

## Year of the Horse forecasts

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■ **Fire Rooster:** Be sure to maintain a healthy balance between your professional and personal life. A single-minded pursuit of success will exhaust you and alienate loved ones.

■ **Earth Rooster:** It's shaping up to be a very sociable year for you, Earth Rooster. Don't ignore snags when they occur among loved ones; it is best to speak up when something is bothering you and not let resentment fester.

### The Dog

The arrival of the Year of the Horse should have Dogs wagging their tails. The year promises to be a rewarding one, both personally and professionally. Just remember to sit up and pay attention when opportunities make an appearance, so they don't pass you by.



■ **Metal Dog:** This is shaping up to be the year when all your hard work and dedication will finally be rewarded with new and exciting opportunities. You may wish to celebrate your success by

taking a well-deserved, relaxing vacation with loved ones.

■ **Water Dog:** Your popularity will keep you very busy in your social life this year, and you may be forced to choose between several engagements. Try not to overindulge too much, though, lest it cause detrimental effects on your health.

■ **Wood Dog:** Don't rely on others to express their approval before pursuing interesting opportunities. Your instincts are sound and you can trust them to guide you to a good outcome.

■ **Fire Dog:** Your romantic life is taking a turn for the better in 2014. Dogs in relationships will enjoy a harmonious year, and those who are single are apt to find a mate. Embark on new adventures and experiences with your partner and your relationship will be enriched.

■ **Earth Dog:** It's looking like a rosy year for your financial picture as your practicality in the past is now paying off. Though it may be tempting, try to keep from spending too much of your savings, as you may need it when times get tough.

### The Pig

The Year of the Horse is shaping up to be an excellent one for the talented and determined Pig. Grab all the opportunities of the year with both hands and you will be rewarded not only in the present but for years to come.



■ **Metal Pig:** Like the Little Engine that Could, you think you can and you never give up. Your perseverance should pay off this year when new and wonderful opportunities come your way.

■ **Water Pig:** Let out your inner party animal this year,

as social invitations will abound that will provide an avenue to meet new and interesting people who may become valuable resources in the future. Just be sure to choose your new friends wisely, since you have a tendency to see only the best in others.

■ **Wood Pig:** Your home life may provide a great deal of satisfaction this year, and you will make many lovely memories with family and friends. Offering advice and a sympathetic ear to loved ones in need will not only feel satisfying, it will pay itself forward and eventually come back to you.

■ **Fire Pig:** Following a cautious Year of the Snake, The Year of the Horse should be a breeze for the Fire Pig. Take advantage of opportunities to learn new skills or gain knowledge through education or workshops; your new awareness will enable you to pursue your goals.

■ **Earth Pig:** With all the excitement of the year, don't forget to find time to keep stress levels down. Time alone will allow you to prioritize your goals and help determine the course of action that will best lead you to success.

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## Lunar New Year events

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Lunar New Year — the Year of the Horse — with a series of activities, performances, and more at the Lan Su Chinese Garden. Festivities kick off January 31 with *hong bao* (lucky red envelopes), "Rolling in the Wealth" (10-11am), a Chinese Wishing Tree (10:00am-noon), lion dances (11-11:30am & 1-1:30pm), a visit by the Portland Police Mounted Patrol Unit (noon-12:30pm), and more. Other activities include a display of miniature horses, demonstrations, music and dance performances, calligraphy, a lantern display, New Year card crafts, and more. Lion dances are performed each weekend (Feb 1, 2, 8 & 9) at 11:00am, 1:00pm, and 4:00pm. The celebration culminates with traditional lantern viewing February 12 through 14 from 6:30 to 8:30pm (tickets required). Lantern viewing events include a dragon procession led by the Lee's Association Lion and Dragon Dance Team. For info, including a complete schedule of events, call (503) 228-8131 or visit <www.lansugarden.org>.

### Lunar New Year on Free First Saturday

Feb 1, 11am-2pm, Seattle Asian Art Museum, Fuller Garden Court (1400 E Prospect St, in Volunteer Park, Seattle). Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the Seattle Asian Art Museum's (SAAM) Free First Saturday. The family-friendly day includes free museum admission, family tours, live music, performances, horse *sumi* painting, and a screening of Hu Keming and Liu Shen's 2013 film *My Avatar Horse* (84 mins). For info, call (206) 654-3100 or visit <www.seattleartmuseum.org>.

### Lunar New Year at Hing Hay Park

Feb 1, 11am-4pm, Hing Hay Park (423 Maynard Ave S, Seattle). Celebrate the Year of the Horse at the Chinatown-International District Lunar New Year Celebration. The event features lion and dragon dances, entertainment, a children's costume parade, food, and more. For info, call (206) 382-1197, e-mail <events@cidbia.org>, or visit <www.cidbia.org>.

### Chinese New Year Cultural Fair

Feb 1, 11am-5pm, Oregon Convention Center, Exhibit Hall B (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland). Celebrate the Year of the Horse at the 2014 Chinese New Year Cultural Fair. The event includes traditional and contemporary Chinese cultural activities, including lion and dragon dances, martial arts demonstrations, Chinese folk dance and music, and booths offering food, products, and services. For info, call (503) 771-9560 or visit <www.portlandchinesetimes.com>. To buy advance tickets, visit <www.ticketwest.com>.

### Lunar New Year at Uwajimaya Plaza

Feb 1, 1:30-3:30pm, Uwajimaya Plaza (10500 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton, Ore.). Watch Lunar New Year performances held in honor of the Year of the Horse at Uwajimaya. Yo-yo demonstrations and folk dancing take place from 1:30 to 2:15pm, a lion dance is held from 2:25 to 2:55pm, and the Sunflower Chinese Dance Troupe performs at 3:00pm. For info, call (503) 643-4512 or visit <www.uwajimaya.com>.

