



NEWS & UPDATES FOR MEMBERS - SUMMER 2019

Penjing Exhibition & Summer Events

Lan Su celebrates Summer with a series of events including Embracing Culture: Lan Su Celebrates Asian Heritage Month, Silk Road Exhibition, Penjing Exhibition, Summer Concert Series & more ... see more inside

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RENOVATION OF THE PHOENIX REST COURTYARD

Curator of Horticulture Corner with Justin Blackwell



Justin Blackwell, Curator of Horticulture

As many gardeners know, there is a cycle of growth and decline. Excitement of something new sometimes offsets the sadness of losing a cherished plant.

Lan Su has lost a few cherished plants over the

years, including the Phoenix tree in the Phoenix Rest Courtyard. The name of this courtyard was given in honor of the tree planted here as part of the original design of the garden.

According to Chinese legend, the Phoenix tree (Firmiana simplex) — also known as a Chinese Parasol tree — is the preferred perch of the Phoenix. Its cardinal virtues are benevolence and sincerity among others. It also symbolizes the sun, light and warmth — all of which are conditions that a Phoenix Tree enjoys.

As many will remember, the Phoenix Tree succumbed to a blight known as Phytophthora in 2013. This blight resides in the soil naturally, but can be activated by poor drainage in the soil and from a disease that attacks the roots of the plant, prohibiting nutrient and water absorption. Other plants also fell victim to Phytophthora including rhododendrons and flowering quince which have been removed. The Camellia japonica 'Grandiflora Rosea' holds on both through surviving the blight, but and being partially crushed by a tree that fell in a winter storm several years ago.



We are now planning a renovation of this courtyard with donations from generous and caring donors like you. Due to research and a better understanding of how this blight works, we can renovate this courtyard bringing it back to its former glory. The search for a replacement Firmiana simplex is easier said than done however. This unusual — if not rare tree takes our search nationwide to find a suitable specimen for the site. Other specimen plants needed, in addition to a Phoenix tree, include Osmanthus burkwoodii, an osmanthus species new to the garden, and Sasa hyatae - a low growing bamboo grass.

Several other companion plants will be added to give the visitor a sense of a mature garden bed. However, before we replant, we will resolve the soil issues that are responsible for the decline of this courtyard. Soil renovation and discovering the condition of drainage in the courtyard is key to the success of the new plantings.

We thank you for your part in the continuing story of the garden's cycle of rebirth and renewal. To help, make a gift to support the project at WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/PHOENIXREST

SCHOLAR SOCIETY MEMBER RECEPTION



As a thank you for their generous donations, all Scholar Society members (\$1,000+) are invited to join us for an exclusive reception in the garden on July 25, from 7-9 p.m. for cocktails, hors d'oevres and live music. Learn more about Scholar Society benefits at WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/SCHOLARSOCIETY. RSVP to Lisa Santo, Development Manager, at 503.542.2921 or lisas@lansugarden.org.

EMBRACING CULTURE: LAN SU CELEBRATES ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH



This May, Lan Su celebrates the cultures of Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, India, Philippines, Thailand, China, and the Pacific Islands



The Cambodian Dance Troupe of Oregon

Celebrate National Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month this May with exciting cultural performances and activities at Lan Su Chinese Garden.

Each Saturday and Sunday in May, Lan Su hosts cultural performances from local cultural organizations and dance troupes. Performers include groups representing the cultures of Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, India, Philippines, Thailand, China, and the Pacific Islands.

