

**10-24-2021 Chinese Feng Shui Blessing Ceremony for Phase II Chinese Friendship Garden and 9 Art Stones
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Part 1 was a blessing of the land using seeds that were specially prepared with red powder and liquor. The seeds represent expansion, community awareness, and unity. Using two Sanskrit chants, the seeds were used to lay an energetic grid from the three corners of the China Garden, culminating with three clockwise circles around the Pavilion.



Feng Shui Masters Ellen, Lisa, Carole, Victoria





Part 2 placed individual intentions for the Garden around each of the 9 Art Stones—the Dakota stone in the East, the Weiming Lu stone in front of the Pavilion, the four C.C. Hsiao calligraphy stones along the path, and the three Hmong stones in the West. Accompanied by the four Feng Shui Masters, MCFGs Board members and advisors processed to each stone and stated their intentions out loud, placing rose petals at the base of the stones. Setting intentions out loud increases their meaning and creates harmony.





Part 3 involved distributing the remaining seeds and flower petals to the Board members and Advisors who spread out around the grounds and joyously tossed them into the air to the ringing of the gong.





INTENTIONS

Stone 1 - Dakota stone

Wally - Live together and Renewal

Brian - Renewal

Romi - Rebirth of the Planet

Stone 2 - Wei Ming Lu stone

Christina - Right time, Right place

Chen - Be one with Nature

Stone 3 - Hsiao stone: "Beautiful / US"

Bill - Thank you for the vision

Wally - People to People

Stone 4 - Hsiao stone: "Middle / China"

Linda - Thank you C.C. Hsiao for your Vision

Stone 5 - Hsiao stone: "Bright / Minnesota"

Mary - A Sanctuary for those that have a need

Stone 6 - Hsiao stone: "Garden"

Linda - Friendship and Collaboration

Stone 7 - Hmong stone: Welcome message

Ying - Collaboration and Friendships - National and Global

Stone 8 - Hmong stone: Proverb

Jijun - Union of all people

Ying - Make/give choices; reminder to "like what you already have"

Stone 9 - Hmong stone: Education saying

Ken - Education is knowledge; this space was nothing and now is something - prettiest garden