

MAY - SEPTEMBER 2025



ENTER THE WONDERLAND:

A Guide to Kid-Friendly Fun & Events
at Lan Su Chinese Garden



“...to inspire, engage and educate our global community in the appreciation of a richly authentic Chinese culture.”

~THE MISSION STATEMENT OF LAN SU CHINESE GARDEN

HELLO PARENTS & EDUCATORS!

25 years ago, Lan Su Chinese Garden opened its gates as a living symbol of cultural connection, history, and artistry—modeled after the classical gardens of Suzhou, China. Traditionally, gardens like Lan Su were places where scholars lived, learned, and found inspiration in nature.

As we approach Lan Su's 25th anniversary this September, we're honored to continue that legacy by creating meaningful experiences that invite families, students, and young creators to explore Lan Su in joyful, hands-on, and thoughtful ways.

I'm excited to introduce Enter the Wonderland—your guide to a summer of discovery, learning, and connection. Inside, you'll find experiences designed especially for young minds and families—from drop-in crafts and school tours to cultural performances and celebrations of Chinese heritage and the vibrant voices of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities.

At Lan Su, we're proud to be #MoreThanAGarden—a place of learning, creativity, and belonging. As we look to the future through the eyes of youth, Lan Su's story becomes more than a reflection of the past—it becomes a shared promise of what we can grow and imagine together.

I hope you'll join us this special anniversary year for a summer filled with curiosity, connection, and joy.

Venus Sun

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Vice President of Culture & Community
Lan Su Chinese Garden



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VISITING INFORMATION

OPEN MONDAY – SUNDAY

Summer Hours 10 AM – 6:30 PM

Winter Hours 10 AM – 4:30 PM



*Last visitor entry 30 minutes before closing

Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's Day

ADMISSION

Lan Su Members	Free
Child (Ages 5 & under)	Free
Youth (Ages 6–18)	\$13.00
Senior/Student <i>Age 62+ / College Student with ID</i>	\$15.00
Adult	\$16.00
Museums For All / Arts For All <i>up to 4 individuals per EBT card</i>	\$5.00

Ask your local library if they have a Lan Su culture pass!

DIRECTIONS

Lan Su Chinese Garden is located off I-405 at the NW Everett Street exit, just steps from Amtrak, accessible by all MAX trains, and within easy walking distance of downtown.

PARKING

Lan Su Chinese Garden has free first-come, first-served parking located on Flanders Street & 3rd Avenue. Street and paid parking are also available.

PLAN YOUR PLAYTIME

Choose from regularly scheduled and self-paced activities.



CHINESE CONVERSATION CORNER



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Sundays, May 4 – September 28 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Practice your Mandarin skills with bilingual volunteers from the Oregon Chinese Coalition.



CALLIGRAPHY DEMO



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Wednesdays, April 30 – September 24 | 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Experience the art and harmony of Chinese calligraphy through live demonstrations by Wang Xing (王星), and discover the beauty and rich history behind this timeless cultural tradition.



MUSIC IN THE GARDEN



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Fridays, April 25 – September 26 | 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Enjoy traditional Chinese music by Louis Lim on erhu and ruan qin as you stroll the garden paths.



WEIQI/GO TEACHING AND DEMONSTRATING



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Every 3rd Sunday, May 18 – September 21 | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Observe live demonstrations and engage in Wei Qi gameplay with volunteers from the Portland Go Club.



DISCOVERY GUIDE



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Available at Entry | Updated Seasonally

Pick up a Discovery Guide sheet at the garden entrance! Each guide features a fun scavenger hunt highlighting cultural facts or the seasonal blooms of Lan Su.



DISCOVER LAN SU VISITOR MOBILE APP



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Available with Your Device | Updated Seasonally

Immerse yourself in Lan Su's history, culture, and beauty with the Discover Lan Su app, featuring scavenger hunts, audio tours voiced by Lan Su docent volunteers, plant spotlights, and more.



PUBLIC TOURS



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Available Daily | Visit Our Website for Current Schedule

Join a trained docent for a 1-hour interpretive tour of Lan Su.



A Program is free with Lan Su admission or membership

🔍 Resources to help you explore and learn more during your visit

⭐ Weekly Cultural Experiences

K-12 SCHOOL TOURS

Inspire, engage, and educate your students in an immersive educational journey through Lan Su.



DOCENT-LED K-12 SCHOOL TOUR

👉 Includes a 45–60 minute educational tour led by a certified Lan Su Guide

💵 Cost: \$9.00 per student

👉 Seasonal-themed tours—such as Lunar New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival with hands-on activity—available during festival times



SELF-LED K-12 SCHOOL TOUR

🌿 Explore the garden at your own pace

💵 Cost: \$8.00 per student

📱 Enhance your visit with the Discover Lan Su mobile app, featuring audio tours, scavenger hunts, plant info, and seasonal content

🖨️ Printed Lan Su Discovery Guides (seasonal scavenger hunts) available upon request



- Docent-led school tours must be booked at least two weeks in advance and are first-come, first-served.
- Limited free chaperone admissions are available based on group size.
- To learn more or book, email grouptours@lansugarden.org.

