

Ground stones used for paintings

Taiwan artist visits son at A&M

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Ground stones, glue, and large pieces of silk are just a few of the things Chen Chin uses to make a painting. Chin is a 72-year-old woman from Taipei, Taiwan, who is visiting her son, Ching-Chia Shaw, a Texas

A&M University graduate student in chemical engineering. Chin does not speak any English, so her son acts as an interpreter. Chin said she first became interested in Oriental painting in grade school, but it wasn't until she was in the equivalent of an American junior high school that she

started to take painting seriously. In junior high Chin studied painting under Gohara Koto, a Japanese artist who is well known in Taiwan and Japan. After she finished junior high, Koto told Chin and her father that she should go to an art college. Chin said her father was unusual in that he wanted all his children

to go to college, including Chin. He said the idea of sending women to college in her country during the 1920s was unheard of.

Chin attended the Japan Tokyo Girl's Art University and received her degree in 1929. Chin spent half of the next 12 years living in Japan and half in Taiwan.

In Taiwan she taught painting to students, and in Japan she painted for commissions.

Chin paints in the traditional Chinese style, using ground stones instead of oil paint to create images on pieces of silk. The ground stone is applied to silk by a fine-tipped brush and glue. Chin said this technique eliminates brush strokes in the painting.

Chin said she spent more than a year on some paintings. One of these was seven feet tall and eight feet long. Chin said that she spends a portion of her painting time thinking about what she is trying to convey. Oriental painting is difficult because the artist cannot make any mistakes because once it's on silk, the ground stone cannot be changed, Chin said.

Chin is well known for her paintings in Taiwan and Japan. Her fame

started when one of her paintings was displayed in Tei Tein, at an annual Japanese art exhibit in 1932. Chin said only 40 paintings were selected from thousands to be shown at Tei Tein. Chin added that each time an artist's has a painting in Tei Tein, the artist's paintings increase in value. Chin said that she became so well known that she continued to use her maiden name on paintings after she married.

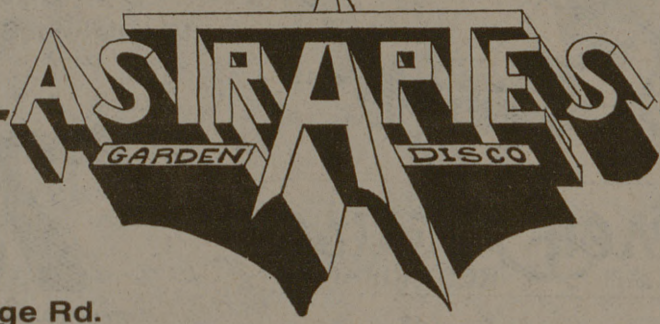
Chin had pictures in the Japanese exhibit every year from 1932 to 1941, and today her smallest paintings are worth at least \$1,000.

Chin said she loves painting, seeing something and recording it with paint, and that she will paint until the last day of her life.



Chen Chin, a 72-year-old Taiwanese artist, shows one of her ground stone-on-silk paintings. Battalion photo by George Rowe

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WASHINGTON — Thirty-six states choose governors Tuesday in elections likely to brighten the presidential dreams of two candidates. Democrat Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California and Republican Jim Thompson of Illinois apparently will win easily — making them powers to be reckoned with at the 1980 political conventions and beyond. While Brown may stand little chance of wresting the nomination from President Carter, he is only 40 and just entering the prime years for presidential aspirants.

But Thompson, 42, clearly shapes up as a 1980 GOP nomination contender. His Democratic challenger in Illinois, state Comptroller Michael Bakalis, claims Thompson may be more interested in the White House than the state house.

Nationwide, Democrats control 37 governorships, Republicans 12. Independent James Longley of Maine is not seeking re-election.

A UPI survey shows Democrats may lose part of their huge majority Tuesday.

Of the 36 seats up, 26 are held by Democrats, nine by Republicans and one is Longley's.

The survey indicates Democrats are ahead in 21 states, ranging from huge leads in some to paper-thin margins in others. Republicans appear to lead in 10 states.

The races in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Tennessee are too close to call.

Democrats seem most likely to maintain control in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas and Wyoming.

They also expect to pick up Maine and South Carolina.

