

## Lunar New Year events

Many community groups and organizations are holding events in celebration of the Lunar New Year. Following are some events held in Oregon and Washington.

### "New Years All Year Round"

Currently on display, 10am-5pm (Tue-Sun), Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View a fun, family-friendly exhibit that looks at Japanese, Vietnamese, and Hmong New Year traditions, colors, games, and cuisine. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

### Year of the Monkey Scratch-its

Currently available for sale, Oregon Lottery Retailers. For the first time, the Oregon Lottery is offering a Year of the Monkey Scratch-it game. The red and gold \$1 tickets feature a top prize of \$888. For info, call (503) 540-1000 or visit <www.oregonlottery.org>.

### USPS Year of the Monkey stamp

Feb 5 (available for sale nationwide). The United States Postal Service's (USPS) new Forever Stamp commemorating the Lunar New Year is available to the public beginning February 5, 2016. Designed by Kam Mak along with art director Ethel Kessler, the Year of the Monkey stamp is the ninth of twelve in the Celebrating Lunar New Year series. The stamp art depicts two bright reddish-orange peonies against a purple background as well as a cut-paper design of a monkey and the Chinese character for "monkey" drawn in grass-style calligraphy. For info, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <www.usps.com>.

### Tet Festival 2016

Feb 6, 9:30am-5pm, Oregon Convention Center, Exhibit Hall D (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland). Celebrate the Year of the Monkey at the Vietnamese Community of Oregon's Tet Festival. Tet, a shortened name for *Tet Nguyen Dan*, translates as the "first day" and marks the 23rd day of the 12th month of the lunar calendar. Tet is a time to celebrate heritage, honor ancestors, leave the past year's problems behind, and make a fresh start. The daytime festival features activities including a lion dance, performances, music, an *ao dai* (long dress) pageant, activities for children, recognition of outstanding students, free



**NEW YEAR 2016.** New Year festivities at the Lan Su Chinese Garden kick off February 8 with lion dances (pictured), a Chinese Wishing Tree, "Rolling in the Wealth," and more. The celebration continues through February 22. (AR Photo/Jan Landis)

health screenings and information, and more. An evening of musical performances takes place after the daytime festival from 8:00pm to midnight (tickets are required). For info, call (971) 222-5698 or visit <www.vnco.org>.

### Chinese New Year Cultural Fair

Feb 6, 10am-5pm, Oregon Convention Center (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland). Celebrate the Year of the Monkey at the 2016 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 (503) 380-8788, or visit <www.portlandchinesetimes.com> or <www.pdxnyf.com>.

### Lunar New Year at The Wing

Feb 6, 11am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific

American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). Celebrate the Year of the Monkey at the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience. The event includes access to the "New Years All Year Round" exhibit, which highlights Japanese, Vietnamese, and Hmong traditions and celebrations; a lion dance (11am); and Lunar New Year activities such as games, a stuffed petting zoo, a zodiac scavenger hunt, prizes, crafts, and more. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

### Chinese New Year storytime

Feb 7, 11-11:30am, Green Bean Books (1600 NE Alberta St, Portland). Join a Chinese New Year storytime with Shan-Shan Chen and Heidi Goodman, the creators of *Mei-Mei's Lucky Birthday Noodles*. The event also includes a free red envelope craft for children. For info, call (503) 954-2354 or visit <www.greenbeanbookspdx.com>.

### Dragon dance & parade

Feb 7, 11am-2pm, NW Davis St & NW Fourth Ave (Portland). Kick off the Lunar New Year with a mile-long parade in Portland. The parade is part of a public celebration of two exhibits featured at the Oregon Historical Society Museum. "Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion" opened January 28 and "Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland's Historic Chinatowns" opens February 29. The dragon dance begins at 11:00am at the corner of N.W. Davis & Fourth, continues through Chinatown, heads down Third Avenue, then goes up S.W. Jefferson. The celebration continues at the Oregon Historical Society Museum (1200 SW Park Ave, Portland) when the parade arrives around noon and includes tea, sweet treats, and performances by local lion dance teams. For info, call (503) 222-1741 or visit <www.ohs.org>.

### Lunar New Year at Uwajimaya Plaza

Feb 7, 2pm, Uwajimaya Plaza (10500 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton, Ore.). Watch Lunar New Year performances held in honor of the Year of the Monkey at Uwajimaya. The event features the Sunflower Chinese Dance Troupe at 2:00pm and a lion dance at 2:45pm. For info, call (503) 643-4512 or visit <www.uwajimaya.com>.

### VCA Chinese New Year

Feb 7, 6-9pm, Skyview High School (1300 NW 139th St, Vancouver, Wash.). Enjoy food, performances, red envelopes, and a raffle at the Vancouver Chinese Association's (VCA) Chinese New Year celebration. For info, call (360) 834-1858. To buy tickets (required), call (360) 719-2118 or visit <www.vca-usa.org>.

### Chinese New Year celebration

Feb 8-22 (daily), 10am-5pm, Lan Su Chinese Garden (NW Third Ave & NW Everett St, Portland). Ring in the Chinese Lunar New Year — the Year of the Monkey — with a series of activities, performances, and more at the Lan Su Chinese Garden  
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