AANHPI HERITAGE MONTH

CELEBRATE OUR STORIES

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This May, join us as we celebrate AANHPI (Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander) Heritage Month 2025!

THREADING TOGETHER: TRADITIONAL ATTIRE EXHIBIT

May 3–31

Traditional outfits from various AANHPI cultures



CULTURAL IMMERSION SATURDAYS

May 10, 17, 24, & 31

Celebrating AANHPI heritage with performances, storytelling, and family-friendly fun each Saturday at Lan Su!



May 10:
Vietnam Day



May 17:
Pacific Islanders Day



May 24:
China Day



May 31:
Japan Day

PAY-WHAT-YOU-WILL
ADMISSION DAY

FAMILY FUN SUNDAYS

May 4, 18, & 25

Interactive games, crafts, and art for all ages.



A Free with Lan Su admission or membership



SUMMER FUNGARDEN

See, smell, taste, listen, and feel—the summer fun of Lan Su!



Thursdays – Saturdays, June 13 – August 31

XIANG BAO: CHINESE HERB SACHET DIY



Craft your own Xiang Bao herb sachet with a custom blend of traditional Chinese herbs to satisfy the senses, promote well-being, and connect with timeless cultural traditions. Purchase your creation to take it home and enjoy, or give it as a gift!

**Activity available while supplies last*

Saturdays, June 13 – August 31

CATCH A KOI! PLUSHIE SHOP



Grab a net and catch a new finned friend in this hands-on experience! Koi symbolize abundance, wealth, and determination in Chinese culture. Purchase your catch to bring home a playful reminder of their inspiring spirit!

**Activity available while supplies last*

Sundays, June 22 – August 31

BLOSSOM & BOUNTY: AANHPI SUMMER MARKET

**Off-site event at Lan Su Annex (Flanders St. & 3rd Ave.)*



Discover Old Town's only Sunday market featuring rising AANHPI makers, growers, and artists. Enjoy local goods, fresh finds, and summer vibes just steps from Lan Su Chinese Garden. Celebrate 25 years of transformation with a vibrant new market—bring the kiddos and see what's blooming! **FREE to access.**



SEE ALL HAPPENINGS BY WEEK

May to September, 2025

WEDNESDAY

Calligraphy Demo 

THURSDAY

June 13 – August 31
Xiang Bao: Chinese Herb Sachet DIY

FRIDAY

Music in the Garden 

SATURDAY

June 13 – August 31
Catch A Koi! Plushie Shop

SUNDAY

Chinese Conversation Corner 

Every 3rd Sunday

WeiQi/Go Teaching & Demonstrating 



UNLIMITED GARDEN FUN FOR THE YEAR

Enjoy a full year of unlimited garden visits for the whole family, plus member discounts to special events like Lantern Viewing Evenings and Nights of the Golden Flower. You'll also receive access to exclusive cultural and horticultural tours, plus reciprocal benefits at more than 15 local museums, zoos, and attractions. With two named cardholders and all these perks, it's the best way to experience everything Lan Su has to offer—together.

Want to learn more? Scan the QR code
or visit lansugarden.org/membership.



UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Don't miss these exciting annual festivals coming October through December, plus a very special 25th-anniversary celebration in September!

September 2025

YUAN TOGETHER: 25 YEARS OF LAN SU



October 4, 5, & 6

MID-AUTUMN MOONCAKE MARKET



November 7, 8, & 9

CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL: NIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER



December 12, 13, 19, & 20

DONGZHI: A CHINESE HOLIDAY PARTY



Keep an eye on our website at lansugarden.org for event updates!

HELP GROW THE NEXT CHAPTER OF LAN SU

Together, we can ensure Lan Su remains a vibrant, welcoming space for generations to come. Thank you for helping preserve and grow our legacy!

LANSUGARDEN.ORG/DONATE



NEIGHBORHOOD DISCOUNTS

Take advantage of these sweet deals from our Old Town neighbors!

GEEK EASY CAFE

ONE FREE HOUSE BLEND COFFEE



Cannot combine offers, no discount on already reduced items or mystery bags.

310 NW Davis St, Portland, OR 97209

STUMPTOWN OTAKU

10% OFF ONE ITEM



Cannot combine offers, no discount on already reduced items or mystery bags.

133 SW 2nd Ave, Portland, OR 97204

GOODIES SNACK SHOP



FREE GIFT WITH PURCHASE

Spend \$100+ in-store and receive a free pair of our iconic Basket Socks (\$24 value). While supplies last.

139 NW 2nd Ave, Portland, OR 97209

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



\$2 OFF ADMISSION

Valid through December 31, 2025. The admission is free for kids 17 and under and Multnomah County residents.

1200 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR 97205



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