

Chinese Culture Days

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 27-28, 2019



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Chinese Culture Education and Service



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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the Garden as a member
or renew your existing
membership at Chinese
Culture Days.

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Chair's Welcome

Welcome to the 2019 Chinese Culture Days (CCD) "Friendship Forever" celebration at the beautiful Missouri Botanical Garden. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between St. Louis and the city of Nanjing in China. We are thrilled to present "Intangible Chinese Culture Heritage" demonstrations featuring Nanjing artisans who will share their heritage through artwork and oral history. The Nanjing delegation also presents jaw-dropping acrobatics, a collaborative performance with local artists. The Chinese Garden will be decorated with over 100 hand-made lanterns from Nanjing and will feature traditional Chinese musical instrument performances. More than 600 St. Louis area volunteers and artists bring you the dragon dance, lion dance, and colorful music, dance, and attire from different ethnic groups to celebrate this everlasting friendship. *Tai Chi* masters from all over the globe will celebrate World Tai Chi Day this weekend. I wish the Year of the Pig brings prosperity to you and your loved ones. Thank you for joining us at the 2019 Chinese Culture Days.

Sincerely,

Yimin Zhu

Chairperson of 2019 Chinese Culture Days

Chinese Garden **H**

The Margaret Grigg Nanjing Friendship Garden is a private “Scholar’s Garden,” designed as a retreat to escape the distractions of everyday life. Chinese gardens, it is said, are built, not planted. Much of the space is filled with pavilions, bridges, and decorative pavements, reflecting the traditional Chinese *shan shui* (mountains and water) landscape. Stones symbolize the five sacred mountains in China around a central pool of water.

The garden will be filled with colorfully and exquisitely made lanterns to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the St. Louis/Nanjing Sister City connection.

Intermittent performances inside and on the perimeter of the Chinese Garden throughout the day include:

- *Shaolin Gongfu* (Kung Fu) demonstrations
Saturday- noon, Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Chinese Pop Music
Saturday 12:30 p.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Traditional Chinese Music featuring performers from Nanjing
Saturday 12:30 p.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- *Qipao* Show
Saturday 3 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Traditional wedding ceremony demonstrations and photo opportunities
Saturday 3:30 p.m. and Sunday 11:30 and 3:30 p.m.



Schedule for Saturday, April 27 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Time	Event	Location	
9 to 5 p.m.	Cultural Exhibits	Ridgway Visitor Center	A
	Marketplace	Spoehrer Plaza	D
	40th Anniversary St. Louis—Nanjing Sister City Relationship Photo Exhibits	Ridgway Visitor Center (Orthwein Floral Display Hall)	A
10 to 5 p.m.	Children's Arts and Crafts (Panda Show 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.)	Spink Pavilion	F
	Food Court	Upper East Lot	E
10 a.m.	Square Dance	Spoehrer Plaza	F
	Intangible Cultural Heritage Demonstrations: Paper Cutting and Lantern Making	Lower Lehmann Rose Garden Lawn	K
	World <i>Tai Chi</i> Day	Cohen Amphitheater	J
10:30 a.m.	Opening Extravaganza	Spoehrer Plaza	D
11 a.m.	Opening Parade and Ceremony	Spoehrer Plaza to Cohen Amphitheater	D
noon	<i>Why Tai Chi</i>	Shoenberg Theater	C
	Friendship Forever	Cohen Amphitheater	J
	<i>Shaolin Gungfu</i> (Kung Fu)	Chinese Garden	H
12:30 p.m.	Chinese Pop Music	Chinese Garden	H
1 p.m.	Dance with the Dragon!	Central Axis Reflecting Pools	G
	Chinese Traditional Music Show	Chinese Garden	H

Note: In the event of rain, some programs will be moved indoors or cancelled.

