



Highlights of 2008

12/08: CATS' annual dinner meeting to be held at The Royal Dragon Restaurant, Grass Valley, December 7th at 5:00pm.

11/08: CATS participated in NCTV's Day of Giving.

10/08: 56 people joined CATS at the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco for the world premiere of Amy Tan's **Bonesetter's Daughter**.

9/08: Our 7th Annual Picnic was a Thank-a-Thon honoring our volunteers, donors, sponsors, actors, directors, designers, instructors - and just about everyone whom we wanted to extend our gratitude!

8/08: CATS presented **Gunpowder Man**, by **Rick Foster**, a one-woman historical fiction on the building of a life in America and on building the Central Pacific Railroad by the Chinese in the 1860's. It played at the Odd Fellows Hall in Nevada City.

8/08: Cast members of **FLOWER DRUM SONG** sang a medley of tunes at the Nevada County Concert Band's "Dance to the Music" at Pioneer Park.

7/08: CATS conducted auditions for Rodgers and Hammerstein's **FLOWER DRUM SONG** at St. Joseph's Cultural Center.

6/08 - 10/08: CATS' very successful Summer Cultural Enrichment Series included three Asian cooking classes, two ceramic classes on Asian-themed pottery, three classes on Asian-themed gift cards, and a sushi-making, sake tour and tasting at Gekkeikan Sake in Folsom.

6/08: CATS presented **Trevor Wade**, a senior at Nevada Union High School, our annual scholarship.

6/08: **Lisa Moon**, Artistic Director, attended the national Asian American Theatre Conference in Minneapolis.

5/08: CATS Board members **Lisa Moon**, **Sara Quay** and **Patty Lum-Ohmann** decorated dolls that were works of art for the Gold Country Kiwanis Children's Hospital Doll Project.

5/08: **Jeannie Wong Wood**, Executive Director, was a guest speaker at the Nevada County Democratic Women's Club Luncheon.

1/08: CATS ushered in the Chinese New Year - Year of the Rat - with dinner at Lin Q Buffet Restaurant. Thanks to **Patty Lum-Ohmann** for the print outs on the Chinese horoscope.

1/08 - 2/08: CATS presented David Henry Hwang's **Golden Child** at the Nevada Theatre. Directed by **Sandra Rockman**.

FLOWER DRUM SONG - the Movie and Sing-a-Long!

On Friday, February 13, 2009, the play will not be performed. Instead, CATS will show the original version of **FLOWER DRUM SONG**, the 1961 movie starring Nancy Kwan, James Shigeta and the late Miyoshi Umeki as a fundraiser, at 8:00 p.m. Come see the movie and compare the original version with the 2002 version! Clear your vocal chords and sing along! Enjoy tea tasting, compliments of Gold Mountain in Nevada City, and home-baked cookies. Come meet special guests and more!



Cost is \$10 general and \$5 12 years old and younger. Tickets available at the same ticket outlets and online beginning December 1.

A Note From The Editor

I am excited to present to you our 14th annual newsletter about the **Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra (CATS)**. A method of communication is vital, and this newsletter is a way to keep you informed of the ongoing activities. CATS is a fast growing organization with members throughout Nevada County and its surrounding areas.

In this newsletter you'll find many fascinating articles stemming from upcoming productions, auditions, social events, recipes, workshops, fundraisers, community outreach programs, articles from our Board of Directors and much more. We invite you to contribute articles, comments, and suggestions.

---Patty Lum-Ohmann

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