### Lunar New Year at Midland Library

Feb 1 & 5; Feb 1, 1:30-3:30pm, Gregory Heights Library (7921 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland); Feb 5, 5:30-7:30pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland). Celebrate the Lunar New Year and welcome the Year of the Horse with cultural performances, educational activities, and traditional treats. For info, call (503) 988-5386 (Gregory Heights) or (503) 988-5392 (Midland), or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

### "Tales for the Year of the Horse"

Feb 4, 6-6:45pm, Holgate Library (7905 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland). Learn about the Lunar New Year with master storyteller Anne Rutherford at "Tales for the Year of the Horse." Rutherford tells stories celebrating the spirit and meaning of the holiday. For info, call (503) 988-5389 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

### Loaves & Fishes Lunar New Year

Feb 5, 11:30am, East Portland Community Center, Cherry Blossom Center (740 SE 106th Ave, Portland). Enjoy lunch, cultural performances, and a raffle at a Lunar New Year celebration hosted by the Fook Lok - Hollywood Loaves & Fishes Center. For info, call Robin at (503) 953-8104.

### VCA Chinese New Year

Feb 8, 5:30-9:30pm, Union High School, Auditorium (6201 NW Friberg St, Camas, Wash.). Enjoy food, performances, red envelopes, and a raffle at the Vancouver Chinese Association's (VCA) Chinese New Year celebration. For info, or to register (required), call (360) 834-1858, e-mail <vca\_usa@yahoo.com>, or visit <www.vca-usa.org>.

### C.A.C.A. Chinese New Year

Feb 9, 5:30pm, Wong's King Seafood Restaurant (8733 SE Division St, Portland). Welcome the Year of the Horse at the Chinese American Citizens Alliance's (C.A.C.A.) annual fund-raising dinner. Proceeds benefit scholarships and youth-related programs in the Asian community. For info, or to register, call



**WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR.** The 2014 Chinese New Year Cultural Fair, which features lion and dragon dances, martial arts demonstrations, Chinese folk dance and music, booths, and more, takes place Saturday, February 1 at the Oregon Convention Center. (AR Photo/Jan Landis)

(503) 221-8773, e-mail <bettyjeanleepdx@gmail.com>, or visit <www.cacaportland.org>.

### Sadih Celebration

Feb 14, 7-10pm, Portland State University, Smith Center, Multicultural Center (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend the annual Sadih Celebration, a free event celebrating mid-winter and the 50 days left before *Nawruz*, the Persian New Year. The program includes readings, dance performances, storytelling, a film about Firdawsi's 11th-century masterwork *Shahnameh*, and more. Tea and cookies are provided and participants are encouraged to bring seasonal food or a snack to share. For info, call (503) 725-5214 or visit <www.persia.pdx.edu>.

### Oregon Asian Celebration

Feb 15-16, Lane Events Center (796 W 13th Ave, Eugene, Ore.). Attend "Riding Into a New Era," the 2014 edition of the annual Oregon Asian Celebration. Visitors enjoy a bustling array of Asian culture through a colorful marketplace, Asian and Asian-American entertainment, arts and crafts, cooking and martial arts demonstrations, youth activities, exhibits, Asian cuisine, and more. For info, or to obtain a complete schedule of activities, call (541) 554-9350 or visit <www.asiancelebration.org>.

### PCC Lunar New Year Celebration

Feb 17, 11:30am-2pm, Warner Pacific College, McGuire Auditorium (2219 SE 68th Ave, Portland). Attend Portland Community College's (PCC) celebration of the Year of the Horse. The family-friendly event features a lion dance, face painting, music, Asian dances, vendors, door prizes, food, and more. A free shuttle between PCC's Southeast Center and Warner Pacific College is available from 11:15am to 2:15pm. For info, contact Josh at (971) 722-6328 or e-mail <joshua.petersmcbride@pcc.edu>. To learn more, visit <www.pcc.edu/asian-new-year>.

### Northwest China Council New Year Gala

Feb 22, 5-9pm, Wong's King Seafood Restaurant (8733 SE Division St, Portland). Attend the Northwest China Council's annual Chinese New Year Gala ringing in the Year of the Horse. The event features a dinner, live and silent auctions, a lion dance, live music, and the presentation of the Flying Horse Award. For info, or to buy tickets (by Feb 14), call (503) 973-5451 or visit <www.nwchina.org>.

### HKAW New Year Gala

Feb 22, 5:30-10pm, Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers (1400 Sixth Ave, Seattle). Enjoy entertainment, dinner, an auction, and more at the Hong Kong Association of Washington's Chinese New Year Gala. The event benefits Seattle Children's, a hospital and research facility that provides medical care to children in the Pacific Northwest. For info, or to register, call (206) 588-5452 or visit <www.hkaw.org>.

## USPS releases stamp celebrating the Year of the Horse

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The U.S. Postal Service originally introduced a 12-year Lunar New Year stamp series in 1993 depicting artwork by Clarence Lee. In 2008, the series resumed with the work of Mak's Year of the Rat stamp. The series will continue through 2019 with stamps for the Year of the Ram, Monkey, Rooster,

Dog, and Boar.

The Year of the Horse forever stamp is available on a sheet of 12 stamps. A forever stamp equals the value of one-ounce first-class postage. To learn more, or to purchase the new Lunar New Year stamp, call 1-800-STAMP24 (1-800-782-6724) or visit <www.usps.com/stamps>.

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