MULTICULTURAL FAMILY DAY

The month kicks off with a series of events on Saturday, May 4 with a special Multicultural Family Day. Learn about different traditions and cultures from participating program partners, listen to a talk on Japanese poetry and participate in story time and family craft activities. Visit Lan Su's website for a full schedule of Multicultural Day events, visit WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/MULTICULTURALDAY

SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES —

SATURDAY, **MAY 4** — Multicultural Family Day

1 p.m. — Ka Lei Hali'a O Ka Lokelani (Pacific Islands)

3 p.m. — UNIT SOUZOU (Japan)

SUNDAY, MAY 5

1 p.m. — Chinese Friendship Association of Portland (China)

3 p.m. — Indonesian Performing Arts of Oregon (Indonesia)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

1 p.m. — Filipino American Friendship Club of Oregon (Philippines)

3 p.m. — One with Heart (*Indonesia*)

SUNDAY, MAY 12 - Mother's Day

1 p.m. — Paradise of Samoa (Pacific Islands)

3 p.m. — Vancouver Jasmine Dance Troupe (*China*)

SATURDAY, MAY 18

I p.m. — Thai Organization of Oregon (Thailand)

3 p.m. — Kalabharathi School of Dance (India)

SUNDAY, MAY 19

ı p.m. — Teva Oriata (*Tahiti*)

3 p.m. — Eternal Arts Kungfu (China)

SATURDAY, MAY 25

ı p.m. — Takohachi (*Japan*)

3 p.m. — Cambodian Dance Troupe of Oregon (Cambodia)

SUNDAY, MAY 26

ı p.m. — Team Japonesque (*Japan*)

3 p.m. — NW Chinese Dance Troupe (China)

THE ART OF FACIAL MAKEUP IN CHINESE OPERA

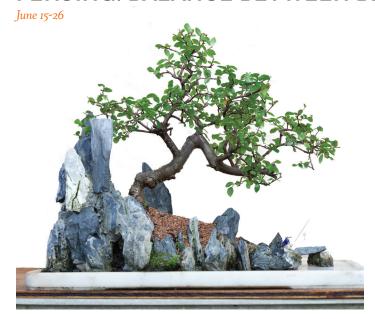
Sunday, May 5 — 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Facial makeup, a special art in Chinese operas, requires a distinctive technique of painting. Bold designs and colors are painted on each performer's face to symbolize a character's personality, role, and fate.

Join Paul Ip, Lucy Ip and Lisa Chow as they demonstrate and walk visitors through step-by-step the art of facial makeup in Chinese opera. Learn more about this event at WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/CHINESEOPERAMAKEUP



PENJING: BALANCE BETWEEN BEAUTY AND NATURE



PENJING WORKSHOP

June 15, 9-11 a.m.

A hands on workshop with Robert Cho of Asia Pacific Gardening will be offered on June 15 to learn more about these magnificent plants and how to create and care for them.

REGISTRATION COST Workshop tickets on sale May 1 Class limited to 12 participants

\$35 — members

\$45 — non-members

Penjing plant and dish available for optional purchase with a \$30 materials fee.

Purchase your tickets to this workshop at WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/PENJING.

Join Lan Su's horticulture team as they celebrate the art of penjing or "traditional tray landscapes" with a display from June 15-26, 2019. Robert Cho, penjing and bonsai instructor and owner of Asia Pacific Gardening in Kent Washington, will also offer a special workshop to create your own piece.

Penjing is the ancient living art of depicting artistically formed trees, other plants, and landscapes in miniature. Originating in China, penjing literally means "tray scenery." Artistic interpretations of carefully pruned trees in composition with stones convey personal expression and emotions. Plants, soil and stone depict a complete picture of a landscape or a landscape with water.

Penjing was brought to Japan during the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279) where it became known as bonsai, depicting a landscape to mimic the shape and scale of full sized trees. Penjing are inspired by paintings and poetry, capturing the essence of the spirit of a natural landscape that conveys the abstract such as affections, wishes and ideals.

The display is presented in partnership with Robert Cho and Asia Pacific Gardening This is a unique opportunity to purchase beautiful works of Penjing ranging from newer to older specimens!

Learn more at WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/PENJING

UPCOMING ART ON DISPLAY



JUNE & JULY

Deb Stoner Photography



JUNE & JULY

Wayne Jiang Painting



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Gail Owen Lino, Hand-Stitched Prints



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Katie Preston Painting & Illustrations

Learn more about all art on display and related programming in the garden at WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/ART

JAZZ IN THE GARDEN SUMMER CONCERTS





Lan Su Chinese Garden and PDX Jazz present Jazz in the Garden, a summer music series held in the early evening splendor of Portland's most intimate venue. Featuring six concerts Tuesday evenings July 16 through August 20, the series includes local, national and international artists.