Time	Event	Location	
1 p.m.	Acrobats of China	Cohen Amphitheater	J
	Everlasting Friendship: An Interactive Folklore Show	Shoenberg Theater	C
	Art of Chinese Tea	Center for Home Gardening	I
	Intangible Cultural Heritage Demonstrations: Paper Cutting and Embroidery	Lower Lehmann Rose Garden Lawn	K
2 p.m.	Grand Parade	Spoehrer Plaza to Cohen Amphitheater	D
3 p.m.	Square Dance	Spoehrer Plaza	D
	Chinese <i>Qipao</i> Show	Chinese Garden	H
	Chinese Culinary Arts Demonstration	Center for Home Gardening	I
	<i>Tai Chi</i> Extravaganza	Shoenberg Theater	C
	Intangible Cultural Heritage Demonstrations: Paper Cutting and Lantern Making	Lower Lehmann Rose Garden Lawn	K
3:30 p.m.	Traditional Chinese Wedding Ceremony Demonstrations	Chinese Garden	H
4 p.m.	Chinese Traditional Music Show	Chinese Garden	H
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Schedule for Sunday, April 28 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Time	Event	Location	
9 to 5 p.m.	Cultural Exhibits	Ridgway Visitor Center	A
	Marketplace	Spoehrer Plaza	D
	40th Anniversary St. Louis—Nanjing Sister City Relationship Photo Exhibits	Ridgway Visitor Center (Orthwein Floral Display Hall)	A
10 to 5 p.m.	Children's Arts and Crafts (Panda Show 10 a.m., 12:20 p.m., and 3 p.m.)	Spink Pavilion	F
	Food Court	Upper East Lot	E
10 a.m.	Square Dance	Spoehrer Plaza to Cohen Amphitheater	F
	<i>Shaolin Gungfu</i> (Kung Fu)	Chinese Garden	H
	Intangible Cultural Heritage Demonstrations: Paper Cutting and Lantern Making	Lower Lehmann Rose Garden Lawn	K
	World <i>Tai Chi</i> Day	Cohen Amphitheater	J
	Chinese Culinary Arts Demonstration	Center for Home Gardening	I
10:30 a.m.	Chinese Pop Music	Chinese Garden	H
11 a.m.	<i>Qipao</i> and Traditional Musical Show	Chinese Garden	H
	Intangible Cultural Heritage Demonstrations: Paper Cutting and Embroidery	Lower Lehmann Rose Garden Lawn	K
	<i>Tai Chi</i> Extravaganza	Shoenberg Theater	C
	Acrobats of China	Cohen Amphitheater	J
11:30 a.m.	Traditional Wedding Ceremony Demonstration	Chinese Garden	H
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1 p.m.	Dance with the Dragon!	Central Axis Reflecting Pools	G
	Chinese Traditional Music Show	Chinese Garden	H
	World <i>Tai Chi</i> Day	Cohen Amphitheater	J
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3 p.m.	Square Dance	Spoehrer Plaza	D
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-- Parade Route



Food



Vending



ATM



Restrooms



Family Restrooms



Water Fountain



Hydration Station



Shopping

Additional parking is available two blocks west in lots at Shaw and Vandeventer.

