

JANUARY 2012

Year of the Dragon



An 8-inch circular dragon tile from Mission San Jose, San Antonio, Texas.
Circa 1950s, designed by Fernando Ramos.
Collection of Susan Frost.

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“The Scaled Dragon” tile was made at the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works and designed by Henry Chapman Mercer circa 1900s based on an English medieval tile. This tile is in the MPTW collection and is projected to have been produced at the tile works circa 1920s-30s.

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“Dragon Tile,” 6 x 6 inches, designed and hand-made by William de Morgan, England, circa 1900s.

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“Green Dragon,” hand-cut 6 x 6 inch tile, low-fired and painted with underglazes.
Penny Brogden, artist. Collection of Wan Averill, Berkeley, CA.

MAY 2012

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Horned "Dragon," 4 x 4 inch tile, 2012 by Tile Restoration Center, Seattle, WA.
Replication of an original Claycraft tile, circa 1920s. Tile Heritage Collection.

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“Green Dragon,” *cuerda seca*, 6 x 6 inch tile, 2012. Designed and produced by Janet Panozzo of Artistic Ceramics Inc., La Puente, CA.

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“Fiery Dragon,” majolica, 6 x 6 inch tile, 2012. Designed and produced by Ivette Vaillard, Val de Guadalupe, Mexico.

AUGUST 2012

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These dragon tiles are from the Ming Dynasty, circa 15-16th century, Shanxi Province, China. They once decorated the roof ridge of a small temple building. Collection of the British Museum, London, England.

SEPTEMBER 2012

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A relief molded dragon tile, 6 inches square, designed by Henry Richards, England, circa 1930s. Collection of Chris Blanchett, Little Hampton, England.

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Hand-carved Celtic dragon, 2011. Ceramic tile designed and produced by John & Shannon Gresham, Earth Song Tiles, Gabriola Island, BC, Canada.

NOVEMBER 2012

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These Chinese roof tiles with a dragon motif were acquired by Henry Chapman Mercer in 1915 directly from China (sent to him by three American missionaries living in China). Installed at Fonthill, Mercer's home in Doylestown, PA at approximately the same date. The tiles are at least 19th century, but Mercer suspected they may have been much older.

DECEMBER 2012

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Dragon roof ridge finial handcrafted by artist Shaun Cudmore of Ridge Dragon in Hastings, England. Cudmore's artistry preserves the old English tradition of adding decorative ridge elements to buildings - said to ward off unwanted 'vibrations.'