



# LIVING TREASURE

## FALL NEWSLETTER 2008

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DR. SUN YAT-SEN  
CLASSICAL  
CHINESE  
GARDEN

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### OUR MISSION

We are a classical Chinese garden, providing unique cultural experiences for visitors and the community through a lively series of events, cultural exchanges, educational programs and garden tours.

### HOURS

The Garden and Gift Shop are open daily, including most holidays.

#### Winter

October 1<sup>st</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00am to 4:30pm

Closed Mondays from

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>

Closed Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Spring

May 1<sup>st</sup> - June 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00am to 6:00pm

#### Summer

June 15<sup>th</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>

9:30am to 7:00pm

#### Fall

September 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00am to 6:00pm

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Join us for our first Fall event!

## MID-AUTUMN MOON MEMBERS & FRIENDS NIGHT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2008; 7 PM TO 9 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society is pleased to invite you and a guest to join us to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival in traditional Chinese style. Enjoy Moon Gazing, the Mooncake Cafe and the proud unveiling of the Garden's three new couplets by Vancouver's greatest calligraphers.

Please RSVP to Margaret at: 604 662 2307 ext.202  
or email: [margaret@vancouverchinesegarden.com](mailto:margaret@vancouverchinesegarden.com)

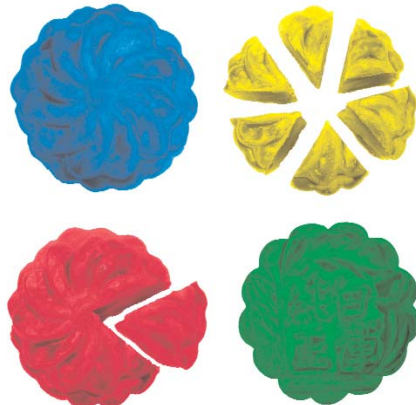
## MID-AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL DAY

### JOIN US WITH ALL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

We invite you to celebrate with us the Mid-Autumn Festival, the most important holiday in the Chinese Calendar besides Chinese New Year!

As Chinese farmers did in former times, we are celebrating the end of the summer season by admiring our beautiful autumn harvest moon. Fun family-oriented activities, story-telling, music and delicious Moon cakes will be a part of this festival!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14; 10AM TO 4:30PM**  
**ADMISSION BY DONATION**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer season of the Garden came suddenly to a conclusion with November-volume rains arriving in August. For those in the know, rain simply brings another kind of beauty to the Garden. But many of our visitors don't know what awaits them inside the doors and rain unquestionably reduces those numbers. We need to spread the word that the Garden is Vancouver's best place to be on a rainy day when the real November arrives.

This year the Garden departed from its annual gala in favour of a number of smaller events for members and friends. The first of these was a simple summer evening in the Garden on August 14th with musical performances by soprano Michelle Keobke and keyboard accompanist Miri Lee, Chinese flutist Larry Yan and Silk Road. The Board and Staff are excited about this new approach and look forward to the next event on September 12th -- the Mid-Autumn Moon Members and Friends Night. This will be a special occasion where we will unveil three new descriptive couplets composed especially for the Garden and rendered by leading Vancouver calligraphers. Long-time Garden advisory Jan Walls will explain the traditional role of couplets in classical gardens. Watch for further innovative events for members and friends in the future.

Those who attended the August 14th evening heard about the evolving need of the Garden to look to long-term conservation. Now in our 23th year, we have to explore ways to keep the Garden -- which is more like a fine piece of furniture than an exercise in landscaping -- whole for future generations. The Board facility committee has spent the summer considering how best to do this. Expect to hear more about our plans as we move into fall and winter.

The Garden serves an important role in Vancouver. As retiring Chinese Counsel General Yang Qiang told Garden Executive Director Kathy Gibler recently, the Garden demonstrates the very finest aspects of Chinese culture. It is an honour for all of us involved as staff, volunteers or trustees to contribute to this.

Doug Halverson

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Keep an everlasting memory of the Garden with our new jewelry collection and great selection of books!

**EIGHT TREASURES GIFT SHOP**  
will be waiting for you on Members' Night!

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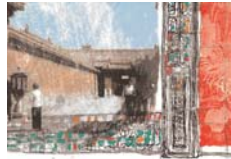
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**UPCOMING EXHIBITS**

**SEPTEMBER**



**PAINTINGS BY PATRICIA BALDWIN**

In 1994, Patricia visited China with her dear friend Emmeline; arm in arm, they strolled through ancient gardens, temples, and breathtaking antiquities. Finally, after 14 years, monotype and chine colle came to be Patricia's solution to graphically describing her magical adventure, as the medium lends itself well to her romantic notions and layers or misty memories of that wonderful visit to China.

**OCTOBER**



**LIJIANG, CHINA: RETURN TO THE FORGOTTEN KINGDOM**

In 1997, internationally acclaimed photographer Ulli Steltzer traveled to Yunnan, China, to document the Naxi minority people and landscapes of Lijiang, now designated a UN World Heritage Site. Her compelling black and white photographs visually preserve the arts and lifestyles of the district and fragile culture of this area, which has since become a major tourist attraction.

*Presented in partnership with the Canadian Society for Asian Arts.*

**NOVEMBER**



**FAN-TASTIC! NEW ART ON CHINESE FANS**

Old China meets New Vancouver when five young, contemporary local artists join us in November to create unique works of art on 70cm Chinese fans, with techniques ranging from oil and acrylic to photo transfer and collage. For the first time, the Garden is taking the lead in coordinating a project with artists working towards a unified, yet diverse show.

**IKEBANA FLOWER ART SHOW**

Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement, is more than simply putting flowers in a container! Admire different examples placing emphasis not on the effect of multicolored blooms but on natural shape and perfect composition of all plant material, such as stems, leaves, fruit, flowers or grasses. Join us in October to find out about Ikebana's spiritual values of love and appreciation of nature.

Saturday, October 11th to Monday 13th. Garden hours/rates apply.



**2008 SUMMER FUNDRAISER AN OUT-AND-OUT SUCCESS!**

On August 14th, over 120 people got together on a warm and perfect evening under the Full Moon to attend our 2008 Summer Fundraiser. The delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by the expert chefs at Wild Rice charmed even the pickiest palate, and the gentle notes of our guest musicians ensured happy hearts for every attendee.

Every item on the silent auction table received numerous bids from generous Garden supporters and every guest took home small, original calligraphy works done on-site!

**STAFF NEWS**

Leticia Sanchez - Gift Shop Manager.



As of last month, Leticia replaces Estefania Campillo (who has now moved to the Marketing Department) as our new Gift Shop Manager.

With her great creative skills and sales experience, she is perfectly qualified to lead our customers on a journey through the store. Her educational background has provided her with an exceptional talent for working with people from all walks of life!