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By Lois Kuo

On April 28, hospital hallways and rooms were transformed into an art gallery for the Green Brush Art Reception benefiting the Asian Services Fund at the Quincy Medical Center (QMC). To the sounds of traditional Chinese instruments played live in the background, 250 participants perused 43 pieces of art from the Chinese American Fine Art Society and watched live calligraphy and painting demonstrations.

Jeffrey Poirier, manager of Quincy Memorials Inc., heard about the event from Gabriel Cheong, a member of the Green Brush planning committee. He had never purchased Asian art before, but at the event, of which his company was an Ink Level sponsor, he bid for and won a Mike Mei cal-

ligraphy piece entitled "Happiness," which he will display in the office.

Cheong, owner of Infinity Law Group, purchased a Richard Yee photograph called "Central Market, Hong Kong, 1966." He was drawn to it because it reminds him of his birthplace, Macau, when he left in the 80's to come to America.

The artwork that received the most bids were George Moy's photographs, nine out of ten of which were sold. The highest selling piece of the evening at \$1500 was Sun Ying's painting "Empress and Peony." From ticket sales and the winning bids of 26 pieces, a total of \$40,000 was raised.

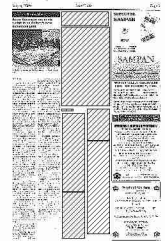
At the event's opening, Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch recognized QMC for its commitment to serving the

city's large Asian population. QMC Asian Services funds free bilingual health education and publications, and culturally appropriate health events and screenings. It also provides funding for the Chinese QMC website, Chinese signs and directory, and Asian Marketing and Outreach.

"We are extremely excited and thankful for the amount raised and to the generous support of the community at our first Green Brush event. Green Brush will be an annual signature event of the Quincy Medical Center to benefit the QMC Asian Services Fund," said Lola Tom, QMC Community Development manager and Green Brush planning committee member.

Donations can still be made to the QMC Asian Services Fund. For more information, contact Lola Tom at (617)376-5493.

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Event co-chair Catherine Tan Chan, PhD, demonstrating brush painting. (Photo by Lois Kuo)



Participants viewing Sun Ying's "Peony and Empress," the highest selling piece of the silent art auction. (Photo by Lois Kuo)