Did you know?
The lotus is one of the most important flowers in Chinese culture and it represents purity of the mind and the sacred seat of Buddha. The lotus has always been many Chinese scholars’ favorite plant. In fact, a Song dynasty scholar, Zhou Dunyi, liked the lotus so much that he wrote an article titled “On the Love of the Lotus”. This is what he famously wrote:

“I love only the lotus, for rising from the mud yet remaining unstained; bathed by ripples and yet not bewitching.”

Zhou Dunyi (1017-1073)
Can you find these lotuses hiding in the garden?

Lotus is everywhere in the garden, even as part of the architecture!

Here is a beautiful wooden carving of lotus blossoms. Hint: Find it by the lake.

Dont forget to look down!

This lotus mosaic pattern represents the good qualities of a Chinese scholar—honor and integrity.

Chinese artists and calligraphers love lotus too.

This is one of the two Chinese characters for “lotus” and it is pronounced hè 荷.

Lotus seeds can be used as a sweet filling in Chinese desserts.

Did you know that you can get a lotus seed mooncake at the Teahouse?