do not have and the American people do not want.”

The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) led by Rep. Judy Chu and Rep. Mike Honda spoke about civic engagement and the importance of the community’s vote.

First Literacy awarded scholarships to English learners

BY LING-MEI WONG

First Literacy awarded scholarships to adult English learners attending college on August 16 at City Hall. Scholarships were presented to 22 adults, who each received $1,000 for college.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said, “The diversity of Boston and the United States of America is in this very room. You have incredible abilities and deep resilience to continue to move forward. I completed college when I was 40. Don’t stop your education, it doesn’t matter how old you are.”

Three of the recipients were graduates of the Asian American Civic Association (AACA). Olivia Yang and CATRICE Plaisir were first-time recipients, while Evgeniia Kagramanova received a continuing scholarship for a second year.

First Literacy is a Boston-based organization which improves literacy and English skills, and supports adult English learners who want to attend college.
Malden seniors celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival

BY ANNA TSE

The Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center (GBCGAC) hosted a Mid-Autumn Festival at the Malden Senior Center on August 11, featuring more than 15 different performances by the seniors. The event attracted Malden residents of all ages.

Each senior performer showcased their talents, with representatives demonstrating ping pong, dancing and English conversation, said GBCGAC organizer Rebecca Au.

Malden Mayor Gary Christenson attended the event, stating it was a wonderful cultural event and also a good chance to practice his Cantonese.

Tomo To, one of the performers, said she was grateful for the Golden Age Center’s efforts to organize the annual event, bringing seniors together to enjoy singing, dancing and tai chi.

Berkeley Community Garden welcomes guests

BY THE SAMPAN EDITORIAL TEAM

Guests and gardeners of Environment Massachusetts held a gathering at Berkeley Community Garden in the South End on August 9 to explore the gardens and learn more about the importance of protecting bees and other precious pollinators.


Ben Hellerstein, director of Environment Massachusetts, spoke at the event. State Rep. Byron Rushing of the Ninth Suffolk district attended the gathering.

Berkeley Community Garden represents 140 gardeners and is one of the few community gardens open to the public during daylight hours. A lottery takes place each spring for individuals interested in vacant plots. The garden is closed in winter. For more information, visit www.berkeleygardens.org.

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BCNC received a grant of $250,000 to develop the One Chinatown Arts Center from Liberty Mutual Foundation on August 4. (From left to right) Dina Chu, BCNC board of directors; Selina Chow, BCNC board president; Vincent Yee, co-chair of Liberty Mutual employee resource group, “Leading & Empowering Asian American Professionals” (LEAAP); Giles Li, BCNC executive director; Melissa MacDonnell, president of the Liberty Mutual Foundation; Klare Shaw, national director of programs, Liberty Mutual Foundation and Eugene Mahr, BCNC board vice president. (Image courtesy of Alex Gagne.)

BCNC receives $250,000 grant for One Chinatown Arts Center

By Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) received a grant of $250,000 to develop the One Chinatown Arts Center (1CAC) from Liberty Mutual Foundation on August 4. The Center is located at 66 Hudson Street and is part of the One Greenway complex. The 1CAC promotes the cultural identity and history of this community, supports community-based artists, provides access for low-income families to cultural resources, and enriches Boston’s arts sector. “Our neighbors at BCNC offer services to 2,000 families annually and we are happy to give them the resources necessary to continue being a much-needed pillar of the community,” said Melissa MacDonnell, president of the Liberty Mutual Foundation. “With programs ranging from day care, music classes, youth leadership, English-language learning and family services, BCNC holistically nurture its neighborhood.” The 5,050 square foot 1CAC will feature a studio theater, gallery, classrooms and community space. Construction is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2016 and is scheduled to be completed in the winter of 2017. “Liberty Mutual has been a long-standing supporter of BCNC, so we are indeed grateful for their enduring commitment to children and families in this neighborhood that we both call home,” said Eugene Mahr, BCNC board vice president. 

BCNC is using a “creative placemaking” approach for this project, which is an evolving field of practice leveraging “arts, culture and creativity” to serve a community’s interest, while driving change, growth and transformation. BCNC programs will use the new building to build bridges between old and new residents of the Chinatown neighborhood and the greater Boston community. The new space will offer a place for traditional and contemporary art presentations.

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Assault and battery on a police officer

August 7, 8:12 a.m.: The suspect struck his car that was parked on Tyler Street and left the scene without exchanging paperwork.

Vandalism

August 12, 2:55 a.m.: The victims reported two unknown males were fighting on Edinboro Street. During the fight, the suspects damaged both of the victims’ motor vehicles. The suspects fled the scene in an unknown direction.

