



Asian Arts Council

**Bus Trip – Thursday, November 16, 2017
Bowers Museum of Art & Chen Art Gallery**

Bowers Museum, Empress Dowager Cixi: Selections from the Summer Palace

Empress Dowager Cixi (1835-1908) stands in the center of modern Chinese history. Although a notorious politician, Cixi was also a connoisseur, patron and even creator of art in the early twentieth century.

This exhibition is the first of its kind in the United States to explore the empress dowager’s roles beyond politics. It has been organized through a groundbreaking partnership with the Summer Palace Museum in Beijing. Upon viewing this exhibition, it will become clear that Cixi not only led politics, but also art of China at the crossroads of tradition and innovation. The exhibition reconstructs the matriarch’s everyday life in the Summer Palace, presenting her multi-faceted roles of politician, matriarch and connoisseur of various arts through four different sections and over 100 objects that have never before been seen in the United States.

Chen Art Gallery

Open to the public since 2001, the Chen Art Gallery displays an impressive array of over 1,000 artifacts spanning 5000 years of Chinese history from the earliest Neolithic Era pottery to early 20th Century creations. Permanent exhibition galleries include a sumptuous Qing dynasty imperial throne room, an elegant Ming dynasty bedroom, scholar’s studio treasures, jade carvings, snuff bottles, cloisonné, gilt bronze Buddhist statues, ancient pottery, and several rooms of imperial porcelains. A total of over 15 exhibition rooms including the 2006 addition of silk and textiles.



“H.I.M The Empress Dowager of China, Cixi”



“Chen Art Gallery”

8:00 am

Bus leaves from the Old Naval Hospital Parking Lot on Park Blvd

8:30 am

2nd pickup at La Costa Park-and-Ride (Off Interstate 5 at La Costa Ave. in Carlsbad)

6:30 pm

Approximate return time

Questions: Contact Lily Birmingham: 858-740-0993 e-mail: lbirmingham@san.rr.com or Laurel Holloway: 619-296-2276 e-mail: vetiver@earthlink.net (You will be notified by e-mail of receiving your check) -----

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Name : _____ # Attending _____ Cell Phone: _____

Pick up Location: _____ Old Naval Hospital Lot e-Mail: _____
_____ La Costa Park-and-Ride

Send Checks Payable to: **Asian Arts Council, SDMArt**

AAC Members **\$85.00** Guests: **\$95.00 (Includes \$20 special exhibit admission, \$10 lunch, and snacks/drinks on the bus)**

Send this form with your check to: Lily Birmingham, 9665 Saskatchewan Ave, San Diego, CA 92129