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SHOPHOUSES



Victor Chin Watercolours

A Penang Heritage Trust
& State Art Gallery Event

Friday 24 March to Sunday 2 April 1995

Mondays to Fridays: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Saturdays and Sundays: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

State Art Gallery
3rd Floor, Dewan Sri Pinang
Light Street, Penang

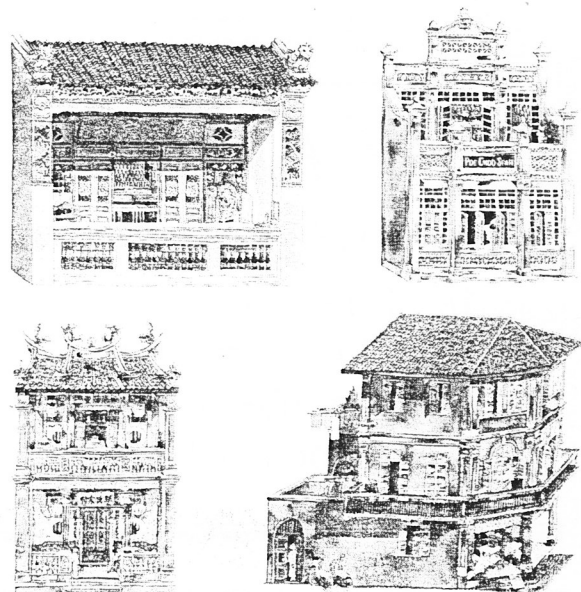
This exhibition of 64 exquisite watercolours by Victor Chin, PHT member — his complete collection of paintings done over the last five years — is part of the PHT's efforts to get together with the country's more influential artists to speak for the cause of conservation in Penang. These works are a fabulous pictorial treasury of shophouse facades in Malaysia and Singapore from 1900 to 1957. Apart from their intrinsic value as works of art, they will contribute greatly to making the public more aware, appreciative, and proud of the aesthetic and cultural significance of the city's unique architectural heritage.

All the 64 works, measuring 30 x 40 cm each, are reproduced in editions of lithographic prints, numbered, and signed individually by the artist.

The event will include:

A Talk and Slide Show
The Shophouses Now and Then
Saturday 25 March, 5.00 pm

A Talk and Slide Show
Painting Shophouses for Five Years
Video Documentary
Victor Chin and His Work
Saturday 1 April, 5.00 pm



Victor Chin was trained as a graphic designer but made his reputation largely as an artist championing a more humane and sensitive approach in our management of our older urban areas. He was a pioneer in the formation of The Malaysian Heritage Trust and the first elected president of The Friends in 1985. Says the artist:

"To be sure, there'll be change, but it is not always necessary or wise to evict, demolish, and rebuild in the name of development and progress. The past gives us our present identity and this in turn will prepare us for the future. Not everything in our towns and cities can be valued just in commercial terms".

Press reviews of the *Shophouses* exhibition in Kuala Lumpur:

"His work is perhaps one of the most original and personal of interpretations of the city"

New Straits Times

".....the paintings in the Shophouses exhibition look suspiciously like masterpieces"

Sunday Star

Antique and Collectors Show

Sale and exhibition space
is available
for any PHT member
at the
*PHT Antique and
Collectors Show*

14, 15, 16
April 1995
E&O Hotel

For further information contact
Martine (☎: 04 - 375 074) or
Charlie (☎: 04 - 228 1827)

PHT Antique-collectors Club Meeting

Saturday 4 March '95, 4 pm

47 Kajang Road (Charlie's house – off
Dato Kramat Road behind Kuantan Market)

As was discussed at the last meeting, each
participant is invited to bring one item for
“show and tell” – something the owner would
like to get information about from other
knowledgeable club members. Details about
exhibitor space at the PHT Antique and
Collectors Show will also be discussed. Those
planning to come to the March 4 meeting please
confirm with Charlie, tel:228 1827

*Two important books
by PHT members.....*

The second edition of STREETS OF GEORGE TOWN PENANG

by Khoo Su Nin
is now available at
120 Armenian Street,
11 Free School Road
& the local bookstores

RESTORING & RECONSTRUCTING THE MALAY TIMBER HOUSE

*by Wulf Killmann,
Tom Sickinger &
Hong Lay Thong*

“The timber house in Malaysia is an
endangered species in today's changing
landscape. Its habitat, the traditional
kampong, is steadily being wiped out”.

“As wood technologists with first-hand
experience in timber house conservation,
the authors have written an invaluable
manual on repairing, restoring and
translocating the traditional Malay house”

You can get this book at:
Times, Penang Plaza
Times, Yaohan, Komtar
MPH, E&O Hotel
Co-operative Bookstores, USM
120 Armenian Street