SERIES PASSES*

- \$215 Member
- \$240 General
- \$160 Student
 - * Note: Series pass ticket holders get early entry at 6:30 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

- \$40 Member
- \$30 Student

SERIES PASS MEALS ADD ON

- \$120 Meat
- \$120 Vegetarian

- \$45 General

INDIVIDUAL DINNERS PER CONCERT

- \$22-24 Meat
- \$22-24 Vegetarian

\$22 pre-purchase, \$24 night of concert

Visit WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/JAZZ for more details

TUESDAY, JULY 16

BKO QUINTET

BKO Quintet's music is born from a meeting between five established artists. This gathering provides a journey into the heart of the contemporary Mali.



TUESDAY, JULY 23

MIKE HORSFALL & TJADERADE

Mike Horsfall is in demand as a composer, arranger, recording artist, concert soloist and educator on both vibraphone and piano.



TUESDAY, JULY 30

HAILEY NISWANGER PRESENTS MAE.SUN

Saxophonist, composer and vocalist Hailey Niswanger presents the debut album from her newest and most innovative configuration yet: MAE.SUN showcasing her eclectic sonic palette ranging



from contemporary jazz to soulful funk and neo-soul.

TUESDAY. AUGUST 6

CHINA MOSES

Moses is the rare young, female artist—capable swinging with the finest and drawing on her innate mastery of tempo. Her R&B heritage allows her to carry emotions across a lyric and infuse profundity in every note.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

CONNIE HAN

The New York Times describes Han as "the rare musician with fearsome technical chops, a breadth of historical knowledge and enough originality to write tunes that absorb your ear easily."



TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

BOBBY TORRES ENSEMBLE: REMEMBERING WOODSTOCK, WITH A LITTLE **HELP FROM MY FRIENDS**

Bobby Torres Ensemble presents a look back Woodstock and the iconic music played that weekend. Bobby performed with Joe Cocker and The Grease Band at Woodstock-the largest threeday festival to date.



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CUISINES OF ASIA

June

Lan Su celebrates *Cuisines of Asia* with a month of programs and events. Every Tuesday & Thursday in June at 2:30 p.m., local Asian restaurants will talk about their cuisines, including personal stories and recipes from their restaurant.

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

HK Café (China) • Mirakutei (Japan) • Kopi (Indonesia) • The Boiling Bowl (Vietnam) • and more to come!

For a complete list of *Cuisines of Asia* events and participating restaurants, visit **WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/CUISINES**



TASTE OF ASIA

Thursday, June 6 - 7-9 p.m.



Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Will Call opens at 6 p.m. Please note that on event evenings, Lan Su Chinese Garden will close early at 6 p.m. A no-host bar with wine, beer, soda and mineral water will be available. Event will go on as scheduled rain, shine or heat. No refunds or exchanges.

In conjunction with Lan Su Chinese Garden's Cuisines of Asia month in June, enjoy an after-hours ticketed event in the garden sampling food from China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Vietnam, Japan and more.

The evening also includes music from the Nanfang Chinese Music Club, the Chopstick Challenge activity and a traditional Lion Dance from Lee's Association Dragon & Lion Dance Team.

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

Bao Bao (Chinese) • Chin's Kitchen (Chinese) • Danwei Canting (Chinese) • Great Tang (Chinese) • Hem 23 (Vietnamese) • Ichiza Kitchen (Vegan Pan-Asian) • Oyatsupan Bakers (Japanese Pastries) • Puffle Waffle (Hong Kong Style) • Shandong Restaurant (Chinese) • Tambayan Restaurant (Filipino) • The Tao of Tea (Teas of Asia)

TICKETS

- \$35 Member
- \$45 General
- \$25 Student

Learn more and purchase your tickets at WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/TASTEOFASIA

TRAVELS ON THE SILK ROAD

July & August



Silk Painting with partner Cygnet Silks

Join us on a journey along the ancient trade route during Lan Su's celebration of *Travels on the Silk Road*. Events in July & August include talks about nomadic life along the trade routes, watch a demonstration of silk painting, and revel in the return of the popular live silk worms.