A Ridgway Visitor Center

B Beaumont Room

C Shoenberg Theater

D Spoehrer Plaza

E Upper East Parking Lot

F Spink Pavilion

G Central Axis Reflecting Pools

H Chinese Garden

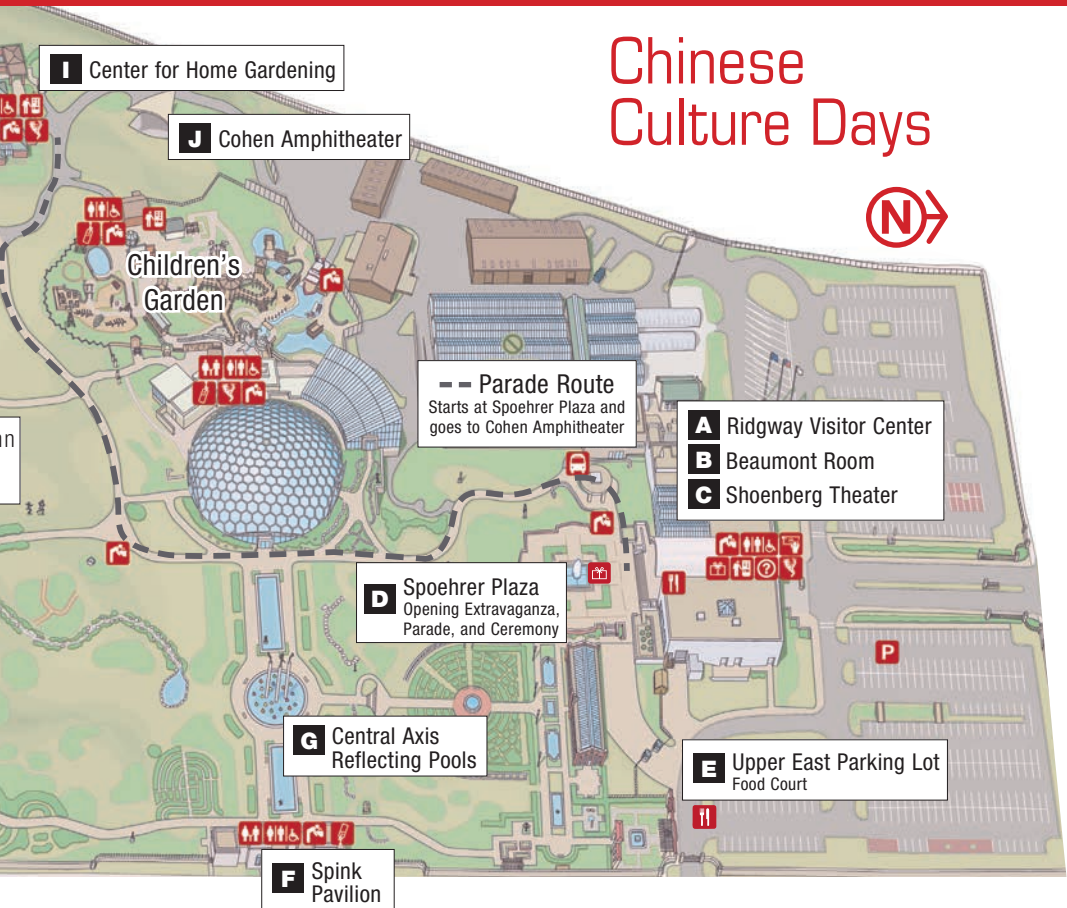
I Center for Home Gardening

J Cohen Amphitheater

K Lower Lehmann
Rose Garden Lawn



Chinese Culture Days



Opening Extravaganza, Parade, and Ceremony

10:30 a.m., parade at 11 a.m.,
Saturday only

Spoehrer Plaza to Cohen Amphitheater **D**

The celebration kicks off with a magnificent Chinese dragon dance at Spoehrer Plaza. The dragon has always been regarded as a sacred creature, symbolizing power, courage, righteousness and dignity. As a sign of ethnic identity, the Chinese refer to themselves as “Descendants of the Dragon.”

Followed by the dragon dance, the Lion Dance Team and Drum Team will perform before leading visitors to the Cohen Amphitheater, where the St. Louis Modern Chinese School dance team will perform to formally welcome the visitors.

The Opening Ceremony will begin at 11:20 a.m. upon the arrival of the dragon and dignitaries, who will offer brief remarks.

Acrobats of China

1 and 4 p.m., Saturday

11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Sunday

Cohen Amphitheater **J**

Celebrate the exotic wonders of China and enjoy the dramatic interpretation of classic Chinese dance and physical performance art. The Chinese Acrobatic Show is a spectacular extravaganza of elegant dance, dazzling acrobatics, mystical music, and much more.



Friendship Forever

noon (Saturday and Sunday)

Cohen Amphitheater **J**

Chinese and American dances and music harmoniously convey the heart's desire of all Chinese Americans for the friendship between China and the US to last forever. The program will celebrate 40 years of friendship between St. Louis and Nanjing, and China and the United States.

Grand Parade

2 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday)

Spoehrer Plaza to Cohen Amphitheater **D**

This colorful parade of dance teams, acrobats, performers in traditional costume, martial arts teams, drummers, and a traditional Chinese wedding party, along with lion and dragon dancers offers visitors the opportunity to meet the cast members of each program.

Chinese Arts and Crafts for Kids

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Spink Pavilion **F**

This program is designed for children and the young-at-heart. Have your face painted with the Chinese zodiac, make your own Chinese lantern, try your hand at the shuttlecock-kicking and chopsticks games, and learn the ancient art of Chinese paper folding and cutting. Learn to write Chinese calligraphy using traditional writing brushes. Pay attention to the program schedule. You may be able to have your photo taken with pandas. There is no shortage of fun here!



Chinese Square Dance

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Spoehrer Plaza **D**

Slightly different from its American counterpart, Chinese Square Dance is an exercise routine set to music that has gained huge popularity in Chinese plazas. Join in with the experts as you learn the popular contemporary square dances, as well as a traditional simple red ribbon dance.

Everlasting Friendship

An Interactive Folklore Show

1 and 4 p.m.

