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Nelson's China Week

New Zealand Chinese Language week is to run this year from September 25 to October 1. In that week, Nelson will be running its own Nelson China Week with a number of events which could be of interest to members. Nelson branch NZCFS have been involved in organising these events and suggested inviting Meng Foon.

All events will be at the Trafalgar Centre, Northern End, off Paruparu Road.

Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. - Meng Foon, from the Human Rights Commission

He is the Race Relations Commissioner and will discuss the evolving cultural mix in New Zealand with particular focus on the integration of Chinese communities - including his own journey.

Meng Foon was Mayor of Gisborne for 18 years before joining the Human Rights Commission. He is of Chinese descent and is one of the few people of Chinese descent to have become a mayor in New Zealand. He is fluent in English, Cantonese, and Māori.

There is a limit to the number of people who can attend, so if you wish to hear him, please register your interest with info@themarketingstudio.co.nz. Please give the names of those wishing to attend.

Thursday, September 29, 1 – 4 p.m. - "Doing Business with China" Seminar

This is a prime opportunity for those who may be considering doing some business in China, as well as those who have other interests in China. Those attending will hear from experts in their field and also local companies speaking on their experiences. To register please email info@themarketingstudio.co.nz

Friday, September 30, 7 p.m. - Theatre and Music Night

This is a free event! An amazing night of Chinese Theatre and Music with an array of performers including:- Dance, Musicians, Singers, and Traditional Costume

If you would like to attend please register with your first and last name and how many will be attending with you. Limited seats are available. Capacity 150 seated. Please register to info@themarketingstudio.co.nz

Saturday, October 1, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - China Day

This is a free event! Everyone is welcome to enjoy the Finale of "China Week". A festival atmosphere including:

- Beautiful Chinese Food, Teas and Refreshments put on by our local Chinese community. (cash sales).
- NZ China Friendship Society Display
- Dance
- Musicians
- Singers
- Traditional Costume
- Art
- Chinese Paper Cutting
- Chinese Calligraphy
- And More...



Last meeting – Two Chinese Stories

We were privileged to have Wei Tong and Duidui with us at our meeting on September 2. They are members of the local Chinese Association and came with Laurie Shawn who has previously spoken to us about his journey.

Wei Tong was a vision in her Chinese traditional dress, Han Fu, and stressed how significant is dress culture, and how its influence is far-reaching. Han Fu is the clothing of the Han nationality and originated during the Huang dynasty. The Japanese kimono, Korean Hanbok and Vietnamese Aodai have all been influenced by Han Fu: the kimono, Wufu, from Wu state during the Three Kingdoms period; Hanbok from traditional Tang to Ming dynasty clothing; Aodai from the Qipao. Videos of clothing through the ages showed different shape systems with 10 silhouettes, both of men and women. There was also illustration of Guan, hair ornaments and men's hair crowns, which is important in dress culture. Wei Tong believes cultural consciousness is awakening, and restoring Chinese civilisation.

Duidui treated us to an account of some of her experiences since her arrival in New Zealand on a working holiday visa in 2015.

Her dream was to live in a different country, like a local, and what a courageous and enterprising young woman she is! From Beijing to Makarora, to Fox Glacier as cleaner in a backpackers hostel, to working for a helicopter company at the West Coast glaciers, and eventually to Nelson. Duidui has been making videos of her experiences to share with friends and family in China - kiwi life, scenery, food, hobbies, adventure experiences . . . Her attitude seems to be 'I can do that' and she is now making jewellery to sell at the Nelson Saturday market.



China Miscellany



Bill and Barbara joined the Nelson Chinese Society to celebrate the Moon Festival. The group had played badminton, made dumplings and the mooncakes. We were welcomed warmly and treated to a delicious lunch

Barbara, Life members Beverley, Isabelle and Royden, and Arnold Clark, met with Peter Grundy and Carole Stewart of NCC in the Huangshi Chinese garden to discuss garden maintenance and upkeep. It was good to be able to reinforce the importance of the peonies planted in June Clark's memory and the tree in Robin Brown's. Peter is going to pass this on to the gardeners and ask for pruning to be done to allow more sunlight on the plants. The initial water problem has been fixed but the water level will not improve now until that in the Queen's Garden pond has raised. This is a result of the recent flooding.

