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Celebrate the Year of the Monkey


According to the Chinese lunar calendar, January 22, 2004 marks the beginning of the year of the monkey. What animal-year were you born under? The Chinese zodiac makes predictions about what this year will look like for you depending on which animal sign you are. If you were born during the year of the

monkey, this is an important year for you! Often, westerners link the Chinese zodiac animal-year to the Gregorian calendar, saying "2004 is the year of the monkey!" But it's not quite that simple! For example, babies born between January 1 and January 21 this year, before the Chinese lunar new year, are

born under the old year of the goat! The Chinese zodiac makes predictions about what this year will be like for all animal-signs. Below are some general predictions for your entertainment and enjoyment!

What will the year of the Monkey bring for you?


Monkey
Past years of the monkey were:
1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Monkey . . .

- you are focussed on acquiring possessions
- your career may be challenging and full of obstacles
- you will benefit greatly from your social connections
- you may have stable earnings but high expenses.


Rooster
Past years of the rooster were:
1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Rooster...

- this will be a fruitful year in nearly everything you do but remember to be humble
- your investments will be successful, returning good profits, but financial planning is important
- your love relationship is sweet and happy.


Dog
Past years of the dog were:
1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Dog...

- you may have quarrels and conflicts at work. Try to be as laid back as you can in this environment.
- save for the future and avoid going into debt
- love will be up and down this year. Be at peace and let destiny take its course.


Pig
Past years of the pig were:
1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Pig . . .

- be cautious and patient in career, love, and money
- stay alert and take the safe route.


Rat
Past years of the rat were:
1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Rat...

- your creativity is high and your chances of career advancement are good
- you will earn good money but you will have to work hard for it
- you are likely to have an active but transient social life.


Ox
Past years of the ox were:
1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Ox...

- your hard work and endurance will pay off
- get good financial planning or your money will slip away
- you will have luck in finding a joyful relationship this year.


Tiger
Past years of the tiger were:
1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Tiger . . .

- this may be a difficult year in your career
- be cautious with your spending; money may disappear easily
- your love life may go through difficulties so relax and be at peace.


Rabbit
Past years of the rabbit were:
1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Rabbit...

- you are lucky and new career ventures are a good idea but remember to be humble.
- you will have a successful financial year, but don't be too greedy.
- your love life is in harmony but remember to put in the effort to maintain it.


Dragon
Past years of the dragon were:
1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Dragon...

- you will work hard in your career in spite of many obstacles
- be cautious with spending
- try to stay calm in your love-life as it may be complicated.


Snake
Past years of the snake were:
1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Snake . . .

- you will have an abundance of career opportunities but be cautious of gossip
- your hard work will yield good profits but remember to be cautious and humble
- be careful of having high expectations in your love-life.


Horse
Past years of the horse were:
1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Horse...

- you will be rewarded for hard work in your career
- this may be an up-and-down year financially so avoid risky investments
- you should work hard on your social and romantic interactions this year.

Sheep
Past years of the sheep were:
1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015



The chinese zodiac predicts that, if you were born in the year of the Sheep...

- you may be alone in business and should try to find an honest business partner
- you may not come into easy money this year so look for new ventures and cut costs.
- your love life will be in harmony.

CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL CELEBRATION Sunday, January 25, 10am - 4:30pm
For more information www.vancouverchinesegarden.com and see page 3 for details.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chinese New Years is fast approaching -our seasons whirl on. Take the time to stop by the Garden; construction for our new expansion is underway and our long-time dream is taking shape.



President Kathy Gibler thanking Trustee Annie Santini for a significant gift.

Two sizable donations toward the expansion have recently been received; one from a Board member's family and the other a grant of \$120,000 from the City of Vancouver under the auspices of Downtown Eastside Revitalization thanks to Wendy Au. Those two donations certainly put new energy into the project and we're continuing the search for supporters of the Garden's vision. We are blessed with so many people working toward the grand opening in June.

The new penjing greenhouse has now been installed in the Garden, our penjing collection will soon take up permanent residence. Another long dreamed-of addition has come to life.

Martha Stewart filmed in the Garden in September and the Garden was featured on her program in November. The segment showed the Garden beautifully.



Taking tea with the Queen of Good Things in the Scholar's Study. The Garden's two stars: Kathy was interviewed by Martha and Dr. Jan Wall's beautiful flute music was played in the background.

The Volunteers' Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 13th was a warm and wonderful time when the Garden family and friends got together to celebrate. Sherri Dee again catered; the food was delicious. I treasure the event because it gives me a chance to catch up with so many people and to meet new ones.

The Garden's first Winter Solstice Celebration on Dec. 22 was a grand success. We had almost 2,000 people come to enjoy the incredible lanterns, lights and entertainment. The weather was perfect; the word people used to describe the evening was 'magical.'

The Gala Committee, under chair Vivienne Scudder, is already hard at work creating the most memorable Gala yet. Put March 5th in your calendars as an event not to be missed. The theme this year is 'Venice,' Suzhou is often called the Venice of the East.

I am amazed at how much we are accomplishing. In answer to the question, "How does your garden grow?" I would have to answer, "In every direction and all at once."

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Gibler, President

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As we reach our mid-way point in the construction of our new wing it's amazing to watch the transformation from September when we first broke ground to now and the start of the New Year. Come down to the Garden and see for yourself! (Photos thanks to David Wong)

Laying the foundation.



No more gift shop and gone was June McKenzie's one & only "pink pagoda" washroom! Making way for the new.

End of November and the building is really starting to take shape.



Staff member, Erika standing in the middle of the new Education Hall. Wow!

Enhancement Campaign

Help support the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden fulfill its role as a cultural bridge between cultures.

Fill out the Gift Form below and fax, mail or deliver to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, 578 Carrall St., Vancouver, BC, V6B 5K2 Fax: 604-682-4008. All donations are tax deductible and an official tax receipt will be issued upon request. If you require additional information or wish to give in another capacity please contact Yvonne Chui at 604-662-3207.

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Chinese New Year Festival Celebration

Sunday, January 25

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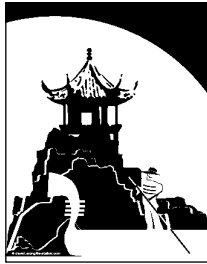
packets ♦ Calligraphy and Chinese Painting Demos ♦ Chinese Seal Carving ♦ Fortune Telling with Joss Sticks ♦ Traditional Chinese Music throughout the day ♦ Tale of the Great Race puppet show and hands-on zodiac stamping workshop **Everyone welcome.** Donations appreciated. Chinese New Year Parade begins at 12 Noon at the new Millennium Gate. A special THANKS to our event sponsors: CBC Radio One 690AM & CBC Radio Two 105.7FM, Mandeville Greenhouse & Garden Centre, and White Spot.



Garden Gala - Venice of the East

Friday, March 5
Crowne Plaza - Hotel Georgia

Fine wine, a scrumptious menu from Crowne Plaza Hotel Georgia Hotel, music, and a silent auction. Tickets \$150.00 per person or \$1,500 for a table. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact the Gala Office at (604) 662-3207, fax (604) 682-4008, or email sunyatsen@telus.net



Annual General Meeting & Hard Hat Tour of New Wing

Saturday, March 27 at 10:30am
China Maple Hall

RSVP by March 20 at 604-662-3207, fax 604-682-4008 or via email. It's that time again to (re)elect the Board of Trustees and meet our membership. A special "hard hat tour" of the new wing will take place after the meeting. Don't miss your chance to see the new building under construction. See it, feel it, and touch it finally!

Blossom Tours

Sundays, March & April
Tours leave from the Vancouver Museum at 10:00am and return at 12:30pm.

The Vancouver Museum and the Garden

are welcoming spring with *blossom viewing*. Over four weeks, the Vancouver Museum will lead Sunday morning excursions into Vancouver neighbourhoods displaying the best blossoms, and delve into the heritage of each area while enjoying the blossoms. The tours will then visit the Garden for light refreshments and a tour introducing the current flowers in bloom and their symbolism and cultural significance in the Garden. To register, call the Vancouver Museum at 604-734-7368.

Japan in the Spring

Journey to Japan with friends on a unique customized 16 day tour accompanied by Ayako Sakaino. For more information please contact Celeste Shannte at 604-224-7889.

Teach & Travel in China

From July 6 to Aug. 12 travel to China to explore it's unique culture, language, and society. For more information, visit: chinateachtravel.go.nease.net & www.iboss.org/shaoxing. Inquiries by email at: billieng@mail.com.

VOLUNTEER VANTAGE Volunteer

Recognition & Thanks

The Garden's annual volunteer recognition luncheon on Dec. 13 was a lovely party with lots of good food and friends. Volunteers are the backbone and "roots" of this Garden and we sincerely appreciate your generosity of time, support, and many other ways of being involved. This event is a small way of thanking you and members of our family.

Lucy Lewis, Volunteer President presented special pins to the following dedicated volunteers who have reached a milestone with the Garden: Gold pins (1,000 hours) to Millie Kermode, Edna Riches and Fiona Sinclair. You are all worth your weight in gold! Silver pin to Eva Wideman (500 hours). Gifts of key chain hard hats were handed out to volunteers who contributed 50 plus hours in 2003. Congratulations to all!

Volunteer Executive Committee AGM

January 31 at 10am
Vancouver Museum

The next General Meeting for Garden Volunteers will take place on January 31 at the Vancouver Museum. Following the meeting a guided tour of the museum's newest exhibition "*Opium, the Heavenly Demon*" will be conducted. RSVP to Wilf or Diana at 604-662-3207 or via email at sunyatsen@telus.net.

Those interested in any of the spring activities listed below please contact Diana directly at 604-662-3207 for more information or to register.

Chinatown Walking Tour with "Neighbours First"

February 28

Join us for a guided tour of Chinatown with the ambassadors of Chinatown.

Horticulture Tour of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park

TBC in March

Explore and discover the different species of plants and trees located next door to us in the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park with a Park's Board Gardener.

Guided Tour of the Buddhist Temple, Richmond

April 24

9160 Steveston Hwy., Richmond

The most exquisite example of Chinese palatial architecture in North America. Discover traditional Chinese art and culture inside this magnificent Buddhist temple.

Tai Chi Lessons with Master Liang Shouyu

April

We hope to start a class this spring in the Garden for volunteers and members. Fee applies for lessons. Those who are interested please contact Diana directly.

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 January 6, 2004. If your name is not included please accept our apology and call Yvonne Chui, Executive Director at 604 662-3207.

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

Upcoming free days include
Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 17, Apr. 21

Hours of Operation

Open Tuesday to Sunday

10:00am - 4:30pm

Guided Tours

10:30am, 12 noon, 1:30pm, 3:00pm

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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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\$25.00 individual / senior couple

\$35.00 family.

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- Unlimited Garden visits
- Full voting privileges at AGM
- Two free passes
- 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
- Discount off regular admission to VanDusen Botanical Garden

Membership forms available at the Garden
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