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CHINESE GARDEN CELEBRATES 10 YEARS IN 2010 & EMBRACES ORIGINAL CHINESE NAME

A YEAR OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES PLANNED, BEGINNING WITH 10 FREE ADMISSION DAYS JANUARY 2 THROUGH 11

One of Portland's greatest treasures, the Chinese Garden in Portland has provided a window into Chinese culture, history and way of thinking for 1.3 million visitors who have entered its gates since its opening on September 14, 2000.

"We are excited to celebrate our 10th Anniversary with a name befitting our heritage: Lan Su Chinese Garden", says Cynthia Johnson Haruyama, the Garden's Executive Director. "The name Lan Su, represents the relationship between Portland and Suzhou, our sister city in Jiangsu province that's famous for its beautiful gardens. Lan is also the Chinese word for orchid and Su means arise or awaken. For 10 years the characters for Lan and Su, plus Yuan meaning garden have welcomed visitors as they are etched above the Garden's entrance. We are taking our original, given Chinese name and making it new!"

Fast Facts:

- *The majority of the materials used in the construction of the Garden, including more than 500 tons of rock, originated in China*
- *With much of the work done in Suzhou, 65 artisans traveled to Portland to finish structures and complete the work*
- *The Garden features 400 plant species and cultivars-all found in traditional Chinese gardens*

To commemorate the 10 year milestone, Lan Su Chinese Garden is hosting a year long celebration – and everyone is invited. Beginning with ten free admission days, January 2 through January 11 and continuing throughout the year the calendar is filled with events and surprises not to be missed. NW Natural is the proud title sponsor of the 10th anniversary and all activities being presented in 2010.

Visit www.portlandchinesegarden.org for upcoming events and announcements.

Garden admission free January 2-11 (closed January 1 holiday). Hours: 10am to 5pm. Location: 239 NW Everett Street, Portland 97209 Access: Walk from downtown core. Close to all MAX lines and bus mall. Plenty of on-street parking. Amenities: Authentic Teahouse (no reservations required) & Garden Shop

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