The silkworm display will be up the entire event to view their progress. Watch as they spin their cocoons and emerge as silk moths. There's always something to see and do!

Learn more about *The Silk Road* in July & August at **WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/SILKROAD**



SUMMER CULTURAL PERFORMANCES



PORTLAND CHINESE DANCE TROUPE

Saturday, June 1 | 3 p.m.

Established in 2002, the Portland Chinese Dance Troupe has provided summer dance workshops every year lead by Artistic Director Julie Ding. Dedicated to performing authentic Chinese cultural dances, the troupe is a crowd favorite at Lan Su with multiple performances in the garden earning rave reviews.

LION DANCE ON JONGS

Saturday, July 20 | 3 p.m.



Lion dances are a form of traditional dance in Chinese culture and other Asian countries in which performers mimic lion's movements in lion costume

bring good luck and fortune. The lion dance is usually performed during the Chinese New Year and other Chinese traditional, cultural and religious festivals. Join Lan Su for an exciting lion dance performance as Viet Hung Lion & Dragon Dance Team will be performing the lion dance on jongs (high poles).

CANTONESE OPERA

Saturday, August 17 7:30 p.m.

Note: Lan Su extends its regular hours until 9 p.m. to allow for this performance to occur with regular admission or membership



Traditional Chinese opera is a popular form of drama and musical theatre in China with roots back going the early periods in China. Early forms of Chinese

theater were simple, but over time they incorporated various art forms, such as music, song and dance, martial arts, acrobatics, as well as literary art forms to become traditional Chinese opera. This show is an experience not to be missed.

SUMMER MEMBER EVENINGS

The last Wednesdays of June, July, August and September from 7-9 p.m.



JUNE 26 — MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENING

Our first summer member appreciation evening of the season features a penjing display and discussion along with traditional Chinese music and food.

JULY 24 — MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENING

Join us for guided tai-chi by Flying Tortoise Academy, live music and a tacos and tequila tasting by Little Taco & Tequila.

AUGUST 28— MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENING

A lively, Cuban-inspired evening with Cuban music from Xavier Tavera that makes you want to move. Enjoy Cuban bites and a special architecture presentation by Lynne Barrett, Director of Facilities at Lan Su.

SEPTEMBER 25 — MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENING

Relaxing in the garden with soothing music and light food is the perfect way to say goodbye to summer. Don't miss a presentation on koi by Lan Su's Facilities Assistant, Calvin Hamann at this last Summer Member Evening!

Stay tuned for updates on our next Member Night Out in November. Learn more about Lan Su's Summer Member Appreciation Evenings at

WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/MEMBERBENEFITS

VOLUNTEERING AT LAN SU

Make new friends, learn new things and make cross cultural connections all while supporting Lan Su with your time and energies



Since the opening of Lan Su Chinese Garden in September 2000, volunteers have played an integral part in the success of the garden welcoming visitors, leading tours, assisting with programs and events, promoting membership, cleaning, maintaining the facilities and helping the horticulturists.

Today Lan Su has III active volunteers donating their time, energy, expertise and friendship to Lan Su. Volunteers represent all ages, nationalities, and walks of life. Each of them brings their unique skills and each has a shared passion for the garden. Members often make some of the best volunteers because they know first-hand the beauty, tranquility and cultural traditions of this very special treasure.

Currently, Lan Su is recruiting for hosts, facilities and horticulture maintenance, membership promotion and shop assistance. Make friends, learn new things, help make cross-cultural connections and contribute to our success by volunteering at Lan Su.



To volunteer, visit WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/VOLUNTEER or contact Katie Hill, Director of Volunteers & Education at 503.542.2095 or katie@lansugarden.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

A heartfelt thank you goes to each volunteer from the staff and Lan Su Board of Directors!

