

ELI LILLY'S - 森和室 CONNER PRAIRIE CHINESE HOUSE PROJECT

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Conner Prairie taps on local Asian Community leadership for ideas and resources on the Chinese House restoration and expansion project. Very few people in our community knew or heard of a jewel on the woodland property of Conner Prairie overlooking the White River which was endowed by Eli Lilly. Conner Prairie CEO Norman Burns shared the restoration plan and future expansion of the House over a luncheon gathering of local Asian community organization representatives.

The exterior architecture of this hidden jewel is a typical early 20th century American Summer country house, but one is awed as one steps into the interior through the front porch under a plaque with Chinese characters which translated to "The House of Sylvan Harmony". The house was built in 1910 and Eli Lilly purchased it in 1949 along with 115 acres of the woodland along the White River. The house perched on the bluff overlooking the river and due to Lilly's love of Chinese art, he decided to transform the interior in Chinese style. He had the ceilings

Painted with Chinese symbols which reflect the four season flowers and auspicious creatures. The rooms were fitted with appropriate furniture, accessories and Chinese scrolls. Lilly was particularly interested in landscaping paintings, ceramics and pottery of the "Song Period". He was advised by his good friends Wilbur Peat, director of Indianapolis's Herron Art Museum which became the current Indianapolis Museum of Art on his collections, and Ko Kuei Chen, director of pharmacology at his corporation. It was Mr. Chen who selected the name for the remodeled country home and Lilly usually referred to his weekend retreat as the Chinese House where he and his wife Ruth entertained their friends and showcased his collections.

Conner Prairie's vision and restoration plan for the Chinese House will be a great addition to its mission as Hamilton's county's cutting edge interactive history museum and venue for gatherings.

Photos courtesy of Conner Prairie



Living room with painted ceiling



Doorway between living room and dining room



Front of House of Sylvan Harmony, the Chinese House



A glimpse into the history

INDIANA CHINESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

ICMA held their 2016 annual meeting on Dec 3 at Formosa Restaurant with their members, families and volunteers who serve at the Asian Community Clinic. The annual meeting bid a fond farewell to its outgoing Chairperson Dr. Lin and usher in the 2017 Chairperson Dr. Xu.

Asian Community Clinic Dr. Peggy Hu thank ICMA members and all the volunteers who served the community for last six years with medical assistance and advice.

Photo courtesy of Dr. Peggy Hu



Members of the Indiana Chinese Medical Association

THE FOUR SEASONS IN MEMORY

"The blush of Spring, the blossom of Summer, the flame of Autumn, the sparkle of Winter, and the violet-softened refulgence of every waking moment yield a never failing succession of delights." -Horace Fletcher



Since my wife and I relocated to the Sunshine State from Indiana, the cyclical changing of the four seasons only exists in our memories. During springtime in the midwest, after the nourishing, misty spring rain befall throughout the night, the countless, gorgeous, multicolored flowers, are elegantly blooming everywhere in the drenched loamy garden. 早春小雨潤如酥，萬紫千紅春滿園。The angelic butterflies are gracefully dancing over the flower beds. The straw-colored parched grass is abruptly revitalized overnight, forming a colossal mantle of green carpet. The once barren trees are bountifully adorned with hearty green leaves. All these compose a charming, vibrant scenery of spring. By and by, the returning birds are ecstatically serenading to celebrate their homecoming. Spring comes to the lake with its deep blue water flowing east, looking like an enchanting painting. Once again, spring blissfully returns to mother earth. Springtime is the land awakening.

On a summer morning, the warm sunlight streams through the dense, shady green leaves, drying up the morning dew. The thick, impenetrable grass overlays the ground like an elegant green carpet. Birds are melodiously chirping on the shady trees. Butterflies and bees are delightfully dancing around the gorgeous flowers. Summer is a poetic season. In the pond, the elegant and fragrant lotus flowers, embellished by the large, adorable green leaves, are gently swaying along with the cool summer breeze. 六月荷花香滿湖，接天蓮葉無窮碧。The whispers of millions of leaves from the trees are heard. Suddenly, lightning lightens up the overhanging dark clouds, and deafening thunders break the silence. Then the heavy summer rain pours down powerfully like a great waterfall washing everything on the earth, trees, flowers and green fields. In summer, life is like the rising sun, so vibrant and flourishing.

Autumn signifies abundance; amber waves of grains and stunning Chrysanthemum flowers. The fall foliage is spectacular with the multicolor of red, yellow, orange, and brown. Albert Camus once said, "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." The warm autumn sun and scattered billowy white clouds artistically decorate the wide open blue sky above,



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creating a heavenly panorama. The fall sunset is awe inspiring. Every now and then, a lonesome duck flies side by side with the sunset glow in the sky which shares a picturesque hue with the autumn lake. 落霞與孤鶩齊飛，秋水共長天一色。

At night, the glittering little stars charmingly embroider the vast dark sky, emitting millions of delicate lights. The overflowing poetic sentiment evolved under the most romantic fullmoon with her silvery reflection imprinted on the lake is irrefutably surrealistic. Fall is the most pleasant and satisfying season. We quietly listen to the song of autumn; enjoying the happiness and gratification of harvest.

