



*A journey of a thousand miles
begins with a single step. Lao Tzu*



It's an exciting summer at the Seattle Chinese Garden because **we are on the last leg of a long journey to build Knowing the Spring Courtyard**. So many of our members and supporters have been with us every step of the way. And it's exciting, too, because many new friends are joining us in a swell of support. Exceptionally good news is that a \$250,000 grant from the Pendleton and Elisabeth Carey Miller Charitable Foundation has enabled us to take several giant strides toward courtyard completion.

On July 28, a team of skilled artisans will travel nearly 6000 miles from China to Seattle. Twenty-five artisans and the lead garden designer will construct the courtyard's traditional elements.

With major leadership gifts from the Municipality of Chongqing, the State of Washington, City of Seattle, King County, the Miller and Norcliffe foundations, and private individuals, organizations, and corporations, we have raised 80 percent of the \$4.5 million cost of building the courtyard. **The generosity of these partners spurs us to meet our fundraising goal so the artisans can complete this incredible project down to the last roof tile, paving stone, and lattice window.** Then we can open to the public and celebrate!

By joining our **Artisan's Circle** you will make an important contribution to this goal. Your donation will provide direct funding for the essential work this summer. For example:

- **A gift of \$5,000** will support the travel, housing, meals, hospitality, health insurance, and safety equipment for one artisan over the entire three-month stay. ***This need is immediate, because we were not able to secure donated airline tickets and the SCG must cover this large expense.***
- **A gift of \$1,000** will help support educational outreach — many hundreds of visitors will come to watch the artisans at work — a rare opportunity to observe master craftsmen using age-old techniques. In the fall we will welcome classes of schoolchildren and students at all levels. Public talks and programs will enhance the educational experience.

As a member of the Artisans' Circle, you will be invited to a reception with the artisans, members-only site tours, and other programs. Donors of \$1,000 or more will be permanently recognized in the courtyard.

Please see the reverse side for more photos and details on Knowing the Spring Courtyard plans. You will soon receive the Garden's summer newsletter reporting on the activities and progress of the past six months. For an advance peek, see the online version at: www.seattlechinesegarden.org/downloads/scgnewssummer_20107.pdf



Thank you for your generous past support of the Seattle Chinese Garden. Please join us on these last steps of the journey to build the Garden's first major courtyard and vibrant focal point for community cultural and educational activities.

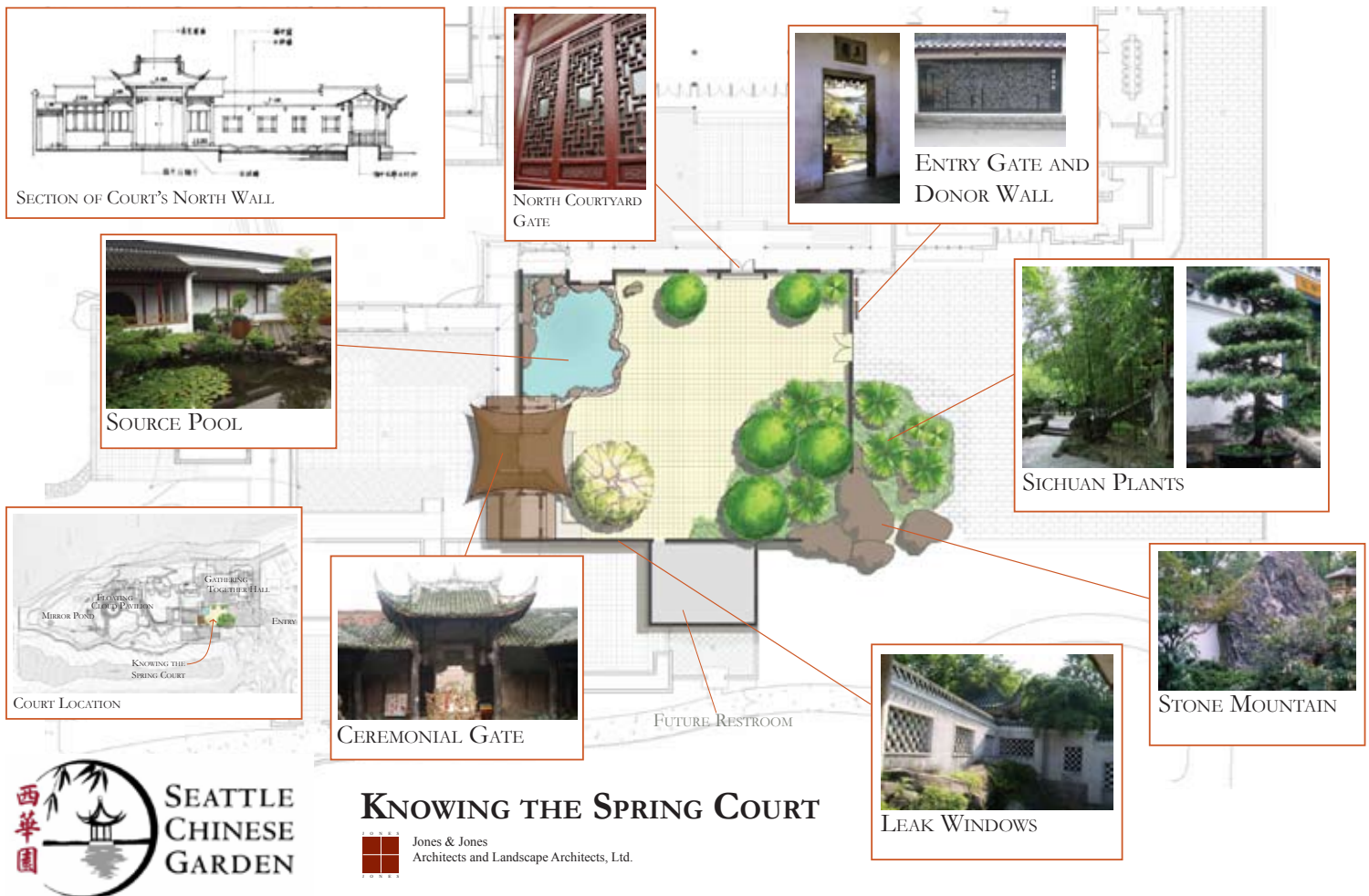
Sincerely,

Jonathan D. Geiger, President



More than 1500 schoolchildren and hundreds of other visitors observed construction of Song Mei Pavilion in 1999.

Knowing the Spring Courtyard will include all the elements found in a traditional Chinese scholar's garden — water feature, trees and shrubs native to China, rock formations, intricate paving stones, lattice-work windows, covered walking corridor, an elaborate main gate, and beautiful handmade lanterns. The garden will be an exceptional venue for cultural and educational programs, seasonal festivals, and community events. We have completed the foundation, pond, walls, and the steel structures. All materials donated from China, such as wood beams and columns, paving stones, step stones, roof tiles, lattice-work windows, carved wood gates, and lanterns have been delivered to the construction site. Five well-outfitted trailers are ready on site to accommodate the artisans.



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