



**Water Tiger School
of T'ai Chi Ch'uan**

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**Re: Water Tiger School Founder Designated
Co-Creator of *World T'ai Chi & Qigong Day***

Water Tiger School of T'ai Chi Ch'uan is honored to announce that the school's founder and head instructor, Laoshi Laurince McElroy, has been designated "Co-Creator of *World T'ai Chi & Qigong Day*." This is the worldwide event that celebrates and promotes these two Chinese arts on the last Saturday in April every year. 2005 will mark its seventh anniversary.

"It's nice to have my work supporting this wonderful event recognized," says Mr. McElroy. "But I am only one among many. There were over 950 events in 60 countries across six continents last year." He also credits his success to the support the local event has received from two Patchogue mayors, the village trustees, and the Patchogue Department of Parks and Recreation.

Mr. McElroy has led Water Tiger School's involvement in *World T'ai Chi & Qigong Day* every year since 2000. The school's first event sponsorship was in Des Moines, IA, on April 8, 2000. Although he assisted in preparation for the 2001 Central Iowa event, Mr. McElroy relocated to Long Island in late-2000. While helping with the Iowa event from a distance, he also organized Water Tiger School's hosting of its first New York celebration in the gymnasium of Patchogue's South Ocean Middle School on April 7, 2001. This year's event in Patchogue will mark the village's fifth participation and Mr. McElroy's sixth hosting.

Mr. McElroy received notification of the honor in mid-February from the founder of the international event, Mr. Bill Douglas, who is based in Kansas City, KS. Along with others that have been organizing annual events for a minimum of three years, Mr. McElroy will receive a place of honor on the international event's website at www.WorldTaiChiDay.org. The listing will include a brief biography and a review of past events. The updated site is due for launch by mid-March.

"Each year sees greater things for our event in Patchogue" states Mr. McElroy. "We only recently sent out invitations to various instructors and already have confirmations from two that have not participated with us in the past." He adds, "Join us on April 30, you're in for a great time!"

World T'ai Chi & Qigong Day – Patchogue is a free event sponsored by the Village of Patchogue Department of Parks and Recreation and Water Tiger School of T'ai Chi Ch'uan. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Shorefront Park in Patchogue. The park is located at the intersection of Rider Avenue and Smith Street. In case of inclement weather, the event will be relocated to St. Francis De Sales Parish Hall at 220 South Ocean in Patchogue.

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