

# **Gung Hay Fat Choi! Happy New Year!**



## **Vancouver Chinese New Year Parade**

Sunday, February 22, 2015 in Chinatown, Vancouver

Commencing at 11 am and running for about 2.5 hours.

The year of the sheep or ram; this is the 8th year in the 12-year calendar. These animals are usually regarded as auspicious in the Chinese community and so the coming year is meant to be full of promise and prosperity.

This red-letter-day in Vancouver's Chinatown will feature lion dances marching bands, martial arts performances and more. There is a 1.3-km parade route on which many of the festivities will take place. Over 3,000 people from various community and cultural groups are planning on participating and there are expected to be 50,000-some spectators.

The Chinese Lunar New Year isn't just a traditional festival for the Chinese; it's also the traditional New Year mark for Korean, and Vietnamese cultures. For multicultural Vancouver, The Lunar New Year is a huge celebration!

<http://www.vancitybuzz.com/2015/02/vancouver-chinese-new-year-parade-2015/>

## **BC Home and Garden Show**

February 18-22, 2015 in BC Place Stadium



The BC Home and Garden Show displays a vast realm of information on everything from how to plant daffodils to building a new sun deck or creating delectable four-course meal. There are a variety of shows and exhibits from which to cull information and ideas to spruce up the old homestead and garden.

Featuring in this year's exhibits are celebrities in the home and garden world including: Bryan Baeumler of HGTV's *Leave it to Bryan* program, Janette Ewen--leading editor of design and lifestyle publications (*House and Home*, *The Globe and Mail*, *Chatelaine* and *Chocolat*), and Todd Talbot of *Love It or List It Vancouver*, a Vancouver Real Estate Program. There are over 425 registered exhibits at this years events

Wednesday, February 18th: 4 pm – 9 pm

Thursday, February 19th: Noon – 9 pm

Friday, February 20th: Noon – 9 pm

Saturday, February 21st: 10 am – 9 pm

Sunday, February 22nd: 10 am – 6 pm

<http://www.bchomeandgardenshow.com>

## **Heritage Week Walking Tour: Granville Street – Then and Now**



Saturday, 21 February 2015 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Starting on the southwest corner of Granville Street and West Georgia Street

Cost: \$15; Heritage Vancouver Members \$10

“On Wednesday, May 15, 1886, Lauchlan Hamilton, a City of Vancouver Aldermen and the CPR Land Commissioner began to stake out and survey what would become Granville Street.”

Michael Gordon, historian and senior planner for Downtown Vancouver, will lead the exploration of Granville Street and discuss the historical evolution of the area.

Learn of one of Vancouver's first “high streets,” the first two Hotel Vancouvers and the famous Parr and Fee buildings.

Discussion will also include current roles of the street as a transit hub, a shopping street, an office, hotel and entertainment district and cultural mecca.

<http://www.heritagevancouver.org/>