



## ASIAN ART FACTS

Many people are fascinated by the mystical dragon, a creature that appears in the mythology of cultures around the world, but few know that in Chinese mythology the dragon bore nine sons:

*Qin Ni*: Loves music, he likes to crouch on the heads of stringed instruments where he often appears as decoration.

*Ya Zi*: Bad-tempered and fractious, he often appears on axes, knives and swords, and is thought to add power to ancient weapons.

*Chao Feng*: Fearless, he watches from high places by perching on the corners of palace roofs.

*Pu Lao*: Lives near the sea, fond of roaring and his figure is put on bell handles.

*Pi Xiu*: In charge of wealth, he has the head of a lion and the body of a dragon and guards doors.

*Ba Xia*: Has great strength and likes to carry heavy things. Loves words, so he is often seen carrying stone tablets with inscriptions.

*Bi An*: Like a tiger, he is wise and can tell who is good or evil, so his figure appears in courtrooms.

*Fu Xi*: Loves literature, often seen carved in scholar's objects. Known as the grass dragon.

*Chi Wen*: likes swallowing things. In charge of rainfall, he guards buildings from fire.

*Jiao Tu*: Tight-lipped as a mussel or a snail. His image is carved on doors.

*Dragon Tortoise*: Has the head of a dragon and body of a tortoise. Longevity symbol.



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## DE SINO GALLERY

*Tea garden, Stone, Cast Iron & Bronze  
Buddhist Statues, Eclectic Home &  
Garden Furnishings, Political Pop Art,  
Modern Watercolor, and Much More ...*

## GLIMPSES OF THE EVOLVING DE SINO



# DE SINO GALLERY

MARCH 05 – NEWSLETTER

**De Sino Gallery has moved!**  
*Now serving Tea in the garden.*

After two-year stint at 2508 San Pablo (at Dwight Way), De Sino Gallery has found a new oasis. Now located at **2216 San Pablo Ave., cross street Allston, next to Omega Too**, De Sino Gallery has gained approximately 2000 square feet of outdoor garden space, in addition to 1000 square feet of showroom space.

We had been looking for a location with garden space, and finally an opportunity was presented to us in the winter of 2004. A sign shop was going out of business. Weeds had taken over the yard, the front store space windows and doors were broken, and the floors were severely damaged. We liked the space nonetheless; it had the tranquil feeling that we were looking for. Attracted by the Giant Bird of Paradise bush, and the Star Jasmine climbing over the fence, we saw a potential home to house our growing collection of the stone statues.

After renovating the space, we finally moved in on February 27, 2005. There is still a lot work to be done, but the most important thing is that we are now open to the public and, as promised, we are now **servicing complimentary tea in our garden (or in the shop if you prefer)**. So come and join us!



## SPRING IS GARDENING SEASON

This is especially true here in Berkeley. Throughout our trips to China, we enjoyed the “inside out, outside in” philosophy of Chinese landscape architecture. In the most remote corners of China, we found the courtyard became the center of many people’s homes, de facto living rooms, and indoor bonsai plants flourished, serving as a reminder to the greatness of nature. At De Sino Gallery, we hope our display evokes the same contemplation and the stone sculptures inspire the true gardeners at heart to create their own oasis.

**Mention this newsletter and receive 20% off on your next purchase at De Sino Gallery. A purchase \$75 or more will entitle you to a surprise gift. Offer ends on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005.**

## ABOUT DE SINO GALLERY

De Sino Gallery boasts the largest collection of Buddhist statues in the Bay Area and carries the largest stock of Cultural Revolution memorabilia in the country, both in the gallery and online - 1930 Shanghai and More

([1930shanghai.com](http://1930shanghai.com)). The Gallery also has the largest collection of vintage 1930s Shanghai posters, reproduction posters are sold in the gallery and online. We are the exclusive dealer for modern Chinese watercolors by the artist known as “The Monk.” We import directly from China and carry items from Nepal, India and Vietnam, as well. Our wholesale company, West Coast Trading Group, supplies retailers and dealers across the country. The owners of the Gallery have written a book on Cultural Revolution memorabilia, to be published by Schiffer Publishing in the fall.

At De Sino Gallery, we have a wide range of Asian art, gifts and collectibles, with prices ranging from \$9 to \$900. Whether it’s a gift for your loved ones, or yourself, you can always indulge at a price you can afford.

## OUR STAFF

Magdalena Apostolova. You may know her as Maggie, an accomplished artist trained in Italy and France. Born in Bulgaria, she teaches at Expressions College and runs the gallery on weekends. Her working knowledge in art and sculpture gives her the ability to understand the artifacts and collectibles on an artistic level and to help our clients decide which item best fits their needs. She is fluent in Bulgarian, Russian, English, Italian and French. She is known for her sense of humor, friendly attitude and in-depth knowledge in fine art.

Jeffery Medis. Joined us in May 2004, Jeffery studied under Therese Rihal Cioffi, a renowned interior designer and is himself a designer. He had recently given De Sino Gallery a face-lift by creating a vibrant, yet calming Zen-like indoor showroom. While not working at De Sino Gallery, he is available for private client consultations.