Steve Yee Awarded 2008 Pioneer Award

The Chinese American Museum of Northern California has selected Steve Yee as the recipient of the Chinese American Museum of Northern California’s Pioneer Award for 2008.

Awardees are selected on the basis of their contributions to the preservation and interpretation of the history of the Chinese pioneers in America. As chair of the Friends of the Yee Fow Museum, Yee has led the effort to reclaim the history of the Chinese in Sacramento’s Yee Fow and also bring awareness to the Chinese experience during California’s early beginnings.

Yee is part of recently formed Yee Fow Center advisory board to determine the physical design of a Yee Fow Center for Chinese-Californian history, culture and trade within Sacramento’s rail yards. At 240 acres, the Sacramento rail yards gain distinction as the largest infill redevelopment project in all America and home to the early Chinese pioneers of Yee Fow. The advisory board consists of state and local officials, business leaders and community activists that have backgrounds in the areas of Chinese American history, culture or trade.