

Classical Chinese Garden Receives \$500,000

Largest Contribution To Date From Meyer Memorial Trust

Mayor Vera Katz recently announced the Classical Chinese Garden Trust has received a \$500,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust — the Garden's largest donation to date. That grant and other recent donations have pushed the total amount raised over the \$7 million mark.

"The Meyer Grant is an important milestone for

the project," said Katz. "It is an acknowledgement of the value of the Garden to our community. The enormous amount of private funding and public support for this project means that generations of Portlanders will have an incredible opportunity to appreciate the art and aesthetics of classical Chinese gardens. I am looking forward to the

groundbreaking early next year."

The Classical Chinese Garden Trust fund was bolstered to \$7,096,861 thanks in large part to a recent \$50,000 gift from Standard Insurance, \$25,000 from Delta Airlines, and \$15,000 from the William S. Gilmore Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation.

The Meyer Memorial

Trust, the largest foundation in Oregon, recently finished a record-setting year of grantmaking. The foundation, established in 1982, gave out \$23,179,500 during its last fiscal year to 222 nonprofit groups in Oregon and Southwest Washington. The Meyer Memorial Trust, while created by the personal fortune of the late Fred G. Meyer, is not affiliated in

any way with the retail enterprise Fred Meyer, Inc.

Portland's Classical Chinese Garden, targeted for completion in Spring 2000, will occupy a full square block between NW Everett

& Flanders and NW Second & Third Avenues. The walled, urban garden will be the largest classical Chinese garden outside China. Groundbreaking is scheduled for early 1999.

Low income households can find help with heating bills through County program

Low income households in need of financial aid to pay for winter heating bills can apply for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), a federal program managed by Multnomah County's Department of Community and Family Services, beginning December 1, 1998. The program is designed to assist low income residents with their household heating costs.

"Households need to demonstrate energy costs for this one-time payment, which averages around \$200," said Frances Spak, of Portland Impact, a local service provider. The program lasts until funds run out, which is typically between March and May.

To qualify for energy assistance, applicants must be at or below 125% of the Federal poverty level. Examples of the 125% level are:

- A household of one with a monthly income of \$839 or less
- A household of four with a monthly income that does not exceed \$1714

To apply for LIEAP, County residents should contact one of the following community agencies in their neighborhood.

According to Program Coordinator Tom Brodbeck, the program served more than 8,800 low income households in Multnomah County in the past year.

Locations in Multnomah County, Agency Name—Phone

Downtown Area	Transition Projects, 823-500
North Area	St. John's YMCA, 721-6762
Northeast Area	Albina Ministerial Alliance, 240-0828
Northwest Area	Friendly House, 228-4335
Outer East Area (east of 162 nd)	Human Solutions, 248-5215
Outer East Area (between 82 nd and SE 162 nd)	Human Solutions, 248-5201
Southwest Area	Neighborhood House, 246-1663
Southeast Area	Portland Impact, 736-6000

Interviews with program participants (a family or senior citizen) can be arranged by contacting Francis Spak at Portland Impact, 736-6000.



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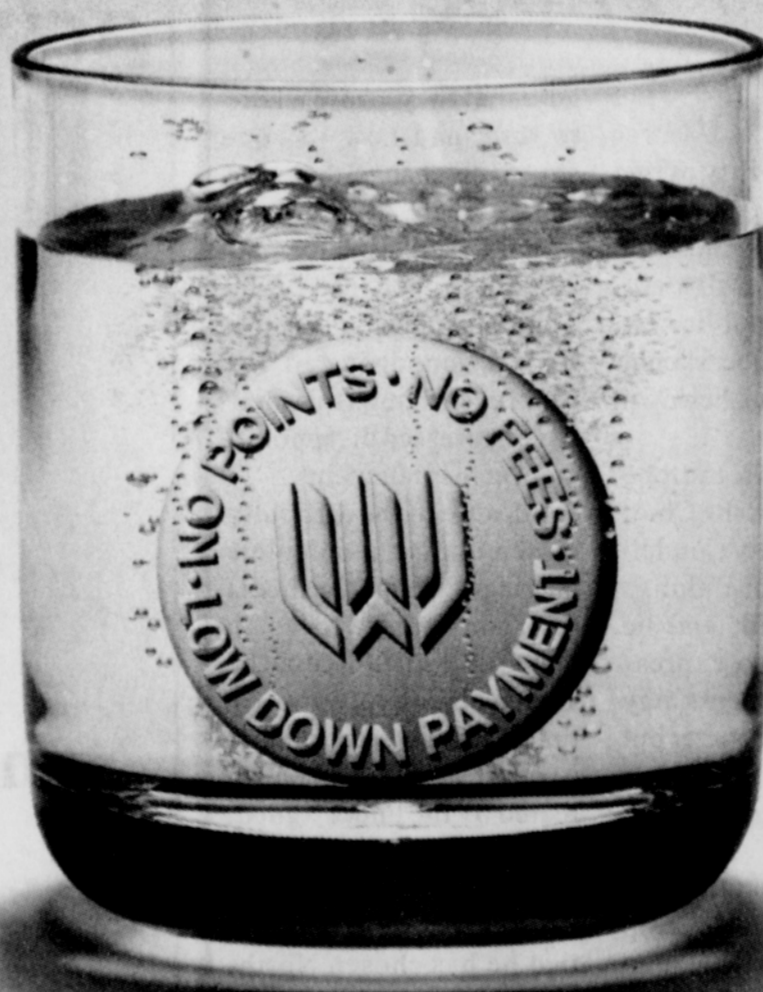
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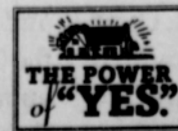
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