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Title Lao Community New Year Celebration at the Lao Temple, Morris, 2019

Date 2019 April 14

Medium born digital photography

Description 2015.196.398.1: Image of families gathering inside the temple for the ceremony led by the Buddhist monks. 2015.196.398.2-.5: Images of a monk tying strings around people’ s wrists, in the basi ceremony "mat khene," to symbolize well-being and connection. There are people praying and eating in the background. 2015.196.398.6: Image of celebrants and spiritual decorations at the Lao New Year ceremony inside the temple. 2015.196.398.7-.9: Images of raw sugar cane stalks that are cut and peeled for selling and eating at the festival held outside on the temple grounds. 2015.196.398.10-.11: Images of a vendor at the marketplace held outside during the festival. 2015.196.398.12-.13: Images of

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