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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Last month, BBC World Service cancelled its long running *East Asia Today* radio broadcast. BBC explained the need to divert funds to their Arabic, Indonesian and Urdu services, due to "events and issues emanating from the Middle East and the wider Islamic world." The broadcaster assured listeners that major stories emanating from East Asia [would] receive proper prominence" in other programs.

I first became a fan of the program in the 1980's, via shortwave, when I lived in China for a couple of years. What appealed to me most about *East Asia Today* was its regular attention to the "small" stories, pieces with a lot more color than a wire report, created by journalists who, while posted in China to cover the big story when it broke, also had the opportunity to cover the ordinary and everyday aspects of life in China. I look forward to the return of *East Asia Today*, preferably not to cover a spreading crisis, but to revisit the fascinating stuff of the everyday and the ordinary in a part of the world experiencing extraordinary change. Let's hope it won't be a long time coming.

Rosario Aglioloro

CHINA COUNCIL NEWS

Tribute to Donald Jenkins

On March 28 the Portland Art Museum threw a gala retirement party for Donald Jenkins, Curator of Asian Art, who worked at the museum for fifty years, including a stint as the museum's director.



Donald Jenkins with Asian Art Council member Denise Vetterlein, his long-time assistant Jan Quivey, and NWCC member Willow Zheng.

The special day began with tours of PAM's Asian Art Galleries, calligraphy and painting demonstrations, a Japanese tea ceremony, and East Asian music and dance performances. In the afternoon, Dr. Nicole Rousmaniere, director of the Sainsbury Institute of Japanese Art and Culture in Norwich, England lectured on "European Perspectives of Japanese Art." Her presentation was this year's Mildred Schnitzer Memorial Lecture, to recognize Donald's contributions to the field. The celebration continued into the evening at a reception to benefit the Donald Jenkins Chair of Asian Art, established in his honor in 1995.

Donald Jenkins is a former NWCC president, board member and Flying Horse Community Service Award recipient. His early involvement with the Council was very important to its success. He has continued to support our efforts in many ways. NWCC executive director Rosario Aglioloro gave Donald a hand-painted fan created, and donated, by Willow Zheng to thank him for his many contributions to the Council and the community over the years.

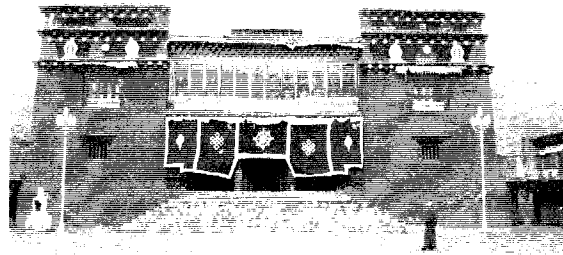
2004 Auction & Dinner Fundraiser

The Council's 14th Annual Chinese New Year Auction and Dinner at the Great China Seafood Restaurant on February 7 was attended by over 375 people. Based on a highly unscientific word-of-mouth survey, we can confidently say that our guests had fun. The Council raised approximately \$23,000, providing a much needed boost to our treasury. Prior to dinner and the live auction, NWCC board member Lillian Tsai presented the Flying Horse Community Service Award to Christine and Patrick Chan for their efforts in establishing a school in Shanxi Province, China.

The success of this year's event was due to the great work of NWCC board members and auction committee co-chairs Sarah Auker and John Wong and to the following wonderful volunteers: Antonia Aglioloro, David Auker, Nate Donely, Nancy Dollahite, Trina Hing, Yue-shun Ho, Shireen Farrahi, David Kohl, Dennis Lee, Holly Lim, Jeanne Liu, Linda Lowell, Paul Millius, Robert Moon, Selena Moon, Molly Peters, Julie Jirel Reed, Elise Sanders, Ron Smith, Cynthia Terry, Nancy Thompson, Shu-Ju Wang, Marcia Weinstein, Gloria Yan, Lynne

Zhang and Willow Zheng. *Thank you volunteers! 多谢!*

NWCC 2005 TOUR—"JOURNEY TO KHAM"



Yellow Hat sect temple in Lithang D. Bleye

Travel to Western Sichuan Province
(Eastern Tibetan Plateau) with
David Bleye, former US Consul General, Chengdu.
Scheduled dates: July 20-August 5.
Details coming soon to www.nwchina.org