Shoenberg Theater **C**

The title of this interactive and multi-media folk art show is ‘Everlasting Friendship’, echoing the theme of the 2019 Chinese Culture Days celebration. Whether you love Chinese culture for its mesmerizing folk music, traditional costumes of the brightest colors, or dances of different ethnic minority groups, this show will not disappoint. Audience members will embark on a journey across time and

space, with stops to appreciate significant cultural milestones such as the ancient silk road and “tour” Nanjing for its historic significance and modern-day charm.

Tai Chi Extravaganza

3 p.m., Saturday

11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Sunday

Shoenberg Theater **C**

A rare and beautiful presentation of *Tai Chi* performed by world class champions from China, Taiwan and St. Louis in collaboration with local advanced *Tai Chi* practitioners. Featured is a silver medalist from the Asian Olympic Games.



Why *Tai Chi*

noon

Shoenberg Theater **C**

Dr. Sun, a prominent clinical research doctor from Taiwan, will enlighten the audience why *Tai Chi* is great for the human body from the vantage point of Western medicine. Master Lee will lead an easy and calming *Tai Chi* routine with the audience to get a taste of *Tai Chi*.

World *Tai Chi* Day Celebration

10 a.m., Saturday

10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Sunday

Cohen Amphitheater **J**

Celebrate World *Tai Chi* Day with approximately 150 practitioners from a dozen local *Tai Chi* schools and organizations! Groups will demonstrate various *Tai Chi* styles and forms. Audience participation is encouraged.

Dance with the Dragons!

1 p.m.

Central Axis Reflecting Pools **G**

The most auspicious being in Chinese folklore, the dragon is a creature of incomparable strength whose 24-ledded dance can dispel back luck and ward off evil. The dragon dances to celebrate the New Year or to open a festival. Visitors are invited to join in and learn the dance! The dragon dance will also be performed at the opening ceremony and the grand parade.

The Art of Chinese Tea

1 and 4 p.m.

Center for Home Gardening Classroom **I**

Tea has gained tremendous popularity in the past few years, which is largely attributed to its numerous health benefits. This popular and entertaining 1-hour demonstration will address the correct techniques in preparing tea, the correct temperature of the water, the kind of tea wares to use, and the benefits of tea over other popular drinks.

Chinese Culinary Arts Demonstration

3 p.m., Saturday

10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Sunday

Center for Home Gardening Classroom **I**

This exciting demonstration will showcase intricate food carving skills and instruction on preparing delicious, yet easy-to-make authentic Chinese cuisine; with opportunities for food tasting, and interacting with the chef.

Intangible Cultural Heritage Demonstrations

10 a.m. and 1, 3, and 4 p.m, Saturday

10 and 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m., Sunday

Lower Lehman Rose Garden Lawn **K**

This is a rare opportunity to watch as skilled artisans from Nanjing, China (along with artisans from the local community) demonstrate cultural skills that are at the verge of becoming extinct. The lineage of this craftsmanship dates back hundreds or thousands of years.

Paper Cutting—inscribed in 2009 on the UNESCO “Intangible Cultural Heritage List”.

Embroidery—the artistry of this craft is passed on through generations of masters. Visitors will be in awe of the creativity in the artisans’ exquisite artwork.

Lantern Making—Chinese lantern originates in Western Han Dynasty (202BC–8AD) which is more than 2200 years ago. The Master of Lantern making from Nanjing blends the skills of painting art and workmanship of paper cutting art, Chinese embroidery art to make lanterns that will take your breath away.





Shopping

See live demonstrations and exhibits of traditional Chinese arts and shop for unique merchandise and souvenirs.

Garden Gate Shop

9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., both days

Ridgway Visitor Center **A**

Cultural Exhibits and Marketplace

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., both days

Ridgway Visitor Center **A**

and Spoehrer Plaza **D**

Dining

Chinese Food Court

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., both days

Upper East Parking Lot **E**

Special thanks to the Chinese Culture Days food court vendors for going green by supporting the Garden's all-compostable disposables requirement!

Sassafras

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., both days

Ridgway Visitor Center **A**

Lunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

謝謝! Xiè Xiè! Thank you!

Since 1996, the Garden has collaborated with the Chinese Culture Education and Services Foundation to produce an event to celebrate Chinese culture. Hundreds of community volunteers work toward producing a weekend filled with colorful Chinese pageantry, art, music, dance, history and legends, and, of course, wonderful food!

Our thanks to the following individuals and organizations that have dedicated months of planning Chinese Culture Days:

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