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**Movie Review**

**Red Cliff**

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Red Cliff is a masterpiece from John Woo unfolding in the Han Dynasty. The northern chancellor Cao Cao convinces the boy emperor to go to war with the southern provinces. The south is ruled by two main warlords Liu Bei and Sun Quan. Cao Cao’s army is massive and swiftly conquers everything in their path. The only way to hold out against Cao Cao is to unite against him. Sun Quan who holds an advantageous position must decide to go to war against the bloodthirsty Cao Cao or to surrender or join Cao Cao and fight against Liu Bei. If they do unite, Liu Bei and Sun Quan will still be out numbered and need to use expert cunning and skill to defeat the clever Cao Cao.

Released in two parts, the first in 2008, Red Cliff is a milestone year for CSCCI: it marks our 10th consecutive year of community service. I would like to extend a sincere gratitude to all members, volunteers, sponsors, and participants for your constant support and help over the last decade to make CSCCI a successful organization today.

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**Letter from the President**

*Wendy Philip*

Welcome to Tea Leaves and Colorado Springs Chinese Cultural Institute (CSCCI)! I am honored and excited to serve as President of CSCCI for 2011 along with a distinguished group of members from the Board of Directors. This is a milestone year for CSCCI: it marks our 10th consecutive year of community service. I would like to extend a sincere gratitude to all members, volunteers, sponsors, and participants for your constant support and help over the last decade to make CSCCI a successful organization today.

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Sincerely,

Vincent Y. Yang, PhD
CSCCI President 2011

**Letter from the Editor**

*Wendy Philip*

I’m so excited to be a part of the Colorado Springs Chinese Cultural Institute (CSCCI). After moving to Colorado Springs in August my fiance and I quickly discovered we needed something. Something to connect us to where we’d just spent the last two and a half years and to the community. We’ve always enjoyed being involved.

We met in 2007 at the University of Northern Colorado’s German Club. Both of us served as president during our time there and found we liked coming up with new ideas for the club. CSCCI was just what we were looking for. After the first meeting we talked excitedly all the way there and found we liked coming up with new ideas that we had that could be applied. Getting elected to the CSCCI board was amazing and working on the newsletter not only makes me feel at home but allows me to use my education in journalism.

I can’t wait to see how CSCCI is going to expand and evolve over the next few years. With people like this inspired and dedicated there’s no way we can’t.

**Mission Statement**

The CSCCI is committed to fostering understanding of Chinese culture by promoting opportunities for events, networking, travel, education and services available to the people of Colorado Springs.

**Here are some basic feng shui tips for a harmonious home:**

- Have many happy images of your family throughout the house, especially in the living room/family room, kitchen and dining, as well as the East feng shui area of your home. East feng shui area of your home is “responsible” for the energy of health and family. Southwest area is connected to the energy of love relationships and marriage.
- Apply feng shui in your bedroom, as well as the bedrooms of your Children.
- Balance the energy in your home according to the five feng shui elements by bringing the most harmonious colors. Choose the feng shui colors according to the energy you need and bring them into your space with the wall color, art, photography, or various decor items.
- Use feng shui energy purifiers, such as essential oils, crystals and candles to bring harmony, calm and balance into your space.

Feng shui is easy to apply once you understand the basics, as well as make an effort to really connect to your home to find out what it needs.

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