

Symbols on Xiang Jiang Pavilion 湘江亭



Peony

The King of flowers, represents virtue and beauty (symbol of spring) ▲



6 Petal Lotus

Noble and unsullied, arises from muddy depths



Narcissus

Grace and elegance, Family reunions ▲



蝶恋花 “Butterflies Love Flowers”

4 Butterflies surrounding flowers and buds

Butterflies have one partner for life and symbolize loyalty, love and happiness; symbol of summer ▼

Chinese Plum Blossoms

Blooms even in harsh winter snow, symbol of perseverance and resilience in the face of adversity ▼



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葫芦宝顶 = Hulu Baoding Peak
 Represents 1-3-5 meaning "rising to the sky". This peak looks like a hulu gourd used by the immortals and provides protection to the Pavilion and brings happiness



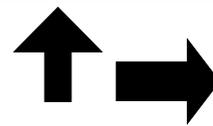
Xiang Jiang Ting 湘江亭 = Xiang Jiang Pavilion
 Pavilion is named after the famous Xiang River in Changsha
 [inscribed right to left in classical Chinese writing style]

Acquatic Flowers
 To protect this wooden Pavilion from fire



8 Water Dragons
 Located on each eave to protect this wooden structure from fire

Dragons
 Control water and rainfall; power and strength; good luck



祥云 = Auspicious Clouds
 The Ancients believed that the immortals stepped on clouds to enter this world. This cloud pattern represents the clouds of the immortals; brings good fortune and happiness.



葫芦 Hú lú Gourd

