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The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society is an independent, 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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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



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DR. SUN YAT-SEN CLASSICAL CHINESE GARDEN

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Launch of "A Scholar's Garden" Virtual Website



Part of the "Tour" section, this screen introduces the tour with Joe Wai's architectural drawing of the Garden. From here, users will be able to take a virtual tour of the Garden.



In this section of "Garden Meanings" viewers can read and view the different examples of symbolism that run throughout the Garden.



www.vancouverchinesegarden.com

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden has always been a "living museum" in which to exhibit and interpret Chinese culture, art, history, and traditions. And now, the Garden's role as a bridge between Chinese and non-Chinese cultures will be even stronger with the release of its new interactive, virtual-museum website! The site has been in development for the past six months with our technical partner 7th Floor Media.

Set to be launched June 30, *A Scholar's Garden* will expand the Garden's current geographical reach and open new gateways to virtual visits from around the globe. Visitors to the new website will learn about our Garden and Chinese gardens in general, as well as Chinese art, culture, and history. By using a wide range of tools and resources *A Scholar's Garden* will engage the mind and become an endless source of learning and enlightenment through the virtual-reality medium of the World Wide Web. Visitors will be provided with a richly textured virtual experience of the Garden, using well-researched information, images, and music.

A Scholar's Garden is divided into four distinctly different and easily navigable sections: The Tour -- a virtual walk through the Garden; Garden Meanings -- an exploration of the philosophy and symbols found in the Garden; About the Garden - the history of Chinese gardens, the building of our Garden, and our future directions; and Mindscape Excursions - interactive games, teaching aids, FAQ's, and our bulletin board.

This multimedia production provides an opportunity to intrigue and entice visitors, communicating the rich feast for the senses that the Garden provides, while promoting a greater knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Chinese culture and history. There is something for everyone from the passive, experiential observer to the inquisitive, hands-on learner.

We are grateful for the financial funding of this project from the Department of Canadian Heritage, Virtual Museum of Canada.



VIRTUAL MUSEUM CANADA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Springtime at the Garden is always a time of renewal. We look back on our accomplishments and get ready for the busy summer season.

The Garden staff have worked wonders during the winter. There were several new educational programs introduced. One is an expanded Chinese New Year program for school children to encompass food, craft, and festive markets. The children not only enjoy a Garden tour, but also a walk through Chinatown and then a New Year craft project at International Village. Our first time with this revised format was a success and we'll be fine-tuning it for 2003. The Garden has always seen educational programs and materials as a priority. We're making it happen.

We are currently completing final details on our lease renewal with Parks Board (renewed for another 10 years). There are only a few details remaining, such as a survey, to be completed before the final signatures.

We held another sold-out Gala dinner on March 1st. The guests enjoyed sumptuous food, fine wine and dancing. Many thanks to Board members Beverley Hsiang, the Gala Chair, Vivienne Scudder and the other Gala committee members for an outstanding job. Yvonne and the Garden staff ably managed all the preparations. Through the generous support of Allied Hotel Properties Inc. (division of Allied Holdings Ltd.) we exceed our fundraising goal for that evening. Our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters! Proceeds from the Gala are marked for the expansion project.

The Capital Campaign for our expansion has almost reached the halfway point. In order to make our dream a reality, the Board is exploring the possibility of a loan in order to move the project forward more quickly. The Board's Building Committee is overseeing the details. We will continue our fundraising efforts, albeit slower under current challenges until we reach our goal.

We held our AGM on March 23rd. Some changes to the bylaws were adopted in order to make them more current. We said good-bye

to Board members Dr. Jan Walls and Franklin Chow, both of whom have served their limit of 6 years. Jan and Franklin have been active and integral Board members who will be missed. Dr. Brian Pendleton was voted in as a new Board member. Welcome, Brian. Peter Kwok stepped down as President after completing his two-year term. Peter has served as the Garden Society's President with energy and flair. We are fortunate that Peter still has another year left of his 6 year Board term. We will continue to benefit from his experience and advice.

The Garden volunteers continued their dedicated work through the cold winter weather. They will now exchange the often times uncomfortable weather for summer's very large groups of visitors.

I am deeply honoured to have been chosen as the Garden's new President and look forward to working with our dedicated volunteers, staff and Board members. We are so very fortunate to have the Garden.

Cheers,
Kathy Gibler
President

On March 1, 2002 we hosted our annual Gala Celebration at the Crowne Plaza Georgia Hotel. The evening was attended by many friends and supporters who enjoyed the best of Vancouver's cuisine blended with fine wines, entertainment, dancing and select prize opportunities.



Left to Right:
Peter Kwok,
Kathy Gibler,
Yvonne Chui,
Consul General
Yuanming & Mrs.
Yuanming, Kelly Ip



Left to Right:: Kelly Ip, guest, Nancy Garrett, Joe Wai, Lewis Perinbam



Karen Wong, Chee Wai Loh, Peter Kwok, James Chan

Left to Right:
Kelly Ip, Joanna
Kong, Karen
Wong and guest



Peter Kwok and
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Garden Gala

VOLUNTEER VANTAGE



Marge Young

December 2001 was a sad time when we said farewell to our dedicated volunteer, Marge Young.

