

# Toronto Tea Festival



## TEA IS HOT

### Tea Festival Nearly Here

Excitement is building as the February 2nd date nears for the first Tea Festival in Toronto.

January may be designated Hot Tea Month in Canada but February 2nd at the Appel Salon on the 2nd floor

**Three billion people in over 160 countries drink tea on a regular basis. Tea is the most consumed drink in the world.**

Over 30 exhibitors and presenters will provide opportunities for tea enthusiasts to explore the exciting range of specialty loose leaf teas. This will be a perfect opportunity to do a little Valentine's Day shopping.

At the same time, visitors will have access to a full day of programming featuring leading experts from across North America speaking on a variety of topics such as Tea and Health and Travelling in Tea Lands .

An exciting cultural program will be presented during the festival,

at the Toronto Reference Library will be the date and place to celebrate the world's most popular beverage in Toronto.

featuring visual and performance artists. Painting, photography, music and dance will fill the halls during the day, while at the same time the ancient arts of the Chinese and Korean Tea Ceremonies will be performed throughout the day.

In addition to the many vendors and exhibitors who bring their years of experience in the field of fine teas, focused tea tastings will be conducted throughout the day, which visitors are invited to join.

## Tea Trivia

The world's oldest tea tree is over 2700 years old and stands 108 feet tall, and is still growing. It is located in the Xishuangbanna Forest of Yunnan Province , China.

According to Chinese mythology the healthy benefits of drinking tea were discovered by the herbalist Shen Nong in 2737 B.C.

Queen Victoria was the first to drop a slice of lemon into an English teacup.

To keep your teapot smelling fresh, store it with a sugar cube inside and the lid off.

If your antique teacup is stamped "England" on the bottom and not "Made in England" , it was made before 1908.

Orange Pekoe is not a type of tea – it is a grading term.

Toronto Reference Library  
Appel Salon, 2nd Floor  
February 2, 2013  
10 AM to 5 PM

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Experiencing cultural ceremonies  
Attending informative lectures and workshops  
Meeting other tea lovers  
Sampling exquisite teas

