

Chinese Culture Days

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 7-8, 2021



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Chair's Welcome

Dear friends,

Welcome to the 2021 Chinese Culture Days “Unhindered Culture.” The celebration of Chinese heritage continues at the beautiful Missouri Botanical Garden. The past several months have been challenging for the entire world. This is the Year of the Ox—the year of “Turning Things Around” in Chinese tradition. Now, with the help of science and love of culture, we are here to celebrate Chinese Culture Days, the first festival at Missouri Botanical Garden in over a year. More than 400 St. Louis-area volunteers and artists will bring you the dragon dance, lion dance, gourmet Chinese Foodie Square, traditional Chinese music ensemble, martial arts, handicrafts, and dance attire from different ethnic groups to celebrate Chinese culture. Masters will lead you in *Tai Chi* to take you on the journey of good health. I hope the Year of the Ox brings joy to you and your loved ones. Thank you for joining us!

Sincerely,
Yimin Zhu

Chairperson of 2021 Chinese Culture Days

Chinese Garden **D**

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.

Enjoy the peaceful and idyllic Chinese Garden, specially decorated for the festival with lanterns made in the City of Nanjing.

Chinese Garden Activities

Times for each program are posted at the entrance of the Chinese Garden.

- **Tea demonstrations**

Learn techniques in preparing tea, the correct temperature of the water, the kind of tea wares to use, and discuss the benefits of tea over other popular drinks.

- **Chinese Youth Music Show**

- ***Qipao* show**

Members of the local *Qipao* club will model this traditional one-piece dress, characterized by a fitted cut, Mandarin collar, and side opening with knot buttons. The *Qipao* has been worn since the Qing Dynasty (1644–1912) and may have been worn as far back as the Han Dynasty (221–206 BC).



Schedule for Saturday, August 7 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Time	Event	Location	
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Chinese Garden Activities	Chinese Garden	D
	Chinese Marketplace	Linnean House	I
	Children's Arts and Crafts	Lehmann Lawn	E
	Chinese Handcraft Workshop and Exhibition	South Climatron Lawn	G
	Chinese Foodie Square and Food Court	Linnean Plaza and East Parking Lot	J L
10 a.m.	<i>Tai Chi</i> and You	Cohen Amphitheater	B
10:30 a.m.	Dance with the Dragon!	Central Axis	A
11 a.m.	Opening Extravaganza, Parade, and Ceremony	Central Axis to Cohen Amphitheater	A B
noon	Culinary Demonstrations	Linnean Plaza	J
	Traditional Chinese Music Ensemble	Cohen Amphitheater	B

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

Time	Event	Location	
1 p.m.	Dance with the Dragon!	Central Axis	A
	Chinese Youth Music Show	Chinese Garden	D
	Shaolin Martial Arts	Cohen Amphitheater	B
	<i>Tai Chi</i> Extravaganza	Japanese Garden, Bottlebrush Path	C F
2 p.m.	Grand Parade	Central Axis to Cohen Amphitheater	A B
3 p.m.	Culinary Demonstrations	Linnean Plaza	J
	Dance Dynasty	Cohen Amphitheater	B
	<i>Tai Chi</i> Extravaganza	Japanese Garden, Bottlebrush Path	C F
4 p.m.	Shaolin Martial Arts	Cohen Amphitheater	B

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Schedule for Sunday, August 8 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Time	Event	Location	
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Chinese Garden Activities	Chinese Garden	D
	Chinese Marketplace	Linnean House	I
	Children's Arts and Crafts	Lehmann Lawn	E
	Chinese Handcraft Workshop and Exhibition	South Climatron Lawn	G
	Chinese Foodie Square and Food Court	Linnean Plaza and East Parking Lot	J L
10 a.m.	<i>Tai Chi</i> and You	Cohen Amphitheater	B
11 a.m.	Dance with the Dragon!	Central Axis	A
	Culinary Demonstrations	Linnean Plaza	J
11:30 a.m.	<i>Tai Chi</i> Extravaganza	Japanese Garden, Bottlebrush Path	C F
noon	Traditional Chinese Music Ensemble	Cohen Amphitheater	B
1 p.m.	Dance with the Dragon!	Central Axis	A
	Chinese Youth Music Show	Chinese Garden	D
	Shaolin Martial Arts	Cohen Amphitheater	B
	<i>Tai Chi</i> Extravaganza	Japanese Garden, Bottlebrush Path	C F

