



OFFICE OF MAYOR SAM ADAMS
CITY OF PORTLAND

DATE: June 1, 2012

TO: Commissioner Amanda Fritz
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FROM: Mayor Sam Adams

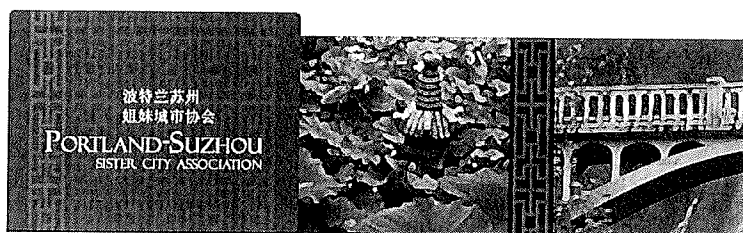
RE: Portland's nine Sister City Associations

I wish to submit a Time Certain proposal for June 6, 2012, from 2:00 PM for 15 minutes, featuring representatives from Portland's nine Sister City Associations. These representatives will present on behalf of their respective Sister City Associations, the achievements they have made, and their contributions to the City of Portland and the international community.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sam Adams



The Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association
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PSSCA 2012 Highlights

PSSCA Mission: PSSCA is dedicated to mutual friendship and understanding between the people of Portland and Suzhou and the regions these cities serve. PSSCA sponsors, encourages, and facilitates cultural, economic, educational, and other exchanges which promote goodwill.

Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association *Evening Under the Stars* Gala Wednesday evening June 6, 2012, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Lan Su Chinese Garden 239 NW Everett Street Portland Oregon 97209

Presented by Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association at the Everett Street, Portland, Oregon. This is the 12th annual gala, coinciding with the 24th anniversary of the Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association. This event includes a buffet dinner, hosted beverages, and award presentations, proclamations from the Mayor as well as the Governor, annual scholarship presentation, and silent auction. You may visit <http://www.portlandsuzhou.org> to purchase your ticket. For additional information contact Rob Coomer at robcoomer@hotmail.com.

The Suzhou Traditional Chinese Painting Exhibition

Monday, June 4 to Sunday, June 10, 2012

Portland Center for the Performing Arts

1111 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205

Open 10 am to 5:00 PM

Admission is free

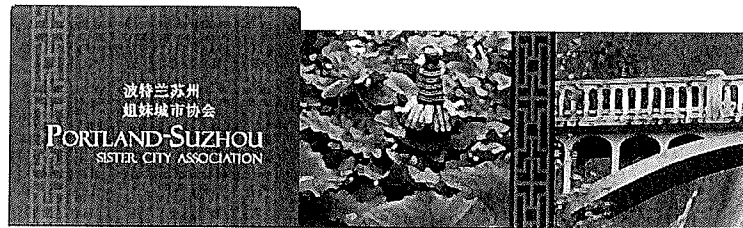
The Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association in cooperation with the Suzhou Academy of Traditional Chinese Painting and the Suzhou Foreign Affairs Office and with the financial support of the Mark Spencer Hotel is happy to host 58 works of art from masters of art in Chinese Ink and Wash from 17 Chinese artists from the Suzhou Jiangsu Province Admission is free. For additional information contact Robert J Fraser at 593 746 7384 or by e-mail at robertjfraser@comcast.net.

Suzhou/Portland Student International Exchange Program In January/ February of this year Portland schools hosted Suzhou students from the following schools during the Chinese 2012 Spring Festival week. PSSCA celebrated these exchange programs by PSSCA Board Members presenting each school from Suzhou with a plaque celebrating our friendship, as well as a beautiful four color book of photography on Portland. Students from many of these schools will be visiting their host families in Suzhou

1. Suzhou Jiangfan Middle School --- French American International School (set up in 2011)
2. Suzhou Xujiang Experimental Middle School --- West Sylvan Middle School (set up in 2011)
3. Suzhou Experimental Elementary School --- Woodstock Elementary School (set up in 2004)
4. Lida Middle School - Hosford Middle School
5. Suzhou #10 High School - Jackson Middle School

October 23 to 26 PSSCA will host a Suzhou business and governmental delegation which will be attending the **Portland Ecodistricts Summit** at Portland State University October 23 to 26, 2012.

This conference convenes a collection of the world's leading professional and projects to share best practices, explore innovative topics and connect with each other. The conference will seek out the most inspiring global projects and people who are making them happen. The conference is committed to mainstreaming the solutions needed to create sustainable communities.



Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association 2011 Year in Review (Continued)

September:

- Robert Fraser, V.P. PSSCA joined the Oregon Legislators and Oregon Governor on two separate trade missions to China, representing Study Oregon, promoting Oregon's universities and colleges to students and faculties, as well as his own company Eduvents. PSSCA President Jim Mei and Board Members Cathy Chinn and Raymond Cheung also participated on the Governor's Trip. Cities included in combination with the two separate trade missions were Hong Kong, Shanghai, Xiamen, Xian, Beijing, Tianjin.
- Robert continued his mission to Suzhou to meet with the Suzhou Foreign Affairs Office to begin developing educational, cultural and business opportunities during his term of President for 2012. Note: participation of the above PSSCA Board Members was not funded by PSSCA.
- The opening of Lincoln's new Confucius Classroom in September. Lincoln also engaged a visiting CI teacher Qui Quing from Suzhou who is team teaching with Lincoln Mandarin teacher Marie Meyer for the entire school year 2011-2012.

