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## News Release

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**Fullerton Arboretum to Host Special  
Vietnamese Street Food Cooking Class**  
**Saturdays, February 28– May 16, 2009**

(Fullerton, CA) – The **Fullerton Arboretum** will be launching its brand new **Vietnamese Street Food Cooking Class** on Feb. 28, 2009. This 5-part series will be taught by **John Luong** of Cal State Fullerton in the Pavilion Kitchen on the grounds of the Arboretum with classes on 5 Saturdays: **Feb 28, Mar 14, Mar 28, May 2, and May 16**. This class is the first of its kind at the Arboretum, offering a unique blend of cultural experience and culinary instruction as participants are immersed in the world of Vietnamese cuisine.

The best places to savor the real taste of Vietnam are not 5-star restaurants but places where local Vietnamese work and eat. In this series, participants will explore the link between where and how various Vietnamese groups live, and the resulting influences on their cooking and eating practices.

As **participants cook and assemble new dishes in each of the 5 classes**, they will build an understanding of select traditional techniques used in cooking Vietnamese cuisine. Instruction will include how to make various sauces and an introduction to herb use.

Participants will enjoy an unforgettable learning and cultural experience including a savory lunch of their own delicious Vietnamese street food creations. Class registration is open immediately. Specifics are as follows:

**Saturdays--Feb 28, Mar 14, Mar 28, May 2, May 16, 2009**

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Arboretum Pavilion Kitchen**

**5 class series total cost: \$100/member or \$125/non-member**

**Cost includes all ingredients; bring your own plate and eating utensils**

**Prepaid registration is required by Mon, Feb 23** and reservations are limited to 20 participants. Note: if space is available, individual class reservations may be made by the Monday before the class at \$30/person per class. No late registrations or walk-ins will be allowed. A complete listing of all Fullerton Arboretum classes can be found at [www.fullertonarboretum.org](http://www.fullertonarboretum.org).

Established in 1979, the Fullerton Arboretum has served the community as a premier resource for ecological, horticultural and historical education. The Fullerton Arboretum is the largest botanical garden in Orange County. Encompassing 26 lush acres, The Fullerton Arboretum has assembled a permanent collection of over 4,000 unique and unusual plant species from around the world. With its ponds, streams and wildlife, the Fullerton Arboretum offers a tranquil retreat from a fast-paced urban life.

The Fullerton Arboretum is located on the CSUF campus one block west of the 57 freeway at Yorba Linda Blvd. and Associated Road. For further information, contact the Fullerton Arboretum at (714) 278-3407 or visit our website at [www.fullertonarboretum.org](http://www.fullertonarboretum.org).

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