

CARP LEAPING A WATERFALL

PAINTING IN INK ON PAPER

The carp is an emblem of endurance and victory.

The artist, Kao K'i-p'ei, who died in 1734, in signing the picture, states that he drew it playfully by means of a rush on the fifth day of the fifth moon, which is the day of the Dragon-boat or Summer Solstice Festival. A bunch of rushes was hung at the doors of houses on that day, and wine was drunk with pieces of rush floating in the cup to ward off infectious disease.

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