

CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES NEWSLETTER

Valparaiso University

CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES PROGRAM
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THE EAST ASIAN CLUB

invites you to attend a

Chinese Dinner

Thursday, February 17

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Huegli Hall Dining Room

Join us in

celebrating the

Chinese New Year!

The Year of the Dragon

Course Offered on Chinese Landscape Painting

Introduction to Chinese Landscape Painting

February 24 - May 4, 2000

Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:45 p.m., Huegli Hall

Instructor: Prof. Deming Zhang

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Landscape painting is an essential part of Chinese culture. Professor Deming Zhang, a Chinese language professor of Zhejiang University and currently a visiting scholar at VU, will introduce you

to this art form in a nine-week short course open to anyone who is interested in Chinese culture and arts.

Prof. Zhang started to learn landscape painting in the 1970s and has since kept this as his main hobby in addition to his teaching at the university. His work has been shown in a number of exhibits in China.

In this course, Prof. Zhang will introduce you to the basic techniques of Chinese landscape painting. Starting with simple drawing like painting a tree and a rock, he will then show you how to conceive and paint a complete landscape from the viewpoint of Chinese tradition and culture. Each participant is expected to draw, as an individual project, a complete landscape painting by the end of the course.

There is no prerequisite for this course. The fee is \$15.00 which covers the materials and tools to be used in the class. The class meets once a week (every Thursday evening) in Huegli Hall and is divided into two 45-minute sessions with a 15-minute break. Class enrollment is limited to 20 participants.

Course Schedule:

Feb. 24: Introduction to Chinese landscape painting: tool, methods, and philosophy

March 2: Drawing a tree

March 23: Drawing group of trees

March 30: Drawing a rock

April 6: Drawing group of rocks

April 13: Drawing a mountain

April 20: Drawing mountain range and waterfall

April 27: Designing a landscape painting

May 4: Review and completion of individual project/painting

If you are interested in registering for this course, please contact Beth Schoppa at 5954 or <beth.schoppa@valpo.edu> by February 22.

Announcements

There are still plenty of spots left for those who want to study at the Hangzhou Program in China this fall. Please contact Prof. Lin (5749) or Rachel Gretencord at the International Studies Office (5333) immediately.

We welcome the arrival of three visiting scholars from Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. They are Profs. Deming Zhang, Huiqing Zheng, and Guoliang Guo. Their telephone number is 531-5407.

We also welcome Prof. Robin Visser who is teaching History 341, The Making of Modern China, this semester.

We will have another newsletter after the spring break. If you have items to be included in the next newsletter, please contact Beth Schoppa.

Research Grant Awarded

Ryan Murray, a VU senior, and Prof. Zhimin Lin have received a research grant from AsiaNetwork to conduct field research in China this summer. The research will focus on Chinese perception of the United States in the wake of the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade and the WTO agreement reached between the two countries last year.

EAST ASIAN CLUB NEWS

Ryan Murray has initiated a series of activities on behalf of the East Asian Club, including the weekly noodle lunch (Tuesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 in Huegli Hall) and regular viewing of Chinese and Japanese movies. For more information or if you want to participate, please contact him at x5534 or email him (ryan.murray@valpo.edu).

EDITOR'S NOTE

This newsletter, produced by the Chinese & Japanese Studies Program at Valparaiso University (formerly called the East Asian Studies Program), aims to enhance communication among those who are interested in Chinese and Japanese Studies.

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