Program notes

On February 17, **Tom Bishop**, creator of the Wenlin Chinese language CD-ROM demonstrated the latest edition of the software at the China Council program space. Tom has been developing the Wenlin system for over 10 years. His informative demonstration covered the key features of the Wenlin system, which is a great resource for students of Chinese at all levels. = **David Bleye**, former US Consul General in Chengdu China, was at the Council on February 24 to talk about his travels in Kham, home of the Khampas, Tibetans who live in the eastern region of the Tibetan Plateau in western Sichuan Province. David will be leading a China Council tour to the region in July-August 2005. The preliminary tour announcement can be found at www.nwchina.org. A detailed brochure will be available soon. = On February 29, Professor **Chen Shiliang**, former director of the Institute for the Studies of the Qiuci (Kizil) Grotto Art in Xinjiang, talked about the recent discovery of Buddhist murals in caves along the Northern Silk Route. Professor Chen's talk was very ably interpreted by Willamette University Professor **Zhou Xijuan**, who will give a presentation for the Council on June 8 (please see the events calendar in this issue for details). Chen's Portland visit was made possible with generous support from the **Silk Road Foundation** (www.silk-road.com), and the following co-sponsors: Professor Dan Waugh and his colleagues at the University of Washington and the Seattle Asian Art Museum, and the Asian Art Council (AAC) of the Portland Art Museum (PAM). Many thanks to Adela Lee at the Silk Road Foundation, and to AAC member Denise Vetterlein and Jan Quivey at PAM for their indispensable support. = Architect **Al Staehli** talked about his research and documentation of the **Kam Wah Chung & Co.** building in John Day on March 4 at the Central Library in downtown Portland. Mr. Staehli shared his ideas on the building's genesis and how it was transformed by its Chinese inhabitants into a general store and Chinese apothecary, and then a museum. The Council has organized a trip to Kam Wah Chung and other sites in June. Please see the events calendar in this issue.

CHINA BUSINESS NETWORK

CBN chair heading North (not East)

Evan Franulovich, the wildly popular, intelligent and capable head of the Council's China Business Network and NWCC board member, will be leaving Portland in May and heading to King Salmon, Alaska (population 443) where his wife Michelle, a US Forest Service employee, has accepted the Chief Interpreter position for the Becharof National Wildlife Refuge. This fall, Evan will pursue a Masters Degree in Adventure Education & Wilderness Leadership with Prescott College. In 2002, Evan and his sidekick **Robert Visser** (now working in Philadelphia) joined the board of the Council and worked to revitalize the Council's China Business Network offerings, especially the monthly business luncheons.

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Their commitment to making the venture a success was realized and provided an important boost to our business programs. NWCC board members **Lillian Tsai**, President and founder of TsaiComms, and **Judith Woo Poutasse**, attorney-at-law at Parker, Bush and Lane are the new CBN co-chairs. Also joining the CBN steering committee are **David Kohl**, an East Asia Specialist, and **Eric van Naerssen**, a law student the Northwest School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. *Good luck Evan!*



Evan & Michelle with progeny

CBN PROGRAM NOTES: The January CBN speaker at the House of Louie was **Damon Hess**, Senior Director of Worldwide Sales for the Tualatin-based company, **Pixelworks**, which produces integrated circuits for flat-panel monitors, and other advanced display products. Hess talked about the company's sales challenges and approaches in China and Taiwan. = **Roy Garvin** of **Microstein, LLC**, a company that makes ergonomic microtubes for the bio-community, was our March CBN speaker. Garvin spoke about how his company set up an outsourcing arrangement with a manufacturer in China. = The April CBN featured **Paccess** executives **Bill Driscoll** and **Bob Brenner**. They described Paccess approach with packaging and logistics when assisting companies who source product in Asia. Paccess is a local private company with the bulk of its business operations in Asia.

EVENTS CALENDAR

"Imperial Threads" Unraveling the Mystery of Chinese Textiles" with Lucinda Pierpont

Lucinda Pierpont has collected, lectured on and sold antique Chinese textiles and Qing Dynasty jewelry for over 20 years. She will use a behind the scenes approach to Chinese textiles, examining the *wheres and whys* of weaving techniques, stitches, motifs and dye and protocol court dress. Some of the items considered will be on display.



Chinese antique woman's koseu weave jacket

Ms. Pierpont's grandparents were part of an American Legation in Beijing in the early 20th century. This whetted Lucinda's appetite for 'things Chinese' at a tender age. Some of her collection was featured in Seattle's "Son of Heaven" exhibition sale.

Lucinda has lived and worked in Honolulu, Seattle and Taipei and was a radio and TV news anchorwoman in Denver and Taipei.

When: **Tuesday, May 18--7-8:30 PM**
Where: The Monkey & The Rat*
131 NW Second Avenue, near Davis
Cost: free. Donations gladly accepted.
Reservation required: call 503 973-5451

*The Monkey & The Rat are purveyors of fine and friendly objects from faraway places, including Thailand, Laos, Burma, India, China, Indonesia and other Pacific Islands.



