**Call for Nominations & Nomination Application Form**

**The Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society Board of Directors**

**Board Election for 2021 Term**

Nominating Committee: MCFGS Board

Do you have an interest in promoting the China Garden Society’s mission?

* to establish and build Chinese Friendship Gardens in Minnesota,
* to create programming and raise funds for continuing construction of the St. Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden of Whispering Willows and Flowing Waters at Phalen Regional Park,
* to enhance the friendship and understanding between the peoples of China and Minnesota,
* as well as to help educate the public about Chinese culture, the sister-city relationship with Changsha, and the Hmong cultural connection to the Changsha area?

If yes, complete the attached nomination application form. If you know someone who would be a good candidate, suggest they submit a nomination application form. There are **a limited number of open board positions** and the Nominating Committee will review all applications and choose candidates for a well-balanced board. Nominees not recommended for a board position may be welcome to serve as non-voting committee members.

Expectations: Attend monthly Board meetings and sponsored events, serve as a Committee Chair, Committee member, or as one of the Special Volunteers. Attend board meetings, committee meetings if a member, and attend the annual strategic planning session. Previous board experience is not required; we offer an opportunity to develop your (as yet) unexpressed/untapped passion for our mission. Visit website for more details about the organization at [www.MNChinaGarden.org](http://www.MNChinaGarden.org)

Possible committees include: Landscaping &Construction; Fundraising; Outreach; & Poetic Guidance. Special Volunteer opportunities include: Website Manager; Face Book Manager, Donor Base Manager. In addition to the following officer positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, & 3 at large executive committee members.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or know someone who would be good, please submit the attached form to the **Nominating Committee** at [mcfgs@mnchinagarden.org](mailto:mcfgs@mnchinagarden.org). Please use “*Election Application Form*” in the subject line.

***Mission of the Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society:***

*To introduce, establish, promote, create programming for, and/or operate China Friendship gardens in the State of Minnesota for the enjoyment, education, and benefit of the public, and to enhance the friendship and understanding between the peoples of China and Minnesota.*

***Send to*** [*mcfgs@mnchinagarden.org*](mailto:mcfgs@mnchinagarden.org)

**Nomination Application Form**

**The Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society’s 2021 Board of Directors**

Name:

Cell:

Email:

Mailing Address:

1. Describe in one paragraph why you are interested (your motivation/passion) in serving on the MCFGS Board.

2. Describe in one paragraph what background, skills and talents, connections, and experience you would bring to the Board to help meet its above-stated mission.

Rank your interests with #1 to #5 (with #1 as top interest) *[Note: the committees and members will be decided by the new board in 2021]:*

* Landscaping & Construction
  + Coordinate with Parks & Rec, Lead Changsha Architect, and Board, Construction at the garden
  + Coordinate volunteer Plantings and upkeep
* Fundraising
  + Capital fund raising and Organizational fund raising
  + Grants
  + Membership giving
* Outreach
  + Building relationships with donors and major fund raisers
  + Education, Programming, & Publications
  + Special Events
* Poetic Guidance
  + Coordinate with Construction Committee, Architect, & Local Chinese and Hmong Cultural experts to develop and maintain an authentic Chinese aesthetic.

Other volunteer Opportunities:

* Website management
* Face Book management
* Donor Data Base Management