The Vancouver Canada-China Friendship Association brought

Wendell Ratcliffe to the Garden. With him came Marge Young who worked marvelously with other volunteers. Their relentless efforts pulled the Garden through the financial crisis it faced ten years ago.

Marge was working tirelessly at both the admission office and at the gift shop. With other equally determined volunteers, they refused to let the Garden go under. She could be seen bundled up in overcoats and felt boots in the office in order to save the heating bill. Perhaps that was when she revealed her

knitting skills. She would knit beautiful sweaters while keeping watch at the Garden.

As some volunteers recollected, Marge would still find time to bake her homemade cookies and jams and generously shared with others at the Garden. For those who were at the '98 Volunteer Christmas Party, they would have remembered her helping at the cookie sales while moving around with her portable oxygen unit.

Together with other volunteers, Marge helped the Garden to get back on its feet and prosper and made it what it is today. She left a big void at the Garden and an even greater void in Wendell's life

The Garden has lost a pillar of strength. However, the very fact that the Garden is now one of the top tourist destinations in Vancouver is a living testimony of her faith and dedication.

Her co-volunteers remembered her as:

M devoted *MANY* volunteer *HOURS* to the Garden

A *ARDENTLY FAITHFUL* to the Garden

R *REAL INSPIRATION* to all volunteers

G always *GENEROUS* with her homemade cookies and jams

E *ENJOYED KNITTING*, she was great at it

Y *YEARLY XMAS PARTY ...* can see her helping to sell cookies even with her portable oxygen unit

O she was *ON CALL* at all times for the Garden

U *UNIQUE* and *UNSELFISH* person

N *NOW* a big void at the Garden and in Wendell's life

G a *GRACIOUS LADY*

Volunteer Potluck, Wednesday June 12, 6pm

Looking for good company, good food and a fun time? Join fellow volunteers, staff and Trustees for our annual summer pot luck social gathering. To RSVP please call Diana or Wilf at 604-662-3207.



Peter Kwok with
supporters from
Chinatown.



Beverley Hsiang, Gala Chair with husband York.



BID!BID!BID!
A table full of
great auction
items again--
getaways,
designer
brands,
jewelry, and
much more.



Mayor Phillip
Owen with the
lucky door prize
\$500 winner
Eva Yu.



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GARDEN PROGRAMS

Taijiquan (Tai Chi Chuan) and Qigong (Chi Kung) Class

Fridays, June 28 to August 30 inclusive
8:30-9:30am

Garden members: \$75 Non-members: \$95 (includes Garden Membership)

We are pleased to offer a 10-week Taiji and Qigong course in the summer of 2002! Start your Fridays off right with an hour of relaxation, breathing, and ancient Chinese movements designed to improve the circulation, health, and general well-being. And what better setting than amongst the awe-inspiring beauty of a classical Chinese garden!

The course is offered by one of Vancouver's leading instructors, Ian Sinclair, who has been a student of the famous Master Shouyu Liang since 1989. Ian combines his knowledge of east and west with over 20 years experience to bring us this delightful, refreshing, cross-cultural programme. The course is appropriate for adults from beginner to advanced and will involve group and individual instruction.

For more information or to register, contact Sonia Tilley, programme coordinator, at 604-662-3207 or via email at program-sunyatsen@telus.net.

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Book Club

One Sunday per month at 3:00pm (except July-September)
Free admission for members of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden / non-members \$7.50 drop-in fee

Join the Garden Book Club! We will mainly meet one Sunday each month at 3:00pm to read, share ideas, and discuss books on a variety of topics from Chinese history and culture to gardens, immigration, community, and development issues. All levels of education, language skills, and literacy levels are welcome! You must become a Garden Member, if you're not already, to be a member of the Book Club. See you in the Scholar's Study!

Neighbourhood Walking Tour: Get to Know Vancouver's Oldest Neighbourhood!

During July & August on Wednesdays at 1:30pm, \$10 per person (excludes Garden admission). Call 604 662-3207 to register and for tickets.

New to the Garden this summer, historian John Atkin leads visitors and locals on an exploration of the colourful markets of Chinatown, the quaint local neighbourhood of Strathcona, and through the Strathcona Community Gardens. Regular walking tours will depart throughout the summer season (July & August) from the statue of Dr. Sun Yat Sen on Wednesday afternoons. Call the Garden at 604 662-3207 to register and confirm.



A hands-on approach to understanding connections between Eastern & Western calligraphy traditions & methodologies.

Garden Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$25
INFO: Contact Sonia @ SUN YAT SEN - 604-662-3207



Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden through Artists' Eyes

May 9 - May 23

Event in conjunction with Asian Heritage Month. Art imitating nature? The beauty of our classical Chinese Garden is captured by artists from the Chinese Canadian Artists Federation in watercolor, oil, ink and mixed media. Three works were selected and reproduced in the Garden's premiere line of art post cards in the Gift Shop.



