

2004 Chinese Heritage Week Celebration

The City of Plano plans to proclaim the week of May 10 - 16, 2004 as Chinese Heritage Week to recognize the contributions of the local Chinese community. Voice of Asian American Association (VOAAA) and co-host Association of Chinese Professionals (ACP), supported by other local Chinese/Asian groups, will organize a series of celebratory events during the week to highlight Chinese culture.

Talent from the local Chinese community will take the opportunity to showcase their culture and heritage to the public. The week's celebration will conclude on May 16th, 12:00-5:30 PM, at Haggard Park in historic downtown Plano with demonstrations of Chinese calligraphy, painting, traditional dances, musical instruments, and other cultural arts. The culmination of the day's events will be held at 7:00 p.m. at The Courtyard Theater in Haggard Park with music and dances performed by local talent from the Chinese community. An art and photo exhibition is planned in the lobby of the theater for the Month of May.

The Chinese Heritage week celebration is supported by the City of Plano, the Mayor, the City Council, and other organizations. Come alone or bring the whole family to enjoy a day of traditional Chinese music, dance, and cultural exhibits.

The City of Plano Ethnic Chinese Community

Today, the fast-growing ethnic Chinese community in the Plano area numbers well over 10,000. While most of the second generation are local born, many of the parents' generation came from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and various countries in Southeast Asia. In common with other ethnic groups who came to this land of opportunity throughout the history of America, they planted roots in their adopted homeland and worked hard to pursue the American Dream. Today, they are successful doctors, small business owners, artists, scientists, engineers, technicians, teachers, accountants, and are represented in every walk of life. Creative and hardworking, they are making significant contributions to the economic vitality of the city and enriching its cultural life. Proud citizens of the community, the ethnic Chinese add their unique ingredients to spice up the American Melting Pot.

Chinese Art, Calligraphy, and Photography
On View: 5/3-5/30
Reception: May 16, 2-3 pm
Courtyard Theater Lobby, Plano

Haggard Park is located in historic downtown Plano. Its newly renovated 4.9 acre campus covers a gazebo, outdoor performance stand, water fountain, picnic area, and playground. The park is also the home of the Interurban Railway Museum. Immediately adjacent to Haggard Park is the beautiful **Courtyard Theater**. As a 1938 Works Progress Administration project, the former Cox Gymnasium has been a significant building in Plano's history, and has long exemplified the cultural and social heritage of the city of Plano. Its renovation preserved the style of the existing building while adding modern conveniences. The theater is a state-of-the-art facility with historical importance.

Plano Chinese Heritage Festival May 16, 2004 Haggard Park, Plano

Mark your calendar for the Plano Chinese Heritage Festival at Haggard Park in downtown Plano on May 16, from noon to 5:30 PM. This free event is a fun way to introduce kids and adults to Chinese culture.

Highlights for Kids and Those Young at Heart

- ❖ Artist blowing animals shapes from melted candies
- ❖ Participate in a Lion Dance - Bring your camera and experience being lion dancers
- ❖ Red envelopes with Chinese stamps or money for the first 60 kids
- ❖ Chinese language contests and awards
- ❖ Chopstick contests and awards

Highlights for the Whole Family

- ❖ Chinese folk dances
- ❖ Taiji (Tai Chi) group performance (like Yoga)
- ❖ Taiji (Tai Chi) Sword performance
- ❖ Introduction to Chinese medicine and free consultations
- ❖ Chinese Art, Calligraphy, and Photography exhibition in the Theater lobby
- ❖ Exhibitions of award winning art works from local Chinese schools
- ❖ Performances of Chinese traditional music
- ❖ Chinese paper-folding: demos and instructions from a master
- ❖ Police booth for advice on child safety and FAQ



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May 16 Noon-9:00 PM

Haggard Park

901 E. 15th Street, Plano TX, 75074

Courtyard Theater

1509 Avenue H., Plano, TX 75074

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Program Highlights

Traditional Chinese Music & Dances

Chinese Calligraphy and Painting

Arts & Crafts Show

Art and Photo Exhibits

Lion Dance

Kung Fu Demonstration

Chinese Musical Instruments

Tai Chi Demonstration

Acupuncture & Massage Demonstration

Fashion Show

Kids Program

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