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APRIL AT LAN SU BRINGS COLORFUL KITES OF CHINA

Unique Kite Exhibit and Kite Activities for Everyone

Exhibit of 20 full-size and 30 miniature kites	April 1 through 30
Kite Coloring	Each Tuesday & Saturday in April
Story Time, Grace Lin's <i>Kite Flying</i>	Each Sunday in April
Kite Making	April 4, 12, 30
Flying Ribbon Dancers	Most Saturdays in April
Kite Historian Lectures	April 20 & 27
Family Discovery Activity <i>Catch that Kite!</i>	Every day in April

Activities free with Garden admission. Go to www.lansugarden.org for specific times

In China, early April brings the Qingming Festival where people visit family graves to pay their respects and then celebrate rebirth by sailing kites skyward. The festival is also time for national and international kite flying competitions.

Lan Su brings a kite exhibit from three treasured sources; the Drachen Foundation, the Bob & Charlene Umbowers collection and the Smithsonian. New this year is a display of kites so small that some could fit into matchboxes. Amazingly, all can fly! Back again are glorious large kites in shapes of butterflies, dragons, peacocks, hawks, sparrows and a special whistling kite. The common Chinese word for kite is *fengzhen*, which translates to "wind zither" describing a Chinese love of noise-making kites.

Kite making and coloring, Chinese story time, lectures about kite history and a scavenger activity will keep individuals and families flurrying through the Garden like kite tails. As an urban setting is not the best place for kite flying, Flying Ribbon Dancers will entertain and encourage all to fly kites at the beach or the park.

**Note: Lan Su Chinese Garden will be closed April 12, 13, and 14
for facility upgrades and maintenance**

Garden admission: \$8.50 General, \$7.50 Senior, \$6.50 Student, \$25 Family Pass, Free for children under 5. Garden location: 239 NW Everett Street, Portland 97209. Access: Walk from downtown. Close to all MAX lines & bus mall. Plenty of on-street parking. Amenities: Authentic Teahouse (no reservations) & Garden Shop

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