The Taiwan Election



UC Berkeley sociologist Thomas Gold recently returned from Taiwan where he was an election observer for the hotly (and bizarrely) contested Presidential election won by pro-independence candidate, Chen Shuibian.

Professor Gold will share

his observations on the election and consider its impact on China-Taiwan-US relations.

When: **Thursday, May 20, 12 PM--1:30 PM**
Where: Multnomah Athletic Club
1849 SW Salmon St., Portland
Cost: \$15 NWCC & World Affairs Council members;
\$20 non-members
Pre-registration required to the
World Affairs Council at 503 274-7488

International Children's Day

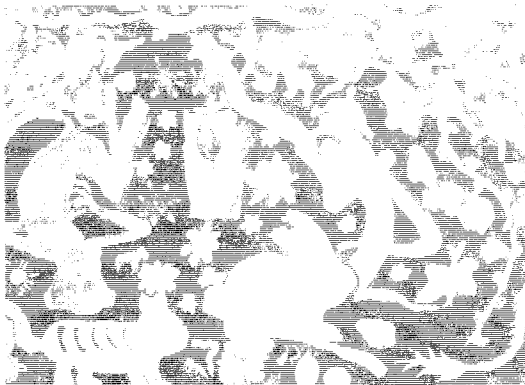
Celebrate International Children's Day with activities for and by children with performances, craft projects, and a scavenger hunt! Sponsored by the Portland Classical Chinese Garden, the Northwest China Council, and the Zimmerman Community Center.

Activities free with admission.

When: **Saturday June 5, 11--3 PM**
Where: Portland Classical Chinese Garden
NW 3rd Ave. at Everett, Portland

Cost: \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5.50 for students;
PCCG members & children under 5 free.

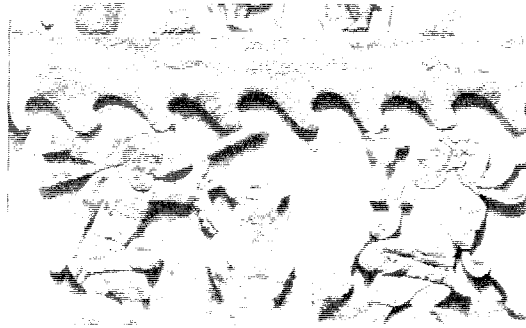
Happy International Children's Day June 1, 2004



Detail, Chinese Zodiac mural created by local art students to celebrate the Year of the Monkey. ©Willow Zheng 2003

The Sogdians and Religious Interaction along the Silk Routes, with Professor Xijuan Zhou

Sogdians were an ethnic group from the Central Asia, primarily known as merchants who traveled the ancient "Silk Routes" and played an important role in transmitting Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism and Buddhism into China.



Relief carving from a sarcophagus, 593 CE

In recent years, Chinese archeologists have found two Sogdian tombs in Northwest China (Xinjiang) with powerful images that suggest possible links between Sogdian and Buddhist art, especially regarding their perspectives on afterlife.

Professor Zhou is originally from Xinjiang Province, where she was a research assistant at Institute of Inner Asian Studies at the Xinjiang Academy of Social Sciences. Zhou earned an M.A. and Ph. D. in Middle East and Inner Asian Studies from Columbia University, and is currently an associate professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Willamette University.

When: **Tuesday evening, June 8, 7-8:30 PM**
Where: NW China Council, 127 NW 3rd at Davis.
Cost: NWCC members free; non-members \$5.
Reservation required: call 503 973-5451

The Chinese in Eastern Oregon Tour

Join a two and a half day tour to explore Chinese American landmarks and history in beautiful Eastern Oregon. Leave Friday, June 11 at noon, return Sunday, June 13 around 8 PM. RSVP deadline is April 30.*

*A postcard with the complete itinerary was sent to Council members in early April 2004; reservations may be accepted after 4/30. Please call us or visit www.nwchina.org for details.

LANGUAGE NEWS

Summer language classes will begin the week of July 12 for 8 weeks. Schedule and registration details will be available By June 1 at 503 973-5451 and www.nwchina.org.

WENLIN Language Learning Software

China Council members can now purchase the latest version of the latest Wenlin Chinese language CD-ROM, for \$179, seventy dollars below the \$249 retail price. (What a deal!)



Here's how it works: call or send us an e-mail to let us know that you are interested in purchasing the software. We will confirm your membership and forward your name to Wenlin sales representative Mark Roblee from whom you can buy the software, by phone at 1 413 549-1134 or email @ mark@wenlin.com. Visit www.wenlin.com for details about the software.

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