CHINA THEN AND NOW: ANTIQUE FURNITURE & ART SALE

An Expression of Culture & Color through Chinese Antique Furniture and Modern Art — July

Lan Su Chinese Garden and Asia America are partnering in July to showcase a series of antiques as well as artwork from artist Ningshu Fang.

Traditionally thought of as dark and heavy with a great deal of ornate carving, the Chinese furniture in this partner display is more vibrant in color and are hand painted pieces that you would find in the countryside homes of rural China around 100 years ago.

These pieces will pair well with the artwork of artist Ningshu Fang whose work is a modern approach to pastoral scenes in rural China expressed in vivid color. All items on display are available for purchase through the Garden Shop.

Learn more about partner Asia America at WWW.ASIAAMERICAFURNITURE.COM.



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SPRING CLEANING IN THE GARDEN SHOP

Visit the shop and see all of the great merchandise in a new layout!

Stop by the Lan Su Garden Shop to see the new store arrangement - making it easier for you to browse and find that perfect item to take home. Now with more space, the Garden Shop team is proud to offer a greater variety of gifts to remember your visit by.

With a new layout, the Garden Shop features items on sale, including:

- MAY 20% off Outdoor Garden Décor
- **JUNE** 20% off Kitchenware (chopsticks, bowls, etc.) connected to Cuisines of Asia (see page 6)
- JULY Garden Shop Sidewalk Sale Saturday, July 13 one day only, receive up to 75% off overstock and discontinued items
- AUGUST 20% off silk related items connected to Travels on the Silk Road event (see page 6)

Learn more about Lan Su's Garden Shop at WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/GARDENSHOP



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20TH ANNIVERSARY GROUND BREAKING EVENT

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Lan Su's ground breaking on Friday, June 7, 2019 from 1-3 p.m.



Volunteers helped paint what the garden layout would be for the original ground breaking.

Come join Lan Su as we celebrate the anniversary of our ground breaking on Friday, June 7 from 1-3 p.m.

This is the first event of our 20th Anniversary Celebration, as we mark special dates culminating with a spectacular gala in September 2020 on our actual anniversary.

Scheduled for twenty years to the day of the original ground breaking, this event will feature a construction photo display,

local dignitaries, garden donors, cake and refreshments for all to enjoy.

No RSVP is necessary, just your presence is requested as you help us celebrate this milestone. Learn more at WWW.LANSUGARDEN.ORG/GROUNDBREAKING



A mock up in 1999 of what Lan Su's wall and plantings would look like postopening of the garden PHOTOS © TERRY TAMBARA PHOTOGRAPHY

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REMINDER

As of May 15, Lan Su moves to hours of 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and prices of:

- Adult \$12.95
- Children 5 &
- Senior \$11.95
- under Free
- Student \$9.95
- Family \$37.95

UNDER THE MOONLIGHT TABLES STILL AVAILABLE!



Tables are still available for Lan Su's premier fundraising event, *Under the Moonlight*, on September 7!

Guests will enjoy a lively cocktail hour followed by a brief auction. Following the auction, guests will enjoy an intimate, lantern-lit dining experience in the emerald splendor of the garden prepared exclusively for their private or semi-private table by some of Portland's most exceptional chefs.

Learn more or reserve your table by contacting Lisa Santo, Development Manager, at 503.542.2921 or lisas@lansugarden.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Music in the Teahouse	
Calligraphy in the Teahouse	
Embracing Culture: Lan Su Celebrates Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage MonthSaturdays & Sundays in May	
The Art of Facial Makeup in Chinese Opera May 5	
Cuisines of Asia	
Portland Chinese Dance Troupe	
Taste of Asia Evening Event	
Lan Su 20th Anniversary Groundbreaking Evening June 7	
Penjing Workshop	
Penjing Display June 15-26	
Jazz in the Garden Summer Music Series July 16, 23 & 30 and August 6, 13 & 20	
Lion Dance on Jongs	
Travels on thr Silk Road July & August	
Cantonese Opera	
Summer Member Evenings Last Wednesdays of June—September	

For more information on these & all Lan Su events, visit

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