

# Huntington Chinese Garden

## E- Letter

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Dear donors and friends,

In September, we launched the first of our lecture series to great attendance. We had over 200 people come for Richard Strassberg's lecture on September 6 entitled "Chinese gardens: a look at Guangdong gardens in Southern China."

The next lecture will be on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Friends Hall. Professor Kendall Brown from California State University of Long Beach will speak and his lecture is entitled: "Japanese and Chinese gardens: are they different?" All lectures in the series are free and open to the public.

Other lecture dates to save:

- Tuesday, February 21, 2006, "Visiting a 17<sup>th</sup> century Garden through a Painting – Mi Wanzhong's Shao Yuan" (working title) with Philip K. Hu of the Department of Fine Arts at New York University
- Tuesday, May 9, 2006, "Beyond Suzhou: Region and Memory in the Gardens of Sichuan" (working title) with Professor Jerome Silbergeld, P.Y. and Kinmay W. Tang Professor of Chinese Art History at Princeton University

### **Fundraising Update:**

We've been cooking these past two months and have raised close to \$100,000 thanks to a variety of new donors. We've received three \$25,000 gifts and pledges thanks to Karen and Eric Ende, Hubert and Teresa Yen, and Margaret Leong and Michael Checca. We have also received two \$10,000 gifts from the Chi Jui Tsai Family from Arcadia and from Rene Balcer and Carolyn Hsu-Balcer of New York.

We have now raised 62% of our total projected budget for Phase One with a grand total of \$9.4 million dollars raised to date. But we still have \$6.5 million to go!

We are also planning on updating our donor wall and will look to do so in November.

### **Recent Programs:**

On Saturday, July 15 we hosted the Gold Sail Orchestra from Beijing as part of our Members Summer Evening. The Gold Sail Orchestra is a group of 40 talented young musicians from the #35 Middle School in Beijing who were brought here on a cultural exchange thanks to the Pasadena-Beijing Sister Cities Committee. This evening was just the first of what will be a program of interesting Chinese cultural events in the fall.

### **Curator's Choice:**

This is a new feature which we would like to introduce into the e-letters. We envision it as a means of announcing some of our many exciting educational and cultural programs for the coming months, many of which have been crafted by June Li, the Curator for the Chinese Garden.

### **Lecture Series -**

September, for example, will see the launch of our first Chinese Garden lecture series. The 2005-2006 Tuesday evening lecture series will be comprised of four lectures. Join us for our first lecture

on Tuesday, September 6 for Professor Richard Strassberg's lecture "Chinese gardens: a look at Guangdong gardens in Southern China." This lecture will establish the multiple definitions of a "Chinese garden" by examining the regional differences in Chinese garden design. A scholar noted for his versatility and careful scholarship, Professor Strassberg's lecture will include some recent observations made during a study trip to four gardens in Guangdong province on the southeastern coast of China.

Professor Strassberg is professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures at UCLA. All lectures will begin at 7:30 pm in Friends Hall. We hope you will join us. These lectures are free and open to the public.

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**Local events -**

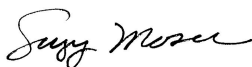
In September, the artist Lo Ch'ing will also be having an exhibition at the LMAN gallery in Chinatown. The exhibition will be divided into two sections:

- Part one: Negative Capability –  
From Painting to Calligraphy September 10-October 20, 2005
- Part two: Positive Serendipity –  
From Calligraphy to Photography October 22-November 26, 2005

The LMAN gallery is located in Chinatown at 949 Chung King Road, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Any queries can be directed to the gallery at (213) 628-3883 or their website at [www.lmangallery.com](http://www.lmangallery.com).

In the meantime, thank you all for your support, advice, encouragement, and efforts on our behalf. We encourage you to visit us in the coming months to view the construction process and the progress that we have made. Until the next e-letter...

Best Regards,



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