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Lan Su Chinese Garden Launches Steep & Paint Workshop Series in partnership with Oregon Botanical Artists

Each session combines a guided art project with tea tasting and plant talk

March 31, 2026 – PORTLAND, Ore. Lan Su Chinese Garden invites guests to slow down, observe, and create with the return of its refreshed Steep & Paint workshop series, beginning April 10, 2026. Presented in partnership with Oregon Botanical Artists, this recurring program blends hands-on artmaking with traditional tea appreciation in one of Portland’s most uniquely beautiful settings.

Held inside Lan Su’s historic garden space, each session features a guided painting project led by a professional botanical artist, paired with a curated tea tasting, and horticulture show-and-tell. Participants will explore seasonal subjects—from blossoms and leaves to texture and form—while learning foundational techniques in observation, composition, and various creative mediums.

“Steep & Paint is about deepening your connection to the natural world through both art and tea,” said Venus Sun, Senior Director of Experience. “It’s an opportunity to slow down, engage your senses, and experience the garden in a new way.”

Workshops will take place regularly from April 2026 through January 2027, with each session offering a unique theme and artistic focus. No prior painting experience is required, and all materials are provided. Space is limited to ensure an intimate, hands-on experience.

The series kicks off in April with a deep dive on Magnolia, an important flower to centuries of Chinese culture. The April 10 session will be led by Amy O’Neill using embroidery thread, and April 24 will be led by Dorota Haber-Lehigh, assisted by O’Neill, utilizing colored pencils.

Event Details:

- What: Steep & Paint Workshop Series
- When: Select dates beginning April 10, 2026 (April–January series)
- Where: Lan Su Chinese Garden, Portland, OR
- Tickets: Advance registration required; space is limited
- More Info: lansugarden.org/paint

About Lan Su Chinese Garden

Located at 239 NW Everett Street, Lan Su Chinese Garden is one of Portland’s greatest treasures. A tranquil oasis in the heart of the city, Lan Su is a powerfully inspiring experience that takes you through time, offering a window into Chinese culture, history, and way of thinking. Lan Su Chinese Garden’s spring/summer hours are 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Sunday through Saturday. Daytime admission is \$16 with reduced rates for students and seniors. Visit lansugarden.org.

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