



## Memorial Hall Events

On the afternoon of May 27, the descendants of Charles Henry Riggs, a U.S. citizen, came to Nanjing to donate eight sets of precious artifacts and historical materials to the Memorial Hall. Among them was the Order of Brilliant Jade. The small jade medal serves as a testament to Riggs' contributions in halting the atrocities committed by the invading Japanese army and protecting Chinese refugees 87 years ago. This is the first time the Memorial Hall has received a donation of a jade medal.



On May 18, International Museum Day, the exhibition "Working for Peace: Oil Painting Exhibition of French Painter Christian Poirot" opened at the Memorial Hall. The exhibition consisted of three sections: "Nanjing's Screams of Pain", "Nanjing in the Eyes of Poirot" and "The Bridge Between China and the World". A total of 44 artworks are on display, conveying the shared aspirations of the Chinese and French people to remember history, cherish peace, and create a better future. On March 18, the artist passed away from a sudden illness at the age of 63. The Memorial Hall managed to unveil the exhibition to fulfill his last wish.



April 23 marked the 29th World Book Day. The Memorial Hall hosted a reading event designed to pass on historical memories. Five representatives, including inheritors of historical memories regarding Nanjing Massacre, Memorial Hall education specialists, and Zijin Grass volunteers, took turns reading excerpts from The Diaries of John Rabe (youth edition) and shared their feelings. The Memorial Hall also donated books to surrounding primary schools, communities and a military unit stationed in Nanjing.

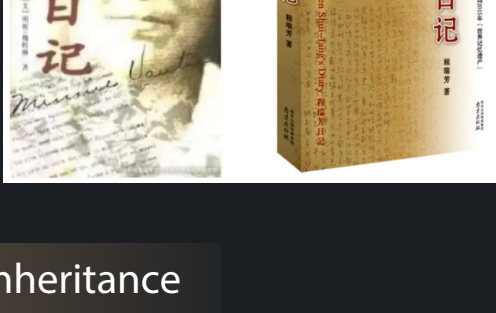


## Survivor News

Liu Suzhen, a survivor of the Nanjing Massacre, passed away on April 21 at the age of 93. Born in November 1931, Liu lost her father at the age of three and lived with her grandparents on Tongren Street, Jizhao Ying, Zhujiang Road, Nanjing. When the massacre occurred in 1937, Liu was just six years old. She suffered severe burns on her right arm from boiling water inflicted by the Japanese invaders.



On April 30, 1938, an extensive feature was published in "The Classmate," a Cincinnati, Ohio magazine, offering a detailed description of the diaries of US missionary Minnie Vautrin (1886-1941). During the Nanjing Massacre, Vautrin and her Chinese assistant Cheng Ruifang (Tsen Shui Fang) stayed in Nanjing to safeguard Ginling College. In those dark days and nights, both of them had the habit of writing diaries despite their busy routines. Staff members of the Memorial Hall Media Center compared the contents of their diaries and extracted the details they both recorded about the atrocities committed by the invading Japanese troops.



## Historical Memory Inheritance

Iva Hynds graduated from a nursing school in St. Paul. She left the US for China in 1912 and became a nurse at Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital in 1924. During the Nanjing Massacre, Hynds helped take care of new infants at the hospital. Throughout her life, she did not marry or have children, yet she was the "mother" of numerous kids. On May 12, International Nurses Day and Mother's Day, the Memorial Hall colorized a white and black photo of Hynds with the help of artificial intelligence in memory of this great female figure.



## Visitors' Reflections

The Memorial Hall received several foreign visitors during the five-day May Day holiday. A Japanese visitor wrote, "I have never learned about this history in such detail before. It was an enlightening visit. As a Japanese, I won't forget this history."

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Adrian (whose Chinese name is Wang Mingzhi) from Spain currently studies at Tongji University in Shanghai. Adrian hoped to learn more about World War II history at the Memorial Hall. He likes Nanjing very much and thinks the Memorial Hall is a very meaningful place that reminds him of the importance of peace. Peace, he said, is crucial for every nation.

