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**LAN SU CHINESE GARDEN PUBLISHES *THE STONES & THE POET*
A Delightful Story for Children of All Ages**

**Listen to the author read the story and meet the illustrator
Explore Lan Su Chinese Garden to "Find the Stones"
Sunday, April 11- 3:00-5:00 pm
Book for sale exclusively at Lan Su's Garden Shop - Price \$10**

In 826, Chinese Poet Bai Juyi wrote the poem *Two Stones*. 1184 years later, Portland author Lynn Connor has adapted the poetry to create a charming tale explaining how the strange and useless stones of Lake Tai became so famous that they are now found in gardens around the world. Portland illustrator, Lu Kesi, has designed and illustrated Connor's book with paintings of Lake Tai stones found in Portland's Lan Su Chinese Garden.

About the author

Lynn Connor's love of things Chinese began at age 3 when her grandmother shared stories about "the other side of the world"; many of them Chinese. This resulted in Lynn studying Asian history and earning an MA in Chinese poetry from the University of Chicago, teaching Chinese and Japanese history at community colleges in and around Washington DC and translating Chinese poetry. Arriving in Portland in 1998 she joined the community to support the building of Lan Su Chinese Garden. Lynn has been an active Garden volunteer for over 10 years.

About the illustrator

After graduating with college degrees in art and art history Dan Lucas spent eighteen years working in the library of the Portland Art Museum. Over ten years ago, before Lan Su Garden was built, Dan joined the first guide training class and has volunteered every Sunday morning since giving tours at the Garden. He helped design Charles Wu's book "*Listen to the Fragrance: literary inscriptions in Lan Su Yuan*" published in 2006. Using the Chinese spelling of his last name Lu Kesi, Dan has been taking lessons in calligraphy, painting, and seal-carving for several years from local Chinese artist Wang Gongyi. His work was included in a calligraphy exhibition at the Shenzhen Fine Art Institute in southern China in 2005.

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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