Larceny

August 14, 8:35 p.m.: The victim reported while walking on Tyler Street, she was robbed of her iPhone by an unknown male. The suspect fled with the phone toward Harrison Avenue.

Disorderly conduct

August 16, 9:35 p.m.: The suspect was arrested inside Tufts Medical Center. He was ordered off the property. He refused to leave and began fighting with the staff. He was placed under arrest and transported to the station.

Vandalism

August 17, 2:50 a.m.: The victim reported the suspect walked into the kitchen of the Moon Villa on Edinboro Street and vandalized the kitchen door.

Reasonable Accommodations Available for persons with disabilities

Units available to all eligible applicants.

Units distributed by lottery. Utilities are not included in the rent.
Tufts grants help Asian agencies improve community health

BY LING-MEI WONG

A meeting for the Asian Health Initiative (AHI) took place August 8 at Tufts Medical Center. Six community organizations spoke about their work for the first half of 2016, with projects funded through AHI grant funding at Tufts Medical Center for three years. Year 2016 was the third year of the three-year grant cycle.

Asian Spectrum will make a breast cancer awareness video broadcast series on two DVDs, said Melody Tsang. It also completed a series on diabetes. Both productions are subtitled in English and Chinese.

South Cove Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center hosted monthly breakfast seminars to provide seniors with information to support their good health and continued living. Additional tai chi classes in summer were held at Castle Square to promote improved balance and reduce the risk of falls, as well as painting classes with basic English to support cognitive skills, said Terry Yin.

The Wang YMCA Senior Strength and Movement Program (SSAM) provided a more structured exercise program to seniors and introduced resistance training to help improve bone density and combat the risk for falls when seniors lose muscle, strength, balance and self-confidence in walking and other activities as they age. Participants must be over 60 and were 60 percent female in 2016, said Pat Barnwell, Wang Y executive director.

The Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center is promoting better management of chronic disease for Asian elders. The center published a Chinese booklet on bone health and a second one on heart disease, said Megan Cheung. It also had workshops with expert presenters, with seniors exercising more and understanding their health risks. The workshops took place at Castle Square and will be held at Mason Place next.

Boston Asian: Youth Essential Service’s Teens for Healthy Living program engaged youth and young adults in workshops to promote healthy food choices, encourage regular physical activities and promote a better understanding of safe ways to lose or gain weight. Over the summer, the youth went on hikes and enjoyed rock climbing, said Trinh Britton, youth worker.

The Sampan Newspaper’s health content is sponsored by AHI, with two or more articles each issue. Reader surveys gave input on topics of concern. Sampan is published by the Asian American Civic Association.

The AWARE Asian Women’s Action for Resilience and Empowerment project, a culturally specific group psychotherapy developed by Asian Women’s Sexual Health Initiative Project (AWSHIP), will be launched at Wellesley College for the upcoming fall semester. According to a 2012 National Center for Health Statistics report, the suicide rate for Asian American women has risen by 96.3 percent from 2000 to 2009.

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Mental health outreach for Asian women goes to Wellesley College

BY SARA BROWN

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Families and schools can prepare for the school year during summer. (Image courtesy of Monkey Business - Fotolia.com.)

How families and teachers are prepping for school this summer

BY STATEPOINT

It may be summertime, but parents and educators alike are beginning to look ahead towards the 2016-2017 school year. Here are three ways they are getting prepared.

Health check-up

The school year brings with it a lot of contact with a lot of kids. An annual physical, scheduled before the school year begins is an excellent way to make sure children are up-to-date with vaccinations and in good general health.

This is also an ideal time to schedule an appointment with an optometrist if kids are complaining of any near or farsightedness.

New tech tools

New technology has the power to create strong engagement in learning this fall and beyond. Educators are busy securing tools that aid students in learning key skills needed for their futures, while benefitting the school.

Reading season

Whether poolside or on a road trip, all those hours of free time make summer the ideal season to squeeze in recreational reading — even in the late days leading up to the new school year. While summer reading should definitely be fun, ideally it will also supplement the curriculum ahead. Whether choosing books early or late in the summer, check out age-appropriate summer reading lists published by your school and library that can keep kids entertained, and help them get a leg up on classroom learning.

Parents, students and schools alike are using the summer wisely to get prepped for a productive school year ahead.

BY SWETA PATEL

Comparing today’s society to that of a century ago, the world has progressed. Technology, government and ideologies have morphed into something better. In particular, America's capacity to learn has come a long way. What once used to be income for England is now one of the world superpowers. Although these progressions are extraordinary, there are many things to improve. For example, gender inequality is still an issue. Gender inequality is the unequal status and treatment of a person based on their gender. Although women have worked hard for equality, there is still injustice: lack of equal pay, higher cost for female products and under representation in certain fields.

