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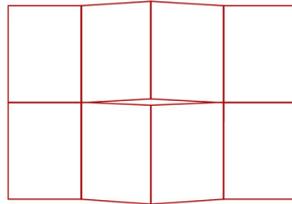
Blog Post on The East Hive, Tucson

In the past three years a new center for art studios has emerged on the east side of the city. Known as the East Hive, the center is a complex of three former office buildings which are now home to numerous artists' studios.

Read more [East Hive](#)

East Hive courtyard (below)

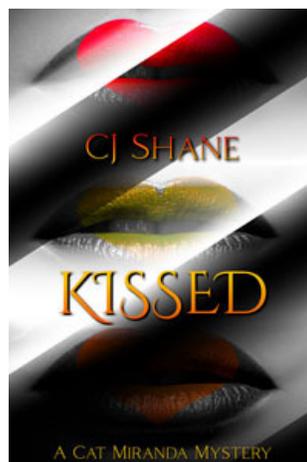
Note about my blog: In the right hand column below Archives, you'll find Categories. You can choose posts based on your interests here.



Book Artists will want to know about the yearly **Ritual** exhibit in Philadelphia. Books in this exhibit are all made of one sheet of paper. See the online catalog here> [Ritual](#).

Also note the work by Stella Untalan, an artist I met through Google+. [Stella Untalan](#)

Books and Film



For those of you who have asked, yes, I'm working on a new Letty Valdez Mystery

which will be the fourth in the series.

In the meantime, a new mystery-romantic suspense is coming soon. *Kissed: A Cat Miranda Mystery*. "Kissed" is the title of a large painting hanging in an art gallery in Bisbee, Arizona.

New Book Reviews:

Red Dust: A Path Through China [5 stars](#)

Bad Spirits: (Kate Jones Thriller #1) [3 stars](#)

Skeletons in the Attic: A Marketville Mystery [5 stars](#)

The Natural World:



Greta Thunberg is *Time's* **Person of the Year**

['Now I Am Speaking to the Whole World.' How Teen Climate Activist Greta Thunberg Got Everyone to Listen](#)

A Special Opportunity for Tucsonans

As many of you know, I spent quite a bit of time in PRChina over an eleven year period teaching ESL and facilitating teacher programs. I cooperated with Dr. Anning Ding during this time. Dr. Ding earned his doctorate at the University of Arizona and then returned to Nanjing where he lives today. Anning sent me this email requesting host families for a few Chinese students studying to be elementary teachers.

Dr. Ding's email copied below gives you all the details. If you want more information or if you want to participate, contact Ke Ma in the U.S. and copy to Dr. Ding in Nanjing.

<<We are hosting a group of college students from China in mid-February in Tucson for a learning tour. The students will attend some presentations given by faculty of the College of Education, UofA on teaching and learning; will visit 2 to 3 elementary schools; and visit the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Pima Air Space Museum.

We need host families for a home-stay program for some college students of the group. This tour will allow the Chinese students to get some understanding about the US teacher education, teaching and learning at elementary level, will know about the American people as who they are and how they live in the US society. We have had about 7 host families by now, we are short of 3 families.

The students are current college students majoring in teacher education (elementary level) from Nanjing Xiaozhuang University, Nanjing, China. We have 21 students, all are female, aged between 19 to 21, who need to be hosted. We expect that 2 to 3 host families would be needed with each to host 2 to 3 students. The period of hosting is from evening on Saturday, February 8, to morning on Sunday, February 16, totally 8 nights.

The host families would do:

- 1) pick up your guests at the Tucson airport in the evening on Sat 2/8 (arrival at 9:05pm via Southwest 4264); deliver them to Quality Inn Flamingo Downtown Tucson 1300 N Stone Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705 by 9:00 am in the morning on Sun 2/16;
- 2) during the 8 days, the students will be with your family for a whole day on Sun 2/9 when you may do whatever you like to treat them. Usually, they would be shown around the local place to get to know the city. For the rest of the days, you will deliver them to UofA or a place to be designated for activities in the morning around 8:30, pick up them back in the afternoon around 3:30 to 4:00 pm from a designated place (to be informed when our final agenda is completed);
- 3) provide a bedroom and share lobby, washroom and shower facilities;
- 4) provide breakfast and dinner.

We will compensate partial cost for your hosting for \$20 per student per night with a check to be mailed to your home address after the program is finished. Those who are interested, please send us your full name, basic family information, address and phone number (both landline and cell) to: kema83@yahoo.com and copy to ding_an@aliyun.com

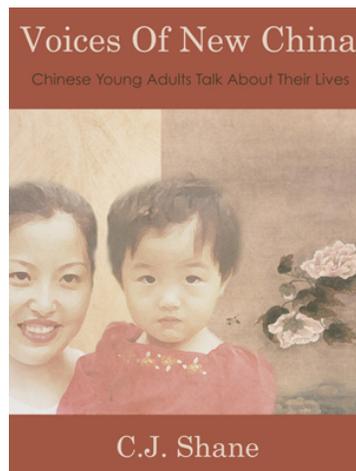
Should you have any questions, please call Ke Ma at 520-241-3315, or email us.
Thank you! >>

AND...

Here's a photo of me with my teaching assistant at Huazhong University in Wuhan.

His name is Liao Feng Hua. His sister gave him an English name which is “Smart,” and he is smart. He is an associate professor in the School of Art and Design, Shenzhen Polytechnic University.

We all need to know more about China. I suggest you start with my book *Voices of New China* available in ebook and print at all the regular places, including directly from me.



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