

ABOUT FANHS

Dorothy Laigo Cordova founded the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) in 1982, after directing the first national Filipino American oral history project in the U.S., funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). This project led to the publication of *Filipinos: Forgotten Asian Americans* (Kendall Hunt, 1982).

Now after more than 30 years, FANHS is the nation's only national Filipino organization to:

- house the largest collection of historic photos, oral histories, and documents;
- be a preeminent resource for scholars, filmmakers, artists, teachers;
- organize more than 30 chapters throughout the USA, each with signature events, research, projects, and public programs;
- and host biennial national conferences – intergenerational events.

FANHS, a grassroots community organization, strives to fulfill its mission:

To promote understanding, education, enlightenment, appreciation, and enrichment through the gathering, identification, preservation, and dissemination of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States.

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PHOTOS:

Nurse Lourdes B. Campos, circa 1920s, FANHS Stockton archives.

Filipino American soldiers, WWII, FANHS Stockton archives.

Cecilia Espinosa Sison with baby in Washington Square Park, NYC, 1940s/1950s, FANHS NY Metro archives.

American Legion Manuel A. Roxas Post & Women's Auxiliary event, Stockton CA, circa 1950s, FANHS Stockton archives.

Photo of Filipino farmworkers in the grape fields, by Frank Mancao, FANHS Stockton archives.

ABOUT THE FANHS MUSEUM

Filipino American history is American history. The Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) museum presents educational programs and experiences that preserve, explore, and celebrate the history of Filipinos in the United States. Its purpose is to connect Filipino Americans more closely to their history and to inspire in people of all backgrounds a greater understanding of the diversity of the Filipino American experience.

The mission of the FANHS Museum is to enrich American society by educating, enlightening, inspiring, and promoting the appreciation of Filipino American history, cultural experiences and contributions through collection, preservation and exhibition.

**The FANHS Museum is located
in downtown Stockton, California
at 337 E. Weber Avenue**



We are temporarily open by appointment only.

For parking, use city parking lots
and street parking (bring quarters).

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Stockton, California

The Filipino American National Historical Society Museum Welcomes You

The FANHS Museum tells the rich, diverse story of Filipino Americans throughout the United States. Filipino Americans have been making American history since a group of Luzones Indios landed in what is now Morro Bay, California, on a Spanish Galleon in October, 1587. The story of Filipinos in the Americas begins with them. As early as 1763, these migrants established settlements in the Louisiana Bayous. After the Spanish-American War (1898) and Philippine-American War (1899-1910s) made the Philippines a colony of the United States, thousands of Filipinos migrated within the American empire. Their work in the fields and canneries in the West and Midwest, in Alaska, and in Hawai'i fed the world and created immense wealth; their struggles for worker justice resulted in the modern farm labor movement.

The pioneers and their descendants helped build this nation and have distinguished themselves in all facets of American life and in every profession, such as education, medicine, labor, public and civil

service, community activism and service, engineering, science and arts and culture. Since 1965, when immigration laws were reformed, thousands of highly educated professionals and the family members of earlier immigrants have settled throughout the United States. Filipino Americans have served in every major war, including the Civil War, fought for labor and civil rights, and have made communities and lives for themselves in every area of the nation. Today, more than 4 million Filipinos call the United States home. Filipino Americans are the oldest Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) group in the United States, the largest APIA group in California and the second largest APIA group in the United States.

From the 1920s to the 1960s, Stockton, California and its downtown Little Manila neighborhood became home to the largest community of Filipinos outside of the Philippines. "The national society approved Stockton as a museum site because of its historic role as the center of Filipino American

family and community life and labor activities," said FANHS Founding President Emeritus and Archivist, the late Fred Cordova. "Much of the birth of Filipino American history was ensconced in Stockton, and it's part of our national society's effort to preserve and promote what that history is all about."

MUSEUM PROGRAMS

The museum will have both permanent and rotating exhibits, which will include paintings, photographs, sculptures, and historical artifacts. Additional programs, including films, videos, hands-on activities, lectures, and workshops, are planned. Living history presentations, and a variety of guests and performing arts presentations will also be scheduled. A gift shop and meeting space will be available. Docents are available part-time for tours (including tour services for educational institutions).

