

Huntington Chinese Garden E-Letter

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Dear all,

In an effort to keep everyone updated and informed, this is the inaugural issue of a Chinese Garden E-letter that will go out every other month with news, information, latest gifts, project progress bulletins, plans ahead, etc. As this is a first effort, I welcome your reactions.

If you wish not to receive this E-letter, please let me know by reply.

As part of the dvd mailing as well as on the website, we will ask people to “opt-in” to the CGE-letter and begin to serve donors, prospects, allies, advocates and all those interested in the Chinese Garden project. In time, the E-letter might even be pretty and colorful, but for now.....

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- Phase One Summer Garden Funding update (as of 6/25/04)

	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Operating Endowment</u>
Gifts and pledges raised to date:	\$ 7,614,231	\$5,000,000
Amount needed:	<u>\$ 9,500,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
Left to raise:	\$1,985,769	goal met

- Most recent gifts and pledges from: Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Lin, Drs. Paul and Amy Lee, Supervisor and Mrs. Michael Antonovich, the Red Chamber Group, and the Sun Family.
- The complete Donor Honor Roll will soon be posted on the Chinese Garden website at <http://www.huntington.org/Information/ChineseGarden.html>.
- Prelude for a Summer Garden Gala
 - Special thanks to Ellen Lee, Vivian Chan, Zehra Sun, Linda Lo and all the members of the Friendship Fund Committee who organized an extraordinary evening to help raise friends and funds for the Chinese Garden.
 - The energy and excitement circulating around the gala generated some \$500,000 in new gifts and pledges, and the gala yielded additional net proceeds of over \$110,000. Congratulations one and all, and many many thanks.
 - If there are checks or bills or reimbursements outstanding, please get them to us asap.
- The Chinese Garden 12-minute video is being pressed into dvds and will be mailed out to everyone who attended the gala, and all donors and others who have shown interest in the project. Watch for your copy in your mailbox in early July. And thanks to Emily Wang, Andrew Jou and Dynacom Studios, and our own Dinah Lehoven and everyone who participated in the project.

- With the advice and support of Betty and Eddie Wang, we are working to build a model of the Garden, which will help provide a 3-dimensional view of the project.
- Recent events:
 - Steve just returned from the East Coast, where he had a productive meeting with the Starr Foundation, Metropolitan Museum administrators and others.
 - Saturday, June 26 - We hosted a tea and tour for 26 members of the China Institute at Cal State University Northridge and from the San Fernando Valley Chinese Cultural Association.
 - Monday, June 28 - We hosted a tea and tour for a former Minister of Culture from the PRC and a group of 24 local friends and colleagues from the Gourd Society.
 - We've had recent media coverage in the World Journal and will soon be the subject of a feature on TVB.
- Upcoming events:
 - Sunday August 1 - Tea and tour for any interested guests. If you know of someone who might like an invitation, please let us know.
- Dates to save:
 - October 23-24 - Jim Folsom is arranging for a penjing-master Mr. Zhao to offer some penjing-demonstrations.
 - December 2-4 - "Activity and Repose: Place, Memory, and Sociality in the Chinese and Japanese Gardens," a symposium in collaboration with the Getty and with scholars from Harvard, Columbia, the UK and Australia.
 - June - December, 2006 - Chrysanthemums on the Eastern Hedge: Plants in Chinese Art, an exhibition in the library West Hall.

If you know anyone who is interested in the Chinese Garden, we are happy to arrange a tea and tour.

Until next time.... Thank you for your continuing interest, support, advice, introductions, and of course, your gifts.

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