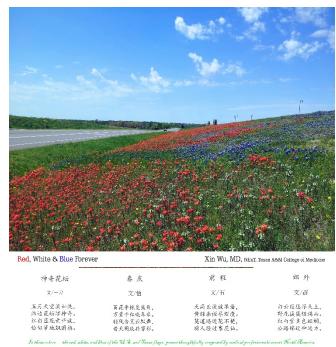
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Red, White & Blue Forever – Wildflowers and Words Along the Medical Campus Xin Wu, MD

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This visual arts submission features a photograph of native Texas wildflowers, including the state flower, bluebonnets, in full bloom — a vibrant, natural homage to the red, white, and blue of the U.S. and Texas flags. Captured along the roadside near the Bryan campus of the Texas A&M University College of Medicine, the image symbolizes not only seasonal renewal, but also the enduring connection between environment, cultural identity, and the healing professions.

Accompanying the photograph are four original Chinese poems thoughtfully composed by North American medical professionals, curated by the me. Each poem is rendered entirely in traditional Chinese calligraphy styles, visually embodying the grace and rhythm of classical literary expression. These verses draw on established poetic forms to reflect on time, nature, resilience, and shared humanity. The merging of classical Eastern poetic tradition with a unique Texan landscape creates a powerful metaphor for cultural integration, empathy, and the practice of health across borders.

As a framed installation, the piece invites viewers to pause, contemplate, and experience the restorative power of natural beauty and poetic language — elements too often sidelined in clinical environments, yet essential to nurturing the human spirit at the heart of medicine.