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DR. SUN YAT-SEN CLASSICAL CHINESE GARDEN

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Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15
10:00am - 6:00pm

when the harvest moon is the fullest



A Time for Feasting!

What makes festivals around the world so wonderful? Why, an abundance of fantastic food, of course! And the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is no exception! Every year on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month, when the moon looks the biggest all year, families in China and in Chinese communities around the world get together to celebrate the harvest and family togetherness. Join us this year in celebrating the earth's bounty: go shopping in Chinatown for some of these traditional Mid-Autumn foods and then feast with your family and friends!

Pomello: a large, grapefruit-like, sweet fruit. It is especially loved because it is big and round like the full moon!

Dragon Eyes: Like lychee nuts or rambutans, these sweet fruits look just like dragon's eyes so they must bring you the strength of the dragon if you eat them under the full moon!

Star Fruit: In season now, the sweet, crispy star fruit is always sliced and eaten with Mid-Autumn Moon meals. Often lanterns are made to look like a star fruit on the night of the celebrations.

Pomegranate: With so many seeds, the pomegranate wishes fertility to young couples.

Chinese Potatoes: Like a very small taro root, these vegetables are sometimes boiled, sliced, and stir-fried with green onions or peeled and dipped in salt or sugar.

Cooked Peanuts: Peanuts boiled in water and then seasoned with salt are traditionally served with the Mid-Autumn feast.

Persimmon: They look like a squat-tomato but their flavour is sweet, smooth, and delicious! Slice and eat as dessert!

No traditional feast is complete without chicken, duck, pork, and/ or fish! Traditional harvest-time meals from around the world often include the meat of the animals that have been raised and fattened all summer!

The community is invited to the Garden's annual Mid-Autumn Festival during our **public celebration day on Sunday, September 15 from 10am - 6pm**. Bring your friends, neighbours, and family for an entertaining day filled with moon cake sampling and making demonstration, hands-on paper folding activities, tea ceremony, traditional erhu music, storytelling, painting, crafts, and martial arts demonstrations. **Everyone welcome!**

ANNUAL MID-AUTUMN MOON MEMBERS' PARTY FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 7:00 - 9:00PM

moon gazing ♦ refreshments & mooncakes ♦ music by Sincere Lam Guzheng Ensemble ♦ lantern making workshop ♦ lantern procession & music by Joseph "Pepe" Danza. One Night Special 20% Discount for members only in the Gift Shop.

(note: some exclusions apply and Garden membership must be shown at time of purchase).

A special Thank You to:



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is fast approaching. Garden Society members and special guests will gather together to celebrate this special evening on Friday, September 20th. It is the one time each year that we are able to climb up to the ting and enjoy the magical view from that vantage point. We will also be officially launching the Garden's new virtual website, "A Scholar's Garden" during that evening.

The summer has been eventful. The pond, which we share with the public Park next to us, lost the majority of its large, older koi in June. It was very distressing to everyone to try so many things to save them and be unsuccessful in our attempts. Experts have told us that it was a "flash" incident where many factors that normally happen at different times, all happened at once. The koi spawned early, an event that always leaves them tired. The algae, milfoil and lilies "bloomed" in unprecedented scope due to the hot weather. This set up a large swing in oxygen levels in the pond: very high in daylight and depleted at night. The older koi were unable to cope. The Parks Board is planning a pond cleanup later in the fall to remove as much bottom debris and weeds as possible, contain the waterlilies and reline the clay bottom. Maintenance falls under Parks

Board management. This should return the pond to a healthier state. Temporary measures including aerators and oxygen pumps and weed raking are in place until then. We do still have many younger koi and goldfish remaining, along with the other pond residents. The Society does not have any plans at the moment to replace them until the pond can sustain a healthy environment.

The Garden Society received the long-awaited Development Permit for our planned expansion. The Building Committee, under chair Henry Tom, is working diligently toward the day we can start building. We have commissioned a Quantity Survey to pin down costs more closely and are currently undertaking a thorough financial review to assure our capabilities to meet all expenditures. As members and friends we hope to raise as much of the remaining capital needed as possible.

The Garden's summer programming has been a success. The Enchanted Evening concert series has enjoyed the largest attendance ever. Our Strathcona and Jade Peony Walking Tours have also had an enthusiastic response. In the spirit of belonging to our neighborhood, we participated in the Chinatown Arts & Culture Festival and the annual Chinatown Festival. We celebrated the completion of the

Chinatown Millennium Gate, a new and beautiful icon in Chinatown just steps from the Garden. The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Courtyard has also been improved and beautified by the City. To finish the project, six trees will be planted there in the fall and a series of 12 mosaics, depicting the 12 zodiac animals, will be set in place. The Garden participated in all these projects.

The staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly throughout the summer months to make each and every Garden visit a memorable one. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated people.

NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

It's time! As of January 1, 2003 the Garden's membership fees will be raised; the last increase was seven years ago. Renew early and get the old rate (see back cover). Please note below the new fee structure.

