

Lunar New Year events

Year of the Rooster Scratch-its

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

USPS Year of the Rooster stamp

Now available. The United States Postal Service's (USPS) new Forever Stamp commemorating the Lunar New Year is currently available to the public. Designed by Kam Mak along with art director Ethel Kessler, the Year of the Rooster stamp is the tenth of twelve in the Celebrating Lunar New Year series. The stamp art depicts a rooster emblazoned on *hong bao* (lucky red envelopes) as well as a cut-paper design of a rooster and the Chinese character for rooster drawn in grass-style calligraphy. For info, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <www.usps.com>.

Tet Festival at Seattle Center

Jan 21-22, 11am-7pm, Seattle Center (305 Harrison St, Seattle). Attend *Tet Nguyen Dan* — the Vietnamese New Year — presented by Seattle Center Festival in partnership with Tet in Seattle. Tet Festival 2017 ushers in the Lunar New Year with a lion dance workshop, performances, food, a children's area, a Vietnamese spelling bee and knowledge bowl, and more. For info, call (206) 684-7200, or visit <www.seattlecenter.com>.

Lunar New Year at The Wing

Jan 28, 11am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). Celebrate the Year of the Rooster 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 Chinese, Lao, and Polynesian-American traditions and celebrations; a lion dance (11:00am); and Lunar New Year activities such as games, a stuffed petting zoo featuring lunar zodiac animals, a scavenger hunt, prizes, crafts, and more. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Chinese Spring Festival at PSU

Jan 28, 6-10pm, Portland State University (PSU), Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Enjoy performances and food at the PSU Chinese Spring Festival, a Chinese New Year celebration featuring a fashion show, Chinese dance, ballet, opera singing, wushu, a raffle drawing, and more. For info, call (503) 725-8576 or visit <www.pdx.edu/confucius-institute>. To buy tickets, call (503) 725-3307 or visit <www.pdx.edu/boxoffice/home>.



RINGING IN THE ROOSTER. Kick off the Lunar New Year with a day of activities in downtown Portland. The January 29 event starts at N.W. Davis & Third with fireworks and lion dances, is followed by the parade through downtown Portland, and ends with lion dances held at the Oregon Historical Society Museum. (AR Photo/Jason Lim)

Lunar New Year kite exhibit

Jan 28-29 & Feb 4-5, 11am-5pm, World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame (303 Sid Snyder Dr, Long Beach, Wash.). Learn about kites from ten Asian countries in honor of the Lunar New Year. The exhibit also features Thai food, Asian-themed movies, and kite and origami crafts on January 28 and 29. Chinese food, *mahjong* demonstrations, and other activities are highlighted on February 4 and 5. For info, call (360) 642-4020, e-mail <info@worldkitemuseum.com>, or visit <www.worldkitemuseum.com>.

Chinese New Year celebration

Jan 28-Feb 6 (daily), 10am-5pm, Lan Su Chinese Garden (239 NW Everett St, Portland). Ring in the Chinese Lunar New Year with a series of activities, performances, and more. Festivities kick off January 28 with *hong bao* (lucky red envelopes), a Chinese Wishing Tree (10:00am-noon), lion dances (11:00am, 1:00pm & 3:00pm), and more. Other activities include storytelling, music and dance performances, calligraphy, a lantern display, New Year card crafts, and more. The celebration culminates with traditional lantern viewing February 7 through 12 from 5:30 to 8:00pm (tickets required). For info, or to obtain a schedule of activities, call (503) 228-8131 or visit <www.lansugarden.org>.

Mochitsuki 2017

Jan 29, 11am-4pm, Portland State University (PSU), Smith Memorial Student Union (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend Mochitsuki 2017, the annual Japanese-American New Year celebration. The event includes *mochi* pounding, Japanese food, hands-on activities, performances, *ikebana*, origami, games, and

more. Mochitsuki also includes stage shows (11:30am-3:30pm) featuring The Slants, Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo, Portland Taiko, Utsuki Kai, Takohachi taiko, Oregon Koto Kai, and others. For info, call (503) 224-1458 or visit <www.mochipdx.org>.

Lunar New Year at Hing Hay Park

Jan 29, 11am-4pm, Hing Hay Park (423 Maynard Ave S, Seattle). Celebrate the Year of the Rooster at the Chinatown-International District Lunar New Year Festival. The event features lion and dragon dances, taiko drumming, entertainment, food, family-friendly activities, and more. For info, call (206) 382-1197 or visit <www.cidbia.org>.

Dragon dance & parade

Jan 29, 11am-5pm, NW Davis St & NW Third Ave (Portland). Kick off the Lunar New Year with a mile-long parade in Portland. The event starts at N.W. Davis & Third with fireworks, lion dances, and traditional rolls, followed by a parade that marches through downtown Portland to the Oregon Historical Society Museum (1200 SW Park Ave, Portland), where more performances by local lion dance teams are held. For info, call (503) 222-1741 or visit <www.ohs.org>.

Lunar New Year at Uwajimaya

Jan 29, 2pm & 2:45pm, Uwajimaya Plaza (10500 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton, Ore.). Watch Lunar New Year performances held in honor of the Year of the Rooster. 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>.

Chinese New Year storytime

Jan 29, 3pm, Powell's Books at Cedar Hills Crossing (3415 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton, Ore.). Join a Chinese New Year-themed storytime welcoming the Year of the Rooster. For info, call (503) 643-3131 or visit <www.powells.com>.

Cherry Blossom Center Lunar New Year

Feb 3, 11:15am, East Portland Community Center, Multipurpose Rooms (740 SE 106th Ave, Portland). Enjoy an Asian lunch and cultural performances at a Lunar New Year celebration benefitting the Meals On Wheels program at the Cherry Blossom Center. For info, call (503) 953-8104 or e-mail <colette.livermore@mealsonwheelspeople.org>.

Tet Festival 2017

Feb 4, 9am-5pm, Oregon Convention Center, Exhibit Hall C (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland). Celebrate the Year of the Rooster at the Vietnamese Community of Oregon's Tet Festival. The daytime festival features activities including performances, music, an *ao dai* (long dress) pageant, activities for children, recognition of outstanding students, a kids' fashion show, a history competition, and more. An evening of musical

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