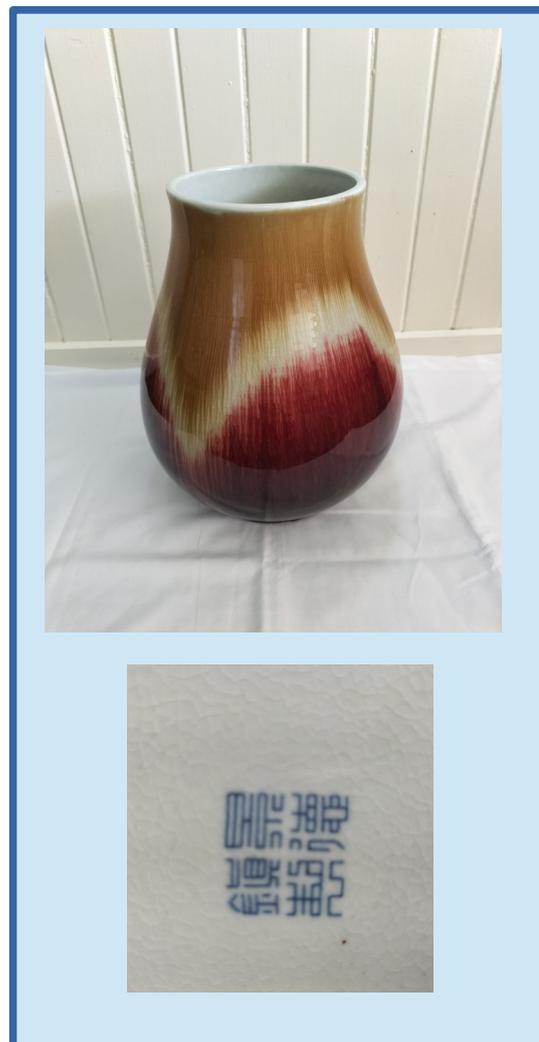


Raffle of Jingdezhen vases

Jingdezhen is a Chinese city in the eastern province of Jiangxi. It is known as the "Porcelain Capital" because it has been producing Chinese ceramics for at least 1,000 years, and for much of that period Jingdezhen porcelain was the most important and finest quality in China.



Traditional Jingdezhen vase and base mark



Modern Jingdezhen vase and base mark

We are raffling two beautiful vases from Jingdezhen over China week to raise funds to develop cultural understanding and friendships through the valuable and successful provision of youth exchanges and projects. These vases were sourced through a friendship between Ian and Jane Lister and the Li family who have a ceramic factory and school in the city of Jingdezhen, Jiangxi province and home of Chinese ceramics, including the famous blue and white pottery.

While working for NMIT managing their China programme, Ian and Jane provided support for Li Haoran, the son of the Li family, who was studying at Nanchang University and subsequently came to Nelson to study commerce at NMIT. During this time Ian and Jane visited the Li family in Jingdezhen and hosted them on a visit to Nelson. Li Haoran and his friends became part of the Lister family in Nelson often cooking and sharing meals together. After completing his degree in Nelson and a Masters in Auckland, Li returned home for a holiday in Jingdezhen in late 2019. When COVID struck in early 2020 Haoran was unable to return to New Zealand as planned so at his request, Ian and Jane sold his car, rehomed his cat and arranged for his personal effects to be freighted home. Haoran left behind these beautiful vases for Ian and Jane to use at their discretion. They decided to donate them to raise funds for future exchanges and projects that will provide opportunities for the youth of New Zealand and China to learn about each other's cultures and encourage friendships to develop.

The vases are being raffled separately. Tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 5 for \$20.00