



**PAGODA  
RED**

**For Immediate Release**

**Media Contacts:**

Sue Markgraf  
GreenMark Public Relations  
847-970-9160, office  
847-917-9654, cell  
suemarkgrafpr@comcast.net

Cynthia Greenwood  
GreenMark Public Relations  
847-404-8404, cell  
cngnwood@aol.com

**Understanding a Chinese Garden – Symbols, Motifs, Plants and Stones**  
*Lecture behind Pagoda Red's Winnetka Gallery ~ 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 7*

**WINNETKA, Ill. (July 9, 2007)** — In a traditional Chinese garden, each plant and sculpture tells its own story - and a story within a story as part of its vignette.

As part of an ongoing lecture series on interpreting Asian gardens, Pagoda Red will present a talk, “Understanding a Chinese Garden – Symbols, Motifs, Plants and Stones,” by Richard Pegg, renowned East Asian art historian, curator, author and lecturer. The talk will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Chinese Scholars’ garden behind the Winnetka gallery at 902 Green Bay Road on Tuesday, Aug. 7. Complementary iced tea and mimosas will be served at 10:30 a.m., prior to Pegg’s talk at 11 a.m. The talk is free, but attendance is limited and reservations are suggested. Call 847-784-8881.

Pegg is a guest curator at the Honolulu Academy of Art and is curator of the privately-held MacLean Collection in Chicago. He has held curatorial positions with several prestigious U.S. museums and galleries, including with the San Antonio Museum of Art and the Asia Society Museum of New York. He has lectured at The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Christie’s Education in New York and has written several books on East Asian art and symbolism, as well as numerous exhibition catalogues and periodicals.

**- more -**

## **Pagoda Red Scholars' Garden//Add One**

In the 2,000-square-foot Pagoda Red Scholars' Garden, more than 85 plants in 17 varieties of perennials, shrubs, trees and vines form unusual vignettes that inspire ideas for incorporating Chinese garden elements in one's own back yard. The Pagoda Red Scholars' Garden changes weekly as various artifacts and stone specimens are brought out to complement the seasons' changing blooms. Sought after by collectors and admirers, stone features are placed in gardens of all kinds as outdoor sculpture and garden focal points.

Taihu stones are prominent in the Pagoda Red Scholars' Garden, including a double column with each measuring 16- to 18-feet tall and 3-feet 16-inches wide. There also are Balin, Pengmei, Lantain jade, Shewen, peony and bamboo leaf stones. Plants are abundant: the Pagoda Red Scholars' Garden – the only one of its kind in the Chicago area – features pine, magnolia, azalea, chrysanthemum, tree peony, sweet olive, bamboo, cypress, lotus and flowering palm. A koi pond shows how to create a water feature out of a beautiful urn.

Pagoda Red is a nationally-recognized destination for fine Asian antiques and artifacts. In addition to its Winnetka gallery, Pagoda Red has a showroom at 1714 N. Damen Ave. in Chicago. Hours at each location are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday. The garden and galleries are closed on Sunday and Monday. On-street parking is available at both locations. Limited off-street parking is available in Winnetka. For an online look at much of the Pagoda Red collection, including artifacts and stones for the garden, visit [www.pagodared.com](http://www.pagodared.com).

###

**Photo and caption follow:**



The Pagoda Red Scholars' Garden – a hidden jewel tucked behind its Winnetka gallery at 902 Green Bay Road – is a destination retreat as well as a location for gaining understanding of Chinese life and culture. As part of its ongoing lecture series, Pagoda Red will present “Understanding a Chinese Garden – Symbols, Motifs, Plants and Stones,” by Richard Pegg, noted East Asian art historian, curator, author and lecturer, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7. The lecture is free. For information and reservations, call 847-784-8881. *(Pagoda Red photo)*