

Japanese Garden Lecture Series

Hoichi Kurisu: *The Japanese Garden in the 21st Century—
An Evolving Art of Healing*



Anderson Gardens courtesy of Hoichi Kurisu

July 22, 5:30-7:30pm

\$10 Members/\$15 Non-members

Reservations required, space is limited

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“Strolling through a pine forest, viewing rock formations and cascading waterfalls, pausing to ponder the quiet surface of the lake and shoreline—little by little we are encouraged to lay aside the chaos of a troubled world and gently nurture the capacity within to hear a more harmonious, universal rhythm. We exchange burden, boredom and despair for renewal, inspiration and hope. Or from the joy we already feel, we discover an even greater capacity for good. This is the tremendous power of the Japanese garden.” — Hoichi Kurisu

On July 22 (5:30-7:30pm) Hoichi Kurisu presents a lecture entitled “The Japanese Garden in the 21st Century—An Evolving Art of Healing.” Part of the 2010 Japanese Garden Lecture Series, this talk will focus on the continuing evolution in the field of Japanese garden design and construction—an area in which Mr. Kurisu is a master.

Former Garden Director of the Portland Japanese Garden, Hoichi Kurisu is one of the most respected Japanese garden designers in the world. Owner of Kurisu International, Mr. Kurisu

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was a principal designer of the Morikami Gardens in Florida, the Anderson Japanese Gardens in Illinois, and the roof garden on the Contemporaine in Chicago—among many others. Over the last 20 years, his practice has focused on the creation of what we know today as “restorative or healing gardens” at various healthcare facilities throughout the US.

Mr. Kurisu is responsible for many significant contributions to the beauty of the Portland Japanese Garden, including the superbly executed reconstruction of the waterfall in the Garden's Lower Pond after it suffered major damage in a landslide in the 1990s.

According to Garden Curator Sadafumi Uchiyama, “Hoichi Kurisu refers to his Japanese gardens as ‘Gardens of Vision...for Lives of Insight,’ an approach that has evolved and been refined over the past 30 years. His efforts are now crystallized into ‘Restorative Gardens’ that all of us are longing for in this chaotic world.”

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of the Portland Japanese Garden's former Garden Directors, and one of the most revered landscapers in the world.



Morikami Japanese Gardens courtesy of Hoichi Kurisu

Tanabata, the Star Festival

July 11, 1-3pm

Garden Pavilion

Included with Garden admission

Bring the whole family to join in this year's celebration of the traditional *Tanabata* festival. With the help of volunteer student teachers from Japan, children and parents write their wishes, make paper ornaments, and decorate bamboo branches to take home for good luck—all to the gentle music of Tokyo-born guitarist Toshi Onizuka.



Photo: Jonathan Ley

Also known as the Star Festival, Tanabata has its roots in a Chinese legend about the love between a young princess, Orihime, who was a weaver, and a handsome young cowherd named Kengyu (represented by the stars Vega and Altair). As a result of their great love for each other, the weaver neglected her work weaving cloth for the gods and the herdsman neglected his cattle. In punishment, Orihime's father, the emperor of the heavens, moved the star-lovers to opposite sides of the Milky Way and stated that they would only be allowed to meet once a year: on the seventh day of the seventh month. On this night a flock of heavenly magpies use their wings to form a bridge that the weaver can cross to join her lover. The magpies will only make the bridge if July 7 is a clear night; if it rains, the lovers must wait another year.

One popular Tanabata custom is to write wishes and poems on colorful strips of paper called *tanzaku* and hang them on fresh-cut bamboo branches in the hope that the wishes come true. Some say the bending Tanabata bamboo poles symbolize the bridge that the lovers will cross for their brief reunion.

One of the five *Go-Sekku* seasonal festivals of Japan, Tanabata is traditionally celebrated on the seventh day of the seventh month. The Portland Japanese Garden celebrates Tanabata each year on the Sunday closest to this date.

The Garden Gift Store Presents

Behind the Shoji Art Show and Sale

July 31–September 6

Garden Pavilion, Garden Hours

Included with Garden admission

This year's show and sale includes work from several new artists, featuring handmade ceramics, glass art, metal sculpture, bamboo furniture, jewelry, textiles, and more. We've gathered together some of the best artists from the area whose work captures the essence of the Japanese aesthetic.

Member Preview Event

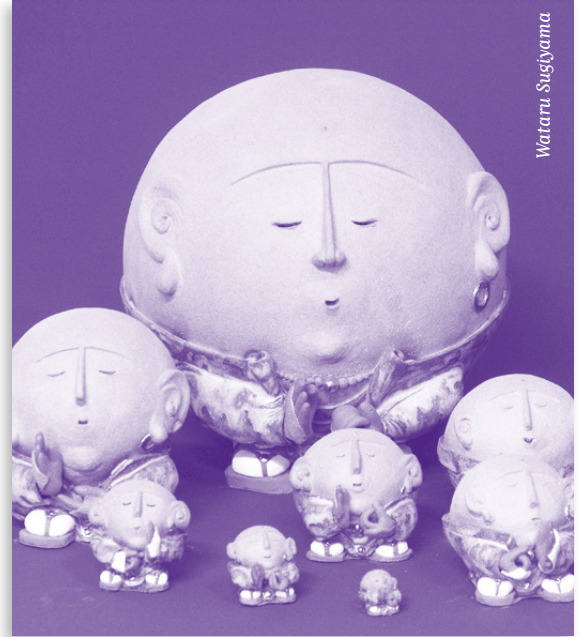
Friday, July 30, 7-9pm

Reservations required by July 26

www.japanesegarden.com/events/behind-the-shoji or (503) 542-0280

Behind the Shoji opens with a reception for members on Friday, July 30 from 7-9pm. Join us for wine and hors d'oeuvres and have the first chance to preview (and buy) the arts and crafts at the Garden's most popular annual show.

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Wataru Sugiyama



Virginia Harmon, Director of Grounds Maintenance, instructs Mrs. Bernice Brown and Garden volunteer Judith Lancefield in how to plant their Hibaku tree seeds. At age 101, Mrs. Brown traveled all the way from McMinnville to participate in this project. Photo by Heike Edossa.

Art in the Garden Summer 2011

