

Montgomery Focus– Series of 2016 Fall CCC Events
A Lecture on Appreciation of Chinese Painting

On Dec 2, 2016, the 7th lecture of Montgomery Focus in the Fall Season, one of Chinese Culture Club events-- *Appreciation of Chinese Painting* ---was held at E.L.Lowder Library.

The lecturer, Jing Zhao, first briefly introduced the difference between the Chinese and Western painting techniques. She pointed out that Chinese painting prefers to be more abstract, less realistic, and emphasizes the importance of water techniques and white space. Then the 3 themes of Chinese painting were illustrated by some Chinese art works: Figures, Landscapes, Birds and Flowers, which let the audience grasp the general idea of the unique Chinese painting spontaneously. Furthermore, Ms. Zhao presented the Four Treasures of Study ---brush, ink, Xuan paper and ink stone ---to the young audience. Then she demonstrated a method of drawing flowers and golden fish with brush and everyone present practiced drawing with her, wrote down their Chinese names and learned how to leave a seal on Xuan paper.

This lecture made the audience a better understanding of Chinese painting and everyone was excited to draw their very first Chinese painting personally, from which they experienced the unique charm of Chinese water painting.