Starting with Abigail Adams writing a letter to her husband, John Adams asking him to “remember the ladies” to Hillary Clinton running for president, women have made immense progress. When Abigail Adams wrote to John Adams, Adams failed to take her seriously proving that equality for women was not a priority. Not only have women fought for their rights but they were at the forefront of the abolition movement. Women like Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Stanton attended the world anti-slavery convention held in London. Shortly after, both women organized a meeting at Seneca Falls, New York, where the suffrage movement started. At Seneca Falls the Declaration of Sentiments was written by Elizabeth Stanton and signed by 100 out of 300 attendees. The declaration of sentiments was the first official document that exhibited women advocating for their rights.

Another women’s rights contributor is Susan B. Anthony, who was tried and imprisoned for voting in the election of 1872. Fourteen years later after Anthony’s death, the 19th amendment was ratified. Since then, women have come a long way but still aren’t being treated as equals.

Although women make up 51 percent of the United States workforce, they still make 77 percent what a male worker earns. Work ethic should be the main factor of how well someone gets paid. However, there is still a pay gap based on gender. Year-round workers for 2014 in the District of Columbia held the highest earning ratio of 90 percent, based on 2010 U.S. Census data. This means that women working in the District of Columbia make 90 percent of what men make. Women in Louisiana make only 65 percent of what men make. The percentage in Louisiana has increased by only 1 percent since 2014. At the rate of how things are changing, women won’t have equal pay until 2059.

Unequal wages have a direct role in poverty. If wives were paid the same as their husbands for the same level of work, their family could be better supported. Also, single moms suffer greatly from unequal pay. Not only are the wages uneven but work benefits such as employee health benefits, retirement benefits, training opportunities, and sick days are all unequal. In today’s day and age, it would be expected that women are completely equal to their counterparts but it’s not the case.

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Completed Applications and Required Income Documentation must be received, not postmarked, by 2 pm on Oct 18th, 2016.

A Public Info Session will be held on Sept 14th, 2016 at 6:00 pm in Hopkinton Town Hall, 18 Main Street. The Lottery will be held in the same location on Nov 2nd, 2016 at 6 pm.

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to www.mcohousingservices.com or call (603) 782-6900 (toll free), or leave a message for TTY Services dial 711. Free translation available.

Applications and Info also available at the Modera Hopkinton Public Library at 65 Street (temporary location): Library Hours (M/W/F 10-8, Tu/Th 10-5, and starting in Sept open on Sat 10-4).

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Public Information Meeting

6:00 p.m., Monday, September 6th, 2016, at Dracut Town Hall, 62 Arlington Street - Selectmen’s Chambers

Application Deadline: September 30th, 2016

For program information:
Maureen O’Hagan
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Email: lotteryinfo@mcohousingservices.com
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Wah Lum wins big at kung fu tournament

BY THE SAMPAN EDITORIAL TEAM

Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy team members attended the U.S. International Kuoshu and Kung Fu Federation Tournament on July 29 and 30 in Baltimore. (Image courtesy of Wah Lum.)

Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy team members were named the 2016 Competitors of the Year Winners and nominees at the U.S. International Kuoshu and Kung Fu Federation Tournament on July 29 and 30 in Baltimore.

Wah Lum competitors swept the entire external category with record-high numbers in nominations and winnings. There were 41 competitors: 36 youth members and five adults.

“Our school won International championship for youth forms for the entire event, as we brought basically our youth team to the event,” said Sifu Mai Du of the Malden Academy.

Winners included Ricky Mei for teens male external forms, Andrea So for adult female external forms, Austin Tang for adult male external forms, Thomas Tran for youth male external forms, Yen-Nhi Chit for teens female teen external forms and Michelle Ngo for youth female external forms.

Nominees were Amy Tran, Jayden Tran and Zackary Desario.

Artwork highlights historic Chinatown

BY LING-MEI WONG

Chinatown in its former days is the focus of “These Words: A Century of Printing, Writing, and Reading in Boston’s Chinese Community” art exhibits unveiled August 8 at the Tufts University bookstore on Harrison Avenue and Kneeland Street and the China Trade Building at 2 Boylston Street. The artwork will remain until Sept. 30.

“These Words” explores how print materials have shaped the economic, cultural and civic life of Chinatown throughout its history. Related events, such as a projection of the community bulletin board, are listed on Chinese page 2.

The art project is sponsored by Tisch College at Tufts University, the Chinese Historical Society of New England and Mass Humanities.

Boston police visit Chinatown YMCA

BY THE SAMPAN EDITORIAL TEAM

Boston Police Officer Robert Luongo and Officer David Saddler visited Camp Golden Mountain at the Wang YMCA in Chinatown on August 10. (Image courtesy of the Wang YMCA.)

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