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Time	Event	Location	
2 p.m.	Grand Parade	Central Axis to Cohen Amphitheater	A B
	Culinary Demonstrations	Linnean Plaza	J
3 p.m.	Dance Dynasty	Cohen Amphitheater	B
	<i>Tai Chi</i> Extravaganza	Japanese Garden, Bottlebrush Path	C F
4 p.m.	Shaolin Martial Arts	Cohen Amphitheater	B



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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 Central Axis

B Cohen Amphitheater

C Japanese Garden

D Chinese Garden

E Lehmann Lawn

F Bottlebrush Path

G South Climatron Lawn

H Café Flora

I Linnean House

J Linnean Plaza

K Temporary Visitor Center

L East Parking Lot



Chinese Culture Days



Opening Extravaganza, Parade, and Ceremony

11 a.m. | Saturday

Central Axis **A**

to Cohen Amphitheater **B**

The celebration kicks off with a magnificent Chinese dragon dance. 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.” Following the dragon dance, the Lion Dance Team and Waist Drum Team will perform briefly then lead the visitors to Cohen Amphitheater.

The Opening Ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. upon the arrival of the dragon and dignitaries, who will offer brief remarks.

Dance with the Dragon!

10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. | Saturday

11 a.m. and 1 p.m. | Sunday

Central Axis **A**

The most auspicious being in Chinese folklore, the dragon is a creature of incomparable strength whose 24-legged 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.



Dance Dynasty

3 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Cohen Amphitheater **B**

East meets west dance festivity! This program integrates the graceful and tranquil moves of traditional Chinese dances and songs with the dynamic and celebratory movements of western dances. To achieve greater understanding and harmony, we draw upon the energy of our diverse St. Louis community.



Chinese Arts and Crafts for Kids

10 a.m.–5 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Lehmann Lawn **E**

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 the chopsticks games, and learn to write Chinese calligraphy using traditional writing brushes. There is no shortage of fun here!

Chinese Culinary Arts Demonstration

noon and 3 p.m. | Saturday

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. | Sunday

Linnear Plaza **J**

Take in a variety of culinary demonstrations throughout the day while perusing authentic Chinese food options.



Chinese Handcraft Workshop and Exhibition

10 a.m.–5 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

South Climatron Lawn **G**

Learn the basic skills for making traditional and contemporary Chinese handcrafts, such as Dragon Boats, Chinese New Year window decorations, and many others. Go home with your own handmade Chinese craft items! Intended for participants 10 years and older.

Grand Parade

2 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Central Axis **A**

to Cohen Amphitheater **B**

Visitors are able to meet all the cast members of each program. This colorful parade consists of dance teams, acrobats, groups in traditional costumes, martial arts teams, drummers, and the lion and dragon dancers.

Shaolin Martial Arts

1 and 4 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday
Cohen Amphitheater **B**

With more than 1,000 known styles and methods, Shaolin Kung Fu represents the largest school of martial arts in the world. Enjoy dashing moves featuring swords, staffs, spears, and more in this exciting demonstration. Saturday's performance features Master Shifu XingXue, who trained in the Shaolin Temple for 15 years, and his team of practitioners from diverse age groups and backgrounds, as well as performers from Wei Dance and kung fu masters from Springfield, Missouri. Sunday's performance features St. Louis-based Shaolin Kung Fu Master Qi, as well as a traditional Chinese Qipao folk fashion show.

Tai Chi Extravaganza

1 and 3 p.m. | Saturday
11:30 a.m., 1, and 3 p.m. | Sunday
Japanese Garden **C**
and Bottlebrush Path **F**

Experience a variety of calming routines of this popular Chinese martial art led by *Tai Chi* masters.



Tai Chi and You

10 a.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Cohen Amphitheater **B**

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese healing art, martial art, as well as performing art. It is exquisite to watch. But the best part of *Tai Chi* is the improved quality of life and calming force when practiced regularly.

Traditional Chinese Music Ensemble

noon | Saturday and Sunday

Cohen Amphitheater **B**

Listen to solos, duos, and ensembles, including *erhu*, *pipa*, and Chinese flute. Traditional Chinese music and renditions of popular music from the United States will be performed. Dances will accompany beloved Chinese songs.





Shopping

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

Chinese Marketplace

10 a.m.–5 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday
Linnean House **I**

Garden Gate Shop

9 a.m.–5 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday
Temporary Visitor Center **K**

Dining

Chinese Foodie Square and Food Court

10 a.m.–5 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday
Linnean Plaza **J**
and East Parking Lot **L**

Café Flora **H**

9 a.m.–3 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

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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