In winter, the sky is ashen. The trees have long shed all of their colorful autumn leaves. The last of the autumn flowers have faded. The once lively jade-green grass has turned lifelessly yellowish brown. A sense of melancholy is felt in the frosty air. Then suddenly, fluffy snowflakes start falling from the sky; they dance gracefully in the air. There are complete silence and serenity. The accumulated snow covers up the straw color parched grass, forming a colossal piece of white mantle that spreads beyond the horizon. The snow also thoroughly drapes the limbs of all the barren trees, changing them into elegant, artistic, arching projections. The once listless earth has been transformed into a white heaven.

Winter also brings with it the beautiful winter flowers; the Chinese plum 梅花 tops the list. 梅須遜雪三分白，雪卻輸梅一段香。 At night, the moon and stars are piercingly bright; with their reflection from the white snow, the whole world seems to subtly light up, the once sadness and dullness have vanished in the serene milieu.

春有百花秋有月，夏有涼風冬有雪。

CINCINNATI LAUNCH ASIAN BUSINESS NETWORK

Dozens of Cincinnati Asian Business owners, leaders from Asian American community and non-profit organizations gathered together on Nov 19, 2019 to witness and celebrate the official launching of Cincinnati Asian Business Network (CABN). The inauguration event took place at Transamerica Financial Advisors, Inc (TFA) Mid-West regional office where Mr. Gang Lu, the chair of CABN conducts business.

The event kicked off with an opening speech by TFA branch office manager Shawn Patrick, in which he gave the guests a snapshot of what TFA is about. Then all the founding members including Mr. Lanxi Song from OwnerLand Realty, Mrs. Wan Zhao from Homeside mortgage and Mrs. Li Guo from a biotech startup company came up stage and introduced themselves. In the chair speech Mr. Lu explained how the organization started. CABN was founded as a TEAM, which is the acronym for "Together Everyone Achieves More". Its mission is to build a winning networking and collaborating platform for Asian Pacific business owners and professionals to help them grow business and provide excellent services to community. CABN also help promote the visibility and cause of local non-profit Asian Organizations through their network. In the speech he emphasized that CABN will cultivate a culture and system to promote business members pay back and pay forward to the community, and challenged Asian business owners to be successful and to be significant as well.

Business owners from various industries and leaders from Greater Cincinnati Chinese School, Chinese American Medical Association of Greater Cincinnati, Asian Community Alliance, Sound of Joy choir and Greater Cincinnati Chinese Music Society also gave introduction to themselves before open networking started. Guests shared their excitement and thoughts with each other. Philomena Ashdown, an Indian American attorney who has been involved with local chambers and other business network saw the uniqueness of CABN and expressed her strong interest to join. Representatives from Cincinnati community are also looking forward to CABN's future professional events that could benefit Cincinnati Asian Americans. CABN is currently taking application for new members and advertisement. For more details, you can visit their website: www.cincyabn.org. To view more event photos, you can visit CABN event album at <https://goo.gl/photos/288p4hSpYns8fNiV9>

2016年11月19日，近三十位辛辛那提地区的华裔企业业主，华裔社区侨领及华裔非营利组织领导人，聚集在一起见证和庆祝辛辛那提亚裔商业网络(CABN)的正式成立。成立典礼在CABN的主席陆钢先生就职的Transamerica Financial Advisors, Inc TFA中西部分部办公楼举行。

TFA中西部分部经理 Shawn Patrick 首先致开幕词，他向来宾们介绍了TFA的概况，并表达了对CABN成立的祝贺。然后，CABN的创始成员OwnerLandRealty的房产经纪人宋岚曦先生，Homeside Mortgage的贷款经纪人赵婉女士，以及生物技术创业公司的郭黎女士，分别上台自我介绍。在随后的主席致辞中，陆钢先生介绍了辛辛那提亚裔商业网络成立的背景和使命。CABN创建基于英文单词TEAM，也就是"Together Everyone Achieves More"的缩写，其使命是为华裔的企业主和专业人士建立一个成功的商业联盟，帮助他们发展业务，并为社区提供优质的服务。CABN还通过其商业联盟来提高当地的非营利亚裔组织的知名度，影响力和其事业。他在讲话中强调，CABN将培养一种文化和制度，鼓励会员回馈社区，敦促会员既要成为成功的企业家，又要成为对社区有影响的人。

来自辛辛那提中文学校，辛辛那提华裔医生协会，亚裔社区联盟，悦声合唱团，辛辛那提中国音乐协会的领导，代表及各行各业业主也在此次活动中相继自我介绍并发言。嘉宾们表达了他们对辛辛那提亚裔商业网络成立的祝贺并分享了他们的想法。Philomena Ashdown是一名积极参与当地商会和商业组织的美籍印度裔律师，她非常欣赏CABN的独特性，并表示她有强烈的兴趣加入。来自辛辛那提各社区的代表也很期待CABN未来的活动，希望通过这个平台使辛辛那提美籍亚裔受益。CABN目前开始接受新会员的申请和广告发布。有关更多详情，请访问CABN的网站：www.cincyabn.org。要想看更多的活动照片，请登录<https://goo.gl/photos/288p4hSpYns8fNiV9>。

Gang Lu, Chair, Cincinnati Asian Business Network (CABN) www.cincyabn.org



Kick off meeting launching the Cincinnati Asian Business Network