

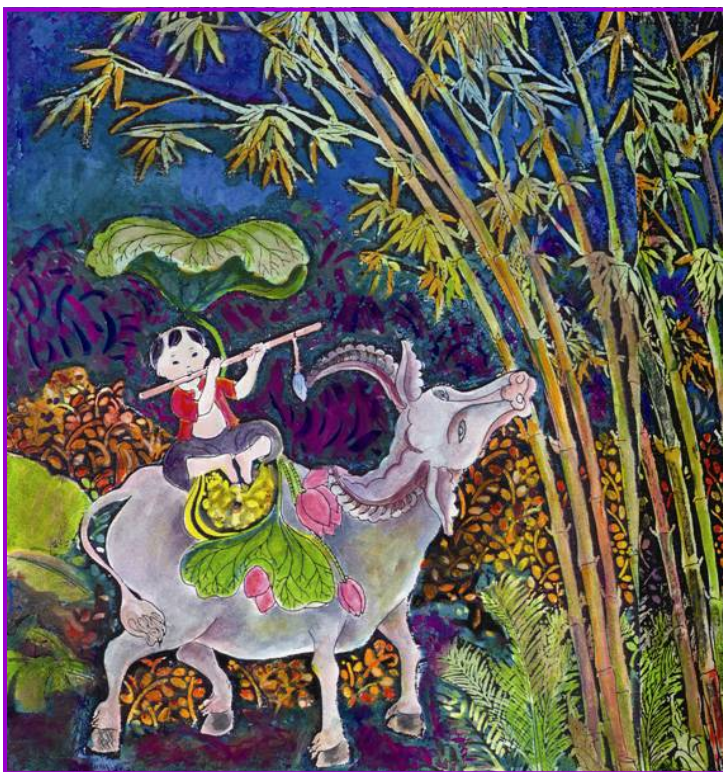


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VAC ENEWS LETTER- JANUARY 2009

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: Quyên 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

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

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 10th Street
Contact: 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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