Connie Lau



Robin Shaw



Linda Hu

New Art Post Cards

Newest Children's Book Available in the Gift Shop "Jade Necklace" by Paul Yee



On May 25 author Paul Yee came to the Garden for a special reading of his newest children's book entitled "Jade Necklace" which is illustrated with wonderful drawings by Grace Lin. This story is set in Vancouver's Chinatown at the turn of the 20th Century and follows the life of a servant girl from China who longs

to bring her mother and brother to join her in the New World. Lin's illustrations from this book and others are displayed in the Scholar's Study.

Yee is one of Canada's finest writers for children. He was raised in Vancouver and has worked in the archives of the Vancouver Museum. He is a past winner of the Govern General's Award for Children's Literature (1996) for Ghost Train. He currently lives in Toronto.

Yearning for Homeland: Joint Exhibition of Chinese Paintings by Yuk Man Lai, Xiang Cheung, Yiping Wu and Jintang Li

June 5 - 28

Art comes from life. The attachment and nostalgia for home towns or places where people grew up in or lived inspires and informs the works by Lai, Cheung, Wu, and Li. All four were born and raised in China and Hong Kong but have moved to other parts of the world recently. Their new body of work reflects the landscape, animals, birds, and plants of their respective home towns and how their attachment and memories to that place influenced their art and lives.



Mother & Children by Yiping Wu

Penjing....silent poetry

May 25 - June 2

The art of culturing miniature trees and landscapes arose in ancient China and continues to be alive today. The Dr. Sun Yat Sen Penjing Club welcomes all who have an interest in this ancient art. The Club organizes exhibitions and shows you how to take good care of penjing/bonsai through workshops, demonstrations, visiting nurseries and garden shows, and tutoring by expert instructor Mr. Pin Lee. For more information contact Roy Forster at 604 261-4362 or visit their website at

www3.telus.net/dh2/penjing/ourclub.htm

The Art of Penjing: Event in conjunction with Asian Heritage Month. Annual penjing exhibition of the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Penjing Club members at the Garden's Main Hall and courtyards. Plants and pots will be on sale May 25, 26 and June 1 to get you started.



Penjing Club Meetings & Activities:

June 11 or 15 (TBC): field trip to local garden.

July 9 at 7pm: workshop on coniferous and broadleaf evergreen plants with Pin Lee. Bring your plants to work on.

Aug. 17 (TBC): field trip and annual picnic to Minter Gardens.

Sept. 10 at 7pm: workshop and clinic at Garden's Main Hall.



Chinese Brush Painting: New Works by Jenny Koo

July 3-20

Opening reception on Thurs, July 4 at 5 - 7pm

Jenny Bou-Chen Koo, B.A., immigrated from Hong Kong to Canada in 1977, and has been painting for over 25 years and was under the instruction of Professor Wong Lui-Sang, Professor Su-Sing Chow, Ms. Mel Koo and Mr. Frank Tam in the early years.

Koo's paintings cover a variety of subjects ranging from birds, to flowers, and landscapes. From "The Symphony of Mountains" it is apparent that she has developed a unique style combining the strengths of eastern and western techniques in ink and watercolours. Her focus on the use of brilliant colours and texture is best realized in her recent landscape works which were created with colour washing, splashing and traditional brush techniques. Koo's goal in all her works is to evoke emotional impact through the use of yin-yang themes.

Textiles from the Collection of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China & Enchanted Gardens by K. Chursinoff.

July 25 - August 12

Opening reception on Wed, July 31 at 4:30pm.

In conjunction with Convergence 2002, an international textile symposium, the Garden presents two exhibitions featuring the exquisite craftsmanship of Chinese textiles with works drawn from the collection of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China and the fine embroidery and fabric art by Kirsten Chursinoff.

The Consulate's collection consists of elaborate silk and cotton brocades and other hand woven pieces from different regions of China. As an art form, weaving has a long and rich tradition in China that is passed from one generation to another. The threads are woven into wonderful patterns and colours depicting landscapes, daily life, natural scenery, legends, animals, geometric shapes and many other creations. Fine embroidery further enhances the woven fabrics.

Chursinoff's series of garden themed embroideries combines her love of nature and textiles. She finds inspiration from the vast world of wild, growing things and the elaborately embroidered fashions and decorative textiles from the past. The layered pieces are designed with painting techniques in mind, choosing colours from a palette of threads, fabrics, beads and yarns, some of which are hand dyed and crafted. Chursinoff has a Diploma in Textile Art from Capilano College and taken courses in weaving, design, art history and painting. Her work has been exhibited at local galleries, libraries and community centres.

Chinese Treasures Remade

August 15 - September 12

Old lintels, mantels, windows and other furnishings in China's rich past take on new life as functional and decorative pieces that have been reworked by master craftsmen. Elaborately carved wooden screens depicting various tales and daily life from the Ming dynasty become beautifully framed art. New Ming styled cabinets, altar tables, chests and other furniture are fashioned from salvaged pieces.



Recreated Ming Dynasty cabinets and table.



Wooden panel carved with traditional Chinese opera figures, circa Ming Dynasty.