- Individual \$25.00
- Senior/Student \$15.00
- Senior Couple \$25.00
- Family \$35.00

New Benefit

Also, starting January 1 show your membership card at VanDusen Botanical Garden and receive a 20% discount off regular admission. A delight all year round. Don't miss this spectacular 55 acre garden. Located at 5251 Oak Street at 37th Avenue. Open daily from 10am. www.hedgerows.com

Enchanted Evenings

July 5 - August 30, 2002

Another great season wrapped up for the Enchanted Evenings series.

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Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Saturday, December 21

To thank our active volunteers for all their efforts in 2002, the Garden's Board of Trustees and Volunteer Executive will hold the Garden's Annual Volunteer Recognition party at 12 noon on December 21 at the Floral Hall of VanDusen Botanical Garden (5251 Oak St.; note free parking in the lot in front of the Hall). Guests are welcome but charged \$15 per person. Please RSVP with Diana or Wilf at 604-662-3207 by December 12.

PROGRAMMER'S CORNER

We've had a very successful summer of new programmes and we would like to thank everyone for making this a festive and fun summer full of cross-cultural learning!

And, of course, it's back to school time! Our new school programmes got off the ground this spring and we are looking forward to a school year full of *The ABC's of a Chinese Garden* and *Beyond the Silk Road* along with our other schools options. Our School Programmes Brochure with full details on school programmes is available at the Garden or email us for a copy.

Members receive great discounts or free admission on our new public programmes, so there are dozens of great new reasons to maintain your membership and spend a little more quality time in the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden. See you this fall!

Life-Long Learning at the Garden; Adult Public Programmes

To register for any of our public programmes, please call the Education Programme Coordinator at 604-662-3207 or email at program-sunyatsen@telus.net

Book Club Meetings

Sunday, September 29th, 3pm.

Waiting. Ha Jin

Sunday, October 27th, 3pm.

Falling Leaves. Adeline Yen Mah

Sunday, November 24th, 3pm.

Warrior Women. Maxine Hong-Kingston

Fall Colours--get your camera ready!

Fall turns the Garden's foliage into a blaze of color--golden ginkgo leaves, fiery burningbush and red & yellow Japanese maples. Yellow, pink and orange chrysanthemums brighten the corridors in early November thanks to the Point Grey Chrysanthemum Club.

Mah Jongg Workshop

Sundays, Oct. 20 & 27, Nov. 3, 3-5pm

\$30 for three sessions

Pong! Learn the skills to play the Chinese game of mah jongg which continues to be popular over a thousand years later.

Qigong Class

TBA - Check on the Garden's website for upcoming dates and times.

Garden members: \$95; Non-members: \$115 (includes 1-year Garden membership)

Taiji Class

TBA - Check on the Garden's website for upcoming dates and times.

Garden members: \$95; Non-members: \$115 (includes 1-year Garden membership)

Vancouver Sogetsu Ikebana Association

October 5-7

Enjoy the wonder of ikebana where the beauty of a single flower may be the focal point of an arrangement. To make flowers come alive ikebana connects with the flower's seasons showing beginning, middle, and end. Members of the Vancouver Sogetsu Ikebana Association will enchant you with their talents in an art form that began in China.



Twenty-Four Days of Winter Peace in a Chinese Garden

BY DONATION

December 1 - 24

In Harmony with Nature: by Misao Batts

September 5 - 30

Opening reception on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 4pm

A fashion graduate of the Lydia Laurence Fashion Institute, Ae Cho Lim (Misao Miriam Batts), has since been a student of Professor Johnson Su-sing Chow, specializing in Chinese brush painting. After studying at the Fine Arts Department of UBC Batts has continued taking courses in various art media, such as sculpture, collage, and cartoon drawing. Her goal is to blend the East with the West in technique, material and subject matter. Her work continues to be on display throughout Vancouver.



SPONSORS & DONORS

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their support. This list was prepared on August 21, 2002. If your name is not included please accept our apology and call Yvonne Chui, Executive Director at 604 662-3207. We also wish to make a quick correction and give our sincere apologies to Consul General Song. Yuanming is his first name.

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every third Wednesday of the
month for
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(excluding group bookings)

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Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20,
Dec. 18, Jan. 15

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The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society is an independent, charitable non-profit association. Its mandate is to enhance the bridging of the cultures of China and Canada. The Garden serves as a vehicle for greater knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture.

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Memberships are \$12.00 seniors/students,
\$20.00 individual & \$30.00 family.
Benefits include:

- Unlimited Garden visits
- Full voting privileges at AGM
- Two free passes (\$15.00 value)
- Members' newsletter
- Invitations to special events, including Members' Mid-Autumn Moon Party
- Discounts for programs
- 10% discount at the Garden Gift Shop
- Free Club Membership at Mandeville Greenhouse, Nursery & Garden Centre

Membership forms available at the Garden