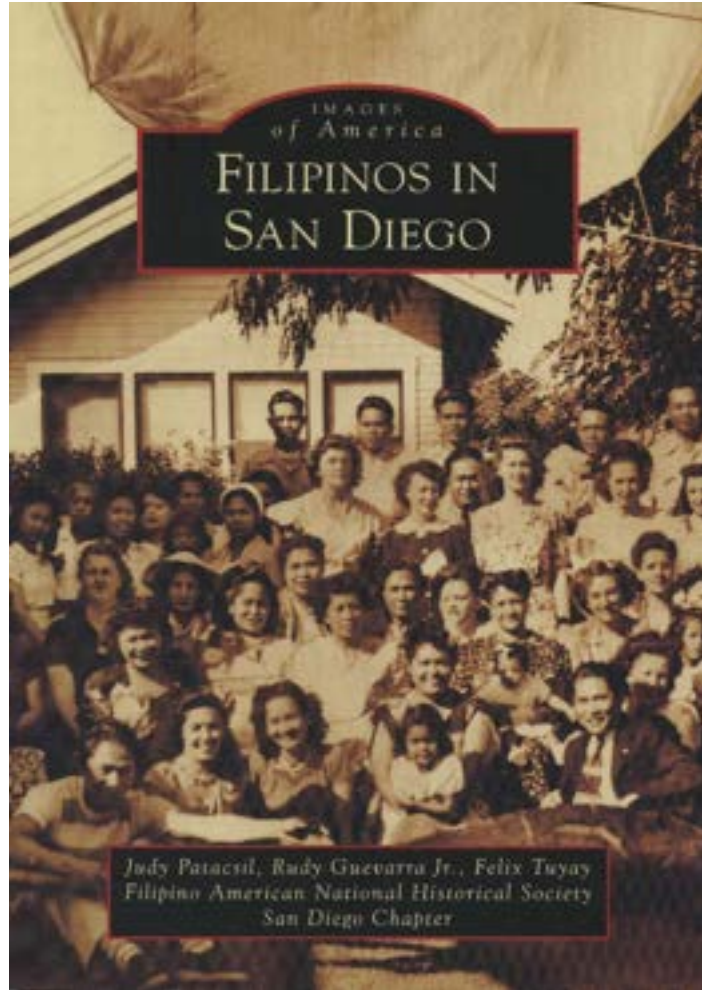


Filipino American National Historical Society

FANHS



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FANHS contributed to Filipino Studies curriculum and was founded by Dorothy and Fred Cordova. FANHS with over 40 US chapters initiated the nationwide movement to commemorate October as Filipino American History Month (FAHM). FANHS San Diego Chapter hosted the 2014 National FANHS Conference and consistently celebrates FAHM on college campuses and at countless community events.

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Ang FANHS ay tumulong sa pagbuo ng kurikulum para sa Filipino Studies at itinatag nina Dorothy at Fred Cordova. Ang FANHS, na may mahigit sa 40 na mga sangay sa Estados Unidos, ang siyang nagtatag ng pambansang kilusan upang gunitain sa Oktubre ang Filipino American History Month (FAHM). Ang sangay ng FANHS sa San Diego ang nag-host ng 2014 National FANHS Conference; ito rin ay laging nagdiriwang ng FAHM sa mga kampus ng mga kolehiyo at sa napakaraming pangyayari sa mga komunidad.

- The Mission of the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) is:
- To promote understanding, education, enlightenment, appreciation, and enrichment through the identification, gathering, preservation and dissemination of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States.
- [Home - FANHS \(fanhs-national.org\)](http://fanhs-national.org)



FANHS was founded by Dorothy and Fred Cordova. They were actively involved in the Filipino American community on the West Coast which included establishing of the Far West Conventions. In the early 1980s, the Cordova's focused their work to form a new organization, FANHS, where Dorothy is Founder and Executive Director. The late Fred Cordova, the author of *Filipinos: Forgotten Asian Americans*, served as Founding President Emeritus, Trustee, and Archivist of FANHS.



