



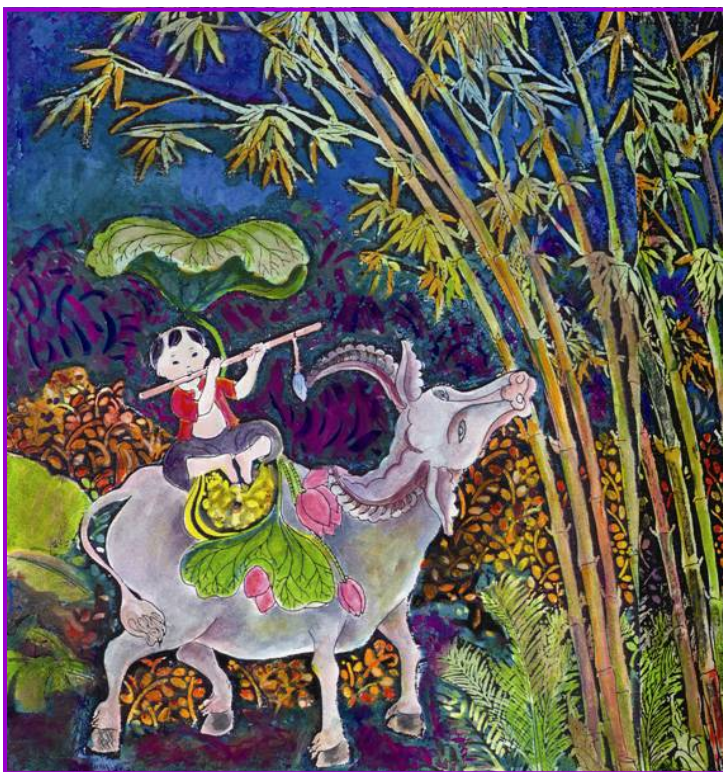
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VAC ENEWS LETTER- JANUARY 2009

2009

Chúc Mừng Năm Mới  
Happy New Year



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#### **A MESSAGE FROM VIET ART**

**Friends of Viet Art,**

For those who thought today is the last day to enjoy the “Holiday Season”, I have a good new for you: To the Vietnamese and Chinese (and some others), the party has just begun!

January is a playful month (*Tháng giêng là tháng ăn chơi*). Indeed, although Viet Nam has always been a poor country, January (yes, its entire 31 days) to the Vietnamese is a “party-month”. Furthermore, as though January is not enough, the Vietnamese extends their holiday season to “February for gambling; March for festivities” (*Tháng hai cờ bạc, tháng ba hội hè*). So if you would like to do business with the Vietnamese in 2009, you will need to wait until the holiday season is officially over, which is... April.

Around the world, there are many plans for festivals, parades, celebrations, etc. to welcome the New Year of the Buffalo (*Xuân Kỷ Sửu*).

VAC cordially invites you to our upcoming Before New Year Celebration - *Mừng Tết Niên* on Friday evening, January 16, 2009.

We hope you will come to join us bidding farewell to the momentous 2008 (politic, economic, Olympic...), year of the Mouse and welcoming a hopeful 2009 (politic, economic, Special Olympic...), year of the Buffalo.

Peace and Love,  
Michelle Phương Thảo

#### **I. Art, Culture, Charity**

1. VAC's Before New Year Celebration

Tết Kỷ Sửu  
Year of the Buffalo

恭喜发财

An Khang Thịnh Vượng  
Peace – Health – Prosperity

Viet Art Center (VAC)  
Before New Year Celebration  
Mừng Tết Niên

Year of the Buffalo  
You are invited!  
Friday, January 16  
6:30pm-9:00pm  
13091 Galway Street  
Garden Grove, CA 92844  
(Inside St. Anselm Episcopal Church)

Hosts:  
Rev. Wilfredo Benitez- St. Anselm, Quyên Di –UCLA,  
Lindsey Tiên Dung-Saigon TV, Michelle Phuong Thảo  
–VAC

Music Performance by Lê Hồng Quang,  
Đan Tâm, Việt Hải, Thái Mỹ, Phương Lan and  
students,

Sponsored by  
St. Anselm Episcopal Church, Vietnamese Woman  
Chamber of Commerce, 808Investment LLC

Food, drink, music, and art exhibitions  
RSVP (required) by  
Email: vietartcenter@aol.com  
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3. Westminster, CA: Tet Festival  
January 24-25, 2008

presenting by

Hồng Bàng Vietnamese Language School  
Location: Westminster Mall

**VAC – Tet Culture Presentation**

January 24, 2008  
Time: 3pm-5pm  
Location: Tet Festival at Westminster Mall

Guest Speaker: Quyen Di (UCLA)  
English Translation: Quế Nghi  
Refreshment, Music, Art Exhibition  
Free admission for Tet Festival Participants

4. San Diego, CA: Tet Festival: “A Vibrant Spring”

Organized by:

Vietnamese American Youth Alliance  
January 23-25, 2008  
Location: Balboa Park  
Park Boulevard & Presidents Way  
Contact: [www.sdtet.com](http://www.sdtet.com)

5. Garden Grove, CA: Tet Festival: “A Spring of Hope”

Organized by:

Vietnamese Students Association  
January 30-February 1  
Location: Garden Grove Park  
9301 Westminster Blvd  
Contact: [www.tetfestival.org](http://www.tetfestival.org)

6. Westminster, CA: Tet Parade

Organized by:

City of Westminster  
January 31

Time: 10am  
Location: Bolsa and Magnolia Avenue  
Contact: City of Westminster – Tet Parade

7. Oakland, CA: Tet Festival  
Organized by:

Oakland Museum of California  
January 25  
Location: Oakland Museum of California  
1000 Oak at 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Contact: [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org) or 510-238-2200

8. Grand Prairie, TX: Tet Festival  
Organized by:

Vietnamese American Community of Dallas/Fort Worth  
January 31-February 1  
Location; Traders Village  
Mayfield Road  
Contact: 972-647-2331

## **II. VAC's 2009 Exhibition at the Westminster Rose Center, CA**

1. January 15-April 18: Viet Art Painting Exhibition: Springtime
  2. May 30-July 5: Call for Submission - Photo Contest & Exhibition: Memories of Vietnam 1955-1975
  3. August 1-October 31: Call for Submission—Photo Contest & Exhibition: Beauty of Nature
- Details for the exhibitions coming soon

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An insightful and interesting message to 2008 from Ky-Phong Tran:

<http://www.nguoi-viet.com/absolutenm/anmviewer.asp?a=88922&z=19>

## **ABOUT VIET ART CENTER FOUNDATION**

The Viet Art Center Foundation was formed as a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit community art center supporting the contemporary artists working in all forms of cultural arts.

Viet Art Weekly E-news are sending to more than 5000 email recipients living all over U.S. and around the world. Our e-news serve the sole purpose of providing upcoming cultural and educational activities of Viet Art Center to those who share

the same mission to promote and to advance Vietnamese Art and Culture.

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