Republicans seem likely to keep control in Alaska, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, New Hampshire and Vermont, and to take Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon and Wisconsin from the Democrats.

The races shape up this way: Alabama — Millionaire sporting goods dealer Fob James, 44, should

easily defeat Republican Guy Hunt. Alaska — Gov. Jay Hammond appears ahead of Democratic state Sen. Leland Croft.

Arizona — Gov. Bruce Babbitt has a strong lead over conservative GOP challenger Evan Mecham.

Arkansas — Attorney General Bill Clinton heavily favored over GOP state Chairman Lynn Lowe.

California — Brown appears to be pulling away from Republican Attorney General Evelle Younger, a lackluster campaigner.

Colorado — Gov. Richard Lamm seems to have moved ahead of conservative Republican state Sen. Ted Strickland.

Connecticut — Gov. Ella Grasso appears ahead, although Republican Rep. Ronald Sarasin may be gaining.

Florida — In a battle between high-spending millionaires, Democrat Robert Graham, a dairy farmer and land developer, is expected to defeat drugstore chain owner Jack Eckerd.

Idaho — Gov. John Evans, who stepped up from lieutenant governor last year when Cecil Andrus became U.S. Department of Interior secretary, leads Republican House Speaker Allan Larsen in polls.

Iowa — Gov. Robert Ray expected to win unprecedented fifth term against Jerome Fitzgerald, Iowa House Democratic leader.

Kansas — Gov. Robert Bennett expected to survive strong challenge by Democratic House Speaker John Carlin.

Maine — Democratic Attorney General Joseph Brennan expected to defeat GOP state House Minority Leader Linwood Palmer Jr., and Baptist minister Herman Frankland, an Independent.

Massachusetts — Conservative Democrat Edward King, primary winner over Democratic Gov. Michael Dukakis, leads moderate Republican Francis Hatch.

Michigan — Gov. William Milliken, seeking third term, has slight edge over Democratic state Sen. William Fitzgerald.

Minnesota — Gov. Rudy Perpich appears narrowly ahead of GOP Rep. Albert Quie.

Nebraska — Rep. Charles D. Latta leads Democratic Lt. Gov. Gerald Whelan.

Nevada — GOP Attorney General Robert List has regained lead over Lt. Gov. Robert Ross.

New Mexico — Former Democratic Gov. Bruce King leads in poll over former GOP state legislator J. Skeen.

New York — Gov. Hugh Carey slight favorite over GOP Assembly Leader Perry Duryea.

Ohio — Gov. James Rhodes faces strong challenge from Democrat Lt. Gov. Richard Celeste.

Oklahoma — Democratic Lt. Gov. George Nish expected to win easily over former Oklahoma baseball star Ron Shotts.

Oregon — Democratic Gov. Bill Straub and state Sen. Victor Atiles in re-run of 1974 election — with Straub now running behind.

Pennsylvania — Toss-up between former Pittsburgh Mayor Peter Flaherty and fast-gaining Republican Richard Thornburgh.

South Carolina — Former state Sen. Dick Riley expected to recapture statehouse for Democrats by defeating former Rep. Edward Young.

South Dakota — Neck-and-neck between Republican Attorney General William Janklow and Democratic state Sen. Roger McKelvey.

Tennessee — Democrat James Butler and Republican Lamar Alexander in tight race.

Texas — Oilman Bill Clements seeking to become Texas' first publican governor in 100 years trails Democratic Attorney General John Hill.

Wisconsin — Acting Democratic Gov. Martin Schreiber running behind University of Wisconsin Chancellor Lee Dreyfus, with about percent undecided.

New Hampshire — Gov. Meldrim Thompson expected to win close race against Democrat Frank Gullen and former Gov. Wesley Powell, an Independent.

Georgia — Gov. George Busby should easily win second term over Republican state Chairman Robert Cook.

Hawaii — Gov. George Ariyoshi expected to be re-elected over moderate Republican Sen. John Leopold.

Illinois — Incumbent Thompson as seen sure winner over Bakalis. Only the margin is in question.

Vermont — Richard Snelling expected to win second term over Democratic state legislator Edwin Granai.

Rhode Island — Democratic Gov. J. Joseph Garay seems easy win over Republican Lincoln Almond and Independent Joseph D'Amico Jr.

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