

Cultural Lecture Series--Hunan: The Prosperous Kingdom of the Lotus

On October 13, 2016, CIT on Troy campus held its third Chinese Corner in 2016 Fall Semester. The theme of this Chinese Corner was the prosperous kingdom of the lotus -- Hunan Province of China. CIT instructor, Lili Hu, first presented a general introduction of Hunan's atmosphere, history, local conditions, and customs. In addition, she showed countless pictures and introduced Hunan's tea culture, Xiang embroidery culture, Hunan cuisine culture and some world-famous tourist attractions. The famous musician in Troy university, Mr. Carl Vollrath, attended the Chinese corner. He was very interested in Chinese architecture and Chinese tea culture. After the presentation, he raised several questions to discuss. For example, when talking about Hunan Xiang embroidery culture, Ms. Hu showed them a picture of Xiang embroidery with a pavilion on it. The piece of Xiang embroidery was donated by Hunan Normal University to CIT. Mr. Carl Vollrath led us into a heated discussion about the reason why the roofs of many Chinese temples were curved, having the shape like flying upwards, instead of the ordinary ones in straight direction. Finally, immersed in the beautiful song by Chinese famous singer Zuying Song, the wonderful cultural tours ended.