October:

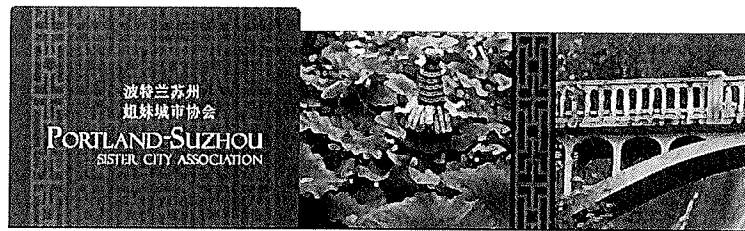
- Mayor Adams & PSSCA Delegation Visit to Suzhou
- Invitation extended to Mayor of Suzhou and his delegation to visit June 5 to 10, honoring the Mayor at PSSCA's *Evenings Under The Stars* Gala and invitation to participate in the Rose Festival festivities and celebration of the Centennial of the Portland Rosarians.
- Scheduling of the Suzhou Traditional Chinese Painting Exhibition at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts June 3 to 10, 2012. Fifty eight works of art by 17 artists from Suzhou.
- Invitation extended to the Suzhou Ballet Company to perform at the PSSCA *Evening Under the Stars* Gala.
- Representing Portland's universities and colleges and Study Oregon at the Suzhou Educational Fair October 22, 2011 in Suzhou. This portion of the trip was funded by EduVents.
- Participation and presentation by Mayor Adams at a roundtable meeting at the Institutes of Sustainable Communities' Low Carbon Institute at the Suzhou Singapore Industrial Park.
- Visit to Portland's most recent sister city school, the Suzhou New District Experimental High School

November:

- PSSCA hosted dinner for the delegation from the Human Services Department of Suzhou at Wong's King Restaurant.

December:

- PSSCA held their annual Strategic Planning Meeting for 2012, Saturday, December 10 at the Westin Hotel co-hosted by PSSCA, EduVents and the Westin Hotel.
- Reception for Sponsors and Annual Installation Dinner Meeting at Wong's King Restaurant confirming Phil Peach as Treasurer, Bonnie Starkey as Secretary, Randall Donohue as Vice President and Robert Fraser as President. Jim Mei was recognized for his service and dedication to PSSCA as President for the past three years.



Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association

PSSCA 2011 Highlights

February:

- Establishment of a Portland-Suzhou Sister City Facebook web site.
- Two new Board members approved by Board: Kojo Hakam and Rob Coomer.
- PSSCA co-hosted celebrations for visiting students from Suzhou at three Portland Middle and High Schools.

March:

- Establishment of an internship program with Portland State University to research mutual opportunities between Portland and Suzhou in preparation for Mayor's Delegation visit to Suzhou.
- Portland's Nine Sister Cities appoint Lynne McIntyre as 2011 Rose Festival events chairperson.

April:

- PSSCA Board Member Kojo Hakam leads a group of Woodstock students to China.
- Lynne McIntyre joined Governor Kitzhaber and Mayor Adams in greeting Politburo Member, Madame Liu Yandong, and State Councilor of the People's Republic of China, the highest-ranking woman in the Chinese government, who visited Portland State University and the Confucius Institute on April 15. Oregon-Fujian Sister State President Jin Lan, Jim Mei and Cathy Chinn joined her at the welcome luncheon, where Oregon's highest government officials honored Madame Liu. The importance of education, particularly in Chinese Language, was the focal point of the visit. Madame Liu is the highest government official to ever visit Oregon.

May:

- Twenty-Third Anniversary *Evening Under the Stars* Gala Benefit held at the Lan Su Chinese Garden.
- Guest of Honor Mr. Jian Ge President of the Wuzhong Group
- Education Leadership Award presented to the Confucius Institute, Cultural Leadership Award presented to the First Saturday Program, Business Leadership Award presented to Wong's King Restaurant.
- PSSCA's Fourth Annual Newcombe Wang Memorial Scholarship awarded to Zhen Han.
- PSSCA represented by Lynne McIntyre at City of Portland International Business Awards Dinner. McIntyre.

June:

- Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association participated with Portland's nine sister-city associations in the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade and the pre-parade healthy walk. Participation included Lynne McIntyre representing Suzhou on the Regence BlueCross/Blue Shield World of Wellness sister cities float, as well as 25 float out walkers representing PSSCA, PSU Students from Suzhou and Lincoln High School. Three PSSCA Board members were honored guests at the CEO and Fleet Admirals luncheon.
- PSSCA was a sponsor of the Northwest Chinese Alliance Marching Group in the Grand Floral Parade, headed by Cathy Chinn and Mike Zhang, with participation of 16 Portland Chinese groups."
- Cathy Chinn participated as a judge in the selection of the 2011 Rose Festival Queen.
- President Jim Mei and Vice President Robert Fraser gratefully accepted a \$1,000 grant award from the Spirit Mountain Foundation Community Fund to be used to support organizational activities.

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Portland's nine Sister City Associations (Presentation introduced by Mayor
Adams)

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