Picture of Fred Cordova and Dorothy Cordova
Courtesy of FANHS, Cordova Family

FANHS now has more than 40 chapters around the United States. In Seattle, it houses the National Pinoy Archives, which is one of the largest collections on Filipino American history anywhere. It includes thousands of materials on individuals and organizations throughout the United States. The FANHS National Museum is in Fred Cordova's hometown of Stockton, California.

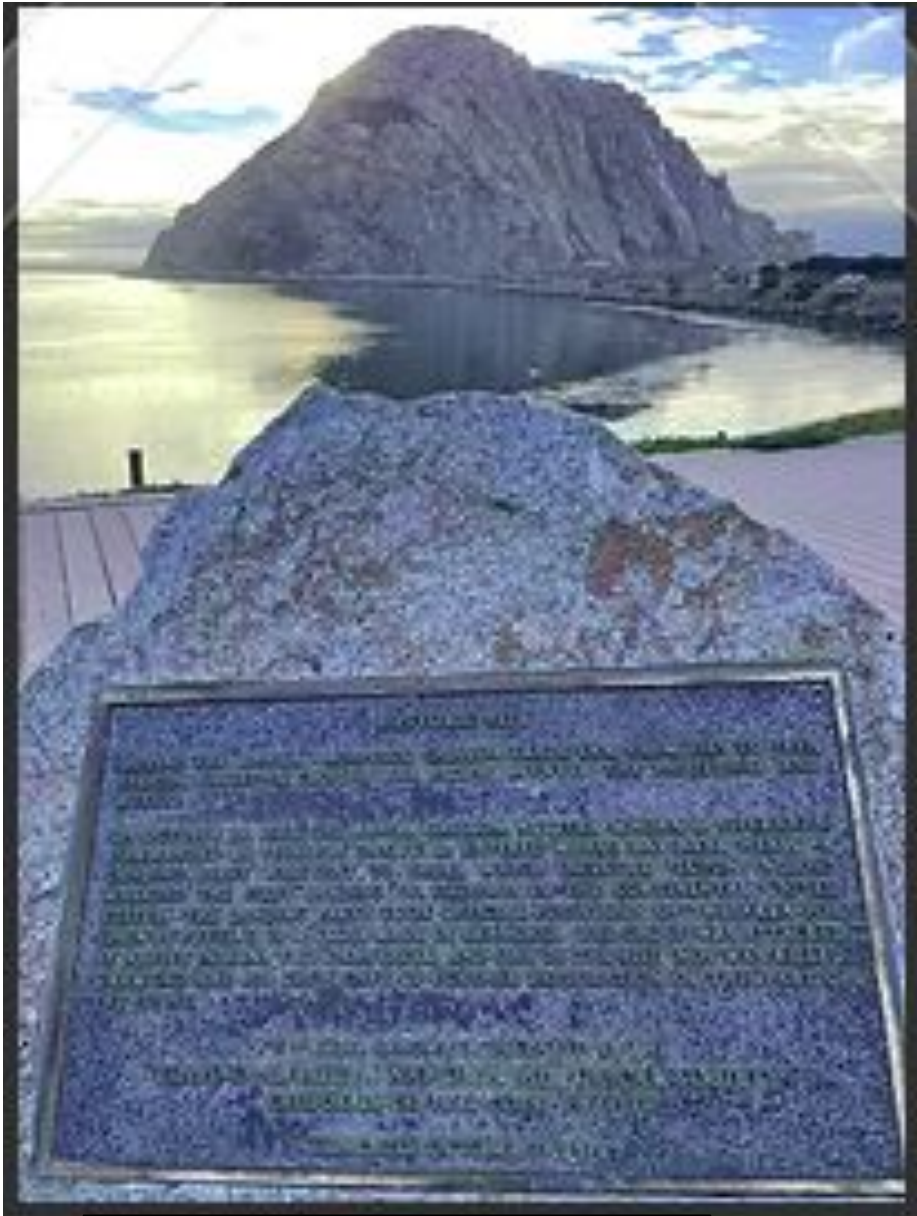
[FANHS Museum](#)



October is Filipino American History Month

The Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) has been observing October as Filipino American History Month (FAHM) since 1991. The month was established to commemorate the first documented landing of Filipinos in the continental United States over 430 years ago. FANHS was the first organization to pass a resolution to commemorate FAHM.

- FANHS was the first to pass a resolution to commemorate Filipino American History Month. [Click here for the FANHS original proposal.](#)
- The United States Congress passed subsequent Resolutions to Recognize October as Filipino American History Month nationally in 2009, 2010, and in 2011. Thank you to all the friends of FANHS nationwide and in D.C. who made it possible.
- [Click here to download the full text from 2009](#): and [here to read the September 29, 2010 Congressional Record](#): and [here for the Senate Resolution from October 5, 2011.](#)



There is documented historical evidence of Filipinos arriving in what is now present-day California, dating back to 1587. Filipinos were used as shipbuilders, militiamen, navigators, sailors, and slave laborers on board the Spanish Galleon Trade ships. On October 18, 1587, Spanish explorer Pedro Unamuno recorded that Filipinos (referred to as Luzones Indios) were part of an expedition to map the area known as Morro Bay in the central California coast. This documentation was the basis for the FANHS designating October as Filipino American History Month.

DURING THE MANILA - ACAPULCO GALLEON TRADE ERA FROM 1565 - 1815, SPANISH GALLEONS CROSSED THE PACIFIC BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND MEXICO.

ON OCTOBER 18, 1587, THE MANILA GALLEON, NUESTRA SENORA de ESPERANZA COMMANDED BY PEDRO de UNAMUNO, ENTERED MORRO BAY NEAR HERE. A LANDING PARTY WAS SENT TO SHORE WHICH INCLUDED LUZON INDIOS, MARKING THE FIRST LANDING OF FILIPINOS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. THE LANDING PARTY TOOK OFFICAL POSSESSION OF THE AREA FOR SPAIN BY PUTTING UP A CROSS MADE OF BRANCHES. THE GROUP WAS ATTACKED BY NATIVE INDIANS TWO DAYS LATER AND ONE OF THE FILIPINOS WAS KILLED. UNAMUNO AND HIS CREW GAVE UP FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THIS PART OFF THE COAST.

**HISTORICAL LANDMARK DECLARED BY THE
FILIPINO AMERICAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER**

DEDICATED OCTOBER 21, 1995

Inscription on the Historical Marker at Morro Bay, Coleman Park

Pictures
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FANHS San Diego was founded as the 18th Chapter of this national organization and established in 1995.

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FANHS San Diego Slide
Courtesy of Herb Delute



"...to preserve, document, and present Filipino American history and to support scholarly research and artistic works which reflect that rich past..."



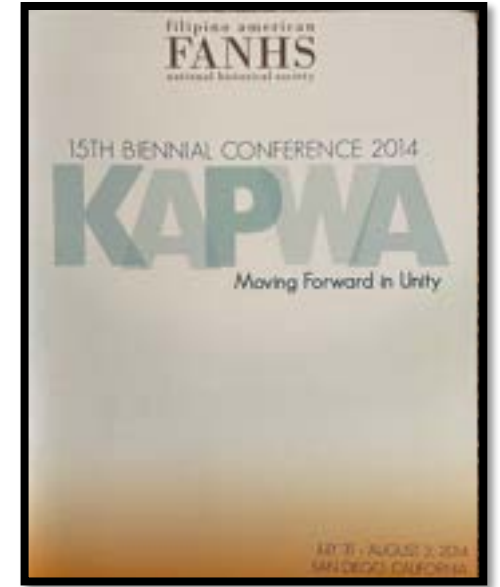
In 2014 FANHS San Diego hosted the 15th Biennial 2014 National FANHS Conference and Gala at the Kona Kai Hotel and Resort with a Pre-Conference Tour of Historical Filipino American Sites of San Diego.

The FANHS 2014 Conference Theme was “Kapwa: Moving Forward in Unity”

FANHS understands the importance of Filipino Americans moving forward in unity. “Kapwa” refers to an indigenous and decolonized term which means shared identity. The core value of kapwa encompasses

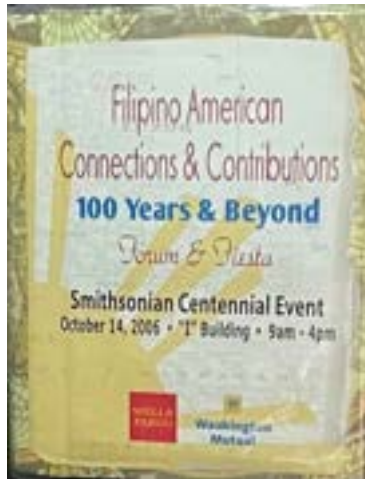
- 1) interaction with others on an equal basis
- 2) sensitivity to and regard for others
- 3) respect and concern
- 4) helping each others
- 5) understanding each other’s limitations
- 6) rapport with and acceptance of others

Gala Booklet, Conference Booklet and Tour Brochure
Courtesy of Judy Patacsil

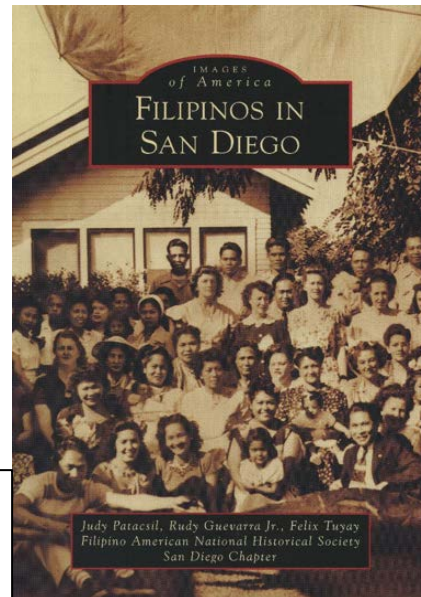


FANHS San Diego Chapter was one of the 1st organizations to commemorate and consistently celebrate Filipino American History Month on college campuses and at countless community events in San Diego County.

FANHS San Diego co-sponsored the *Filipino American Connections and Contributions, 100 Years and Beyond*, Smithsonian Centennial Event.



In 2010 Judy Patacsil, Rudy Guevarra, and Felix Tuyay of FANHS San Diego co-authored *Filipinos In San Diego* with pictures solicited from the Filipino Community of San Diego. The book was a collection of photos and stories of the Filipino American experience from 1900 – 2010. It was the source of many of the pictures for the FOSBE.



In 2015, FANHS San Diego took the lead to name and fundraise for the Itliong/Vera Cruz Memorial Bridge on the Woodman Street overpass on the Filipino American Highway (State 54)



Smithsonian Booklet, *Filipinos in SD* Book, and Itliong-Vera Cruz Bridge Dedication Program
Courtesy of Judy Patacsil

In Oct. 2018, under the Filipino Veteran Recognition Education Project (FilVetREP), 10 living Filipino WWII Veterans received the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) and 60 family members received the CGM on behalf of their Filipino WWII Veterans.



FANHS San Diego cosponsored The National Book Tour 2019 for “Journey for Justice – The Life of Larry Itliong”.

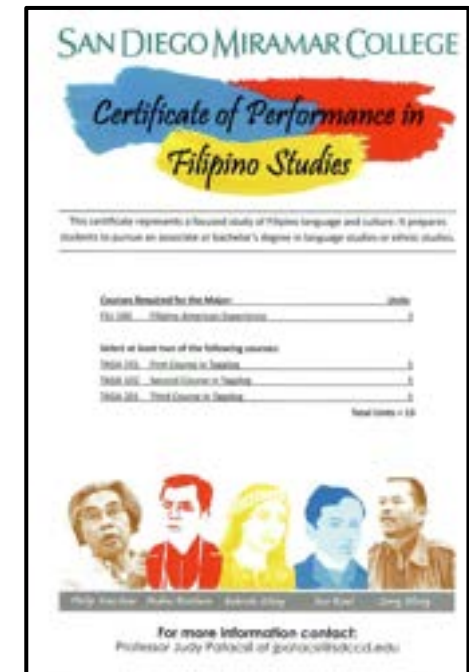


FANHS San Diego collaborated with Miramar College to create the Certificate of Performance: Filipino Studies.

Certificate of Performance: Filipino Studies

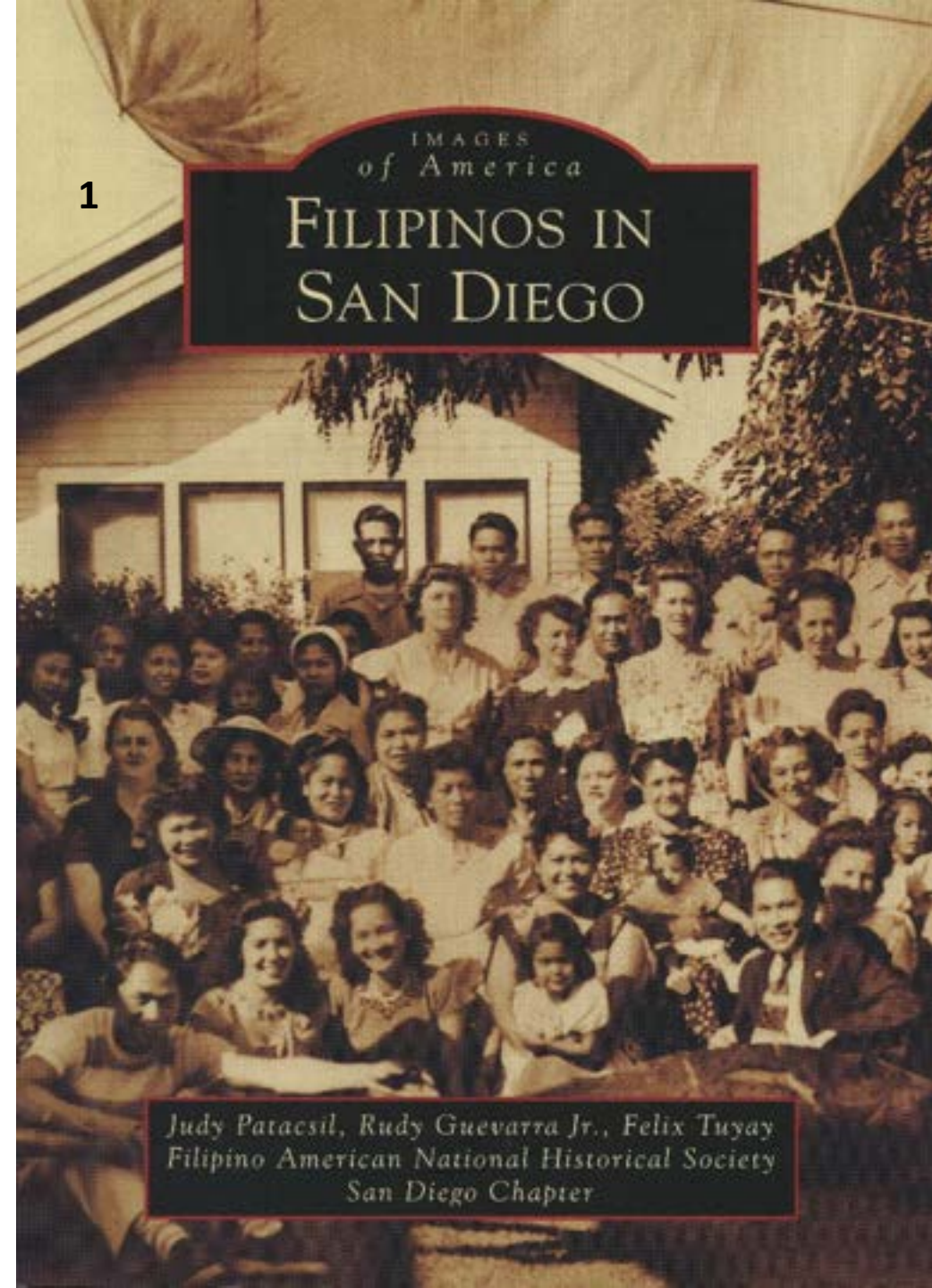
This certificate represents a focused study of Filipino language and culture. It prepares students to pursue an associate or baccalaureate degree related to language studies or ethnic studies.

Courses Required for the Major:		Units
FILI 100	Filipino American Experience	3
Select at least two of the following courses		
TAGA 101	First Course in Tagalog	5
TAGA 102	Second Course in Tagalog	5
TAGA 201	Third Course in Tagalog	5
		Total Units = 13



CGM Booklet, Journey for Justice Flier, and Miramar College Certificate of Performance Courtesy of Judy Patacsil

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