Portland Classical Chinese Garden

"Most cherished in this mundane world is a place without traffic; truly in the midst of the city, there can be a mountain and a forest."

–Wen Zhengming (1470-1559)

http://www.portlandchinesegarden.org

When	Friday, January 23, 2004, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm	
Where	NW 3rd Ave. and Everett St. (in Portland's China Town)	
Cost	$5	*Financial Aid is available for **registered students only***
Register by	**January 15, 2004**	*Contact Martha Bianco for assistance at biancom@q7.com or 503-236-7466.*
Trip Leader	Martha J. Bianco, Ph.D. 503-236-7466 biancom@q7.com	

Join us in celebrating the Chinese New Year (which begins on Jan. 22), with this trip to Portland's Classical Chinese Garden.

Created to nurture and inspire all who visit, this Garden is little changed from what might have greeted you during the Ming dynasty in China. Portland's is an authentic Suzhou-style garden. It grew out of a friendship between Portland and Suzhou, a city renowned for its exquisite gardens.

This walled Garden encloses a full city block. Serpentine walkways, a bridged lake, and open colonnades set off meticulously arranged landscape of plants, water, stone, poetry, and buildings. Architects and artisans from China who designed and constructed the Garden mean for each aspect of the Garden to convey artistic effect and symbolic importance.

The design embodies the duality of nature, yin and yang. When these are balanced, harmony results. The delicate balance in the Garden affects all your senses. Hear the sound of water dripping from the crescent-shaped tiles onto a banana leaf; enjoy the fragrance of jasmine or wintersweet; feel the sensation of each footstep on the mosaic stone paths.

The Garden unfolds a changing look by season. Each one as lovely as the last. It is home to hundreds of rare and unusual plants, nearly 100 specimen trees, water plants, bamboo and orchids. Taihu rocks symbolize high mountain peaks and frame a waterfall. Nine pavilions offer places to rest and contemplate. Couplets of poetry speak to the interplay with nature.

The yin and yang of the Garden take you to another place and time.

There is also a gift shop at the Garden, so come prepared if you may want to do some browsing and buying!

Moon-locking Pavilion on Zither Lake with Teahouse
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration: Sign up or confirm preregistration in the **Village Home office**, on the **sign-up sheet** for this event. Fill out a **permission slip** and include it when you register. Make sure your fees are paid.

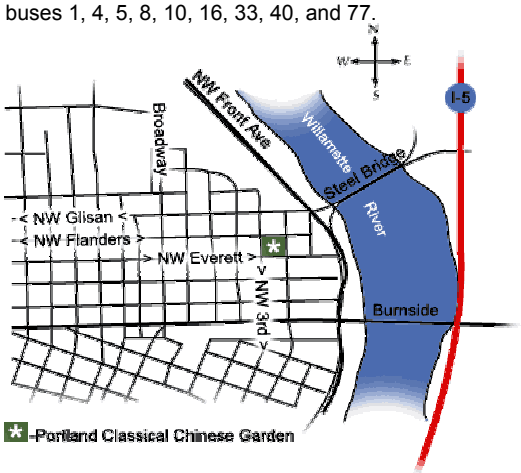
Your registration is not complete without a permission slip and payment of fees.

Information: Meet inside the front entrance of the Chinese Garden at **10:30 a.m.** on **Jan. 23**. **Look for Village Home group sign.** The group leader will have your tickets.

Note: Add to your enjoyment of this trip by enrolling in the Chinese New Year Workshop, to be held on Jan. 19 (separate fee).

Entrance to Garden

Directions:
The Garden is located between NW 2nd and 3rd and NW Everett and Flanders in Old Town/Chinatown. The Garden can be reached from I-405 by taking the Everett Street Exit and turning East. The garden is also available by MAX, which is Portland's light rail system, or by buses 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 16, 33, 40, and 77.



Emergency contact before/during trip: Dr. Martha Bianco, 503-970-6837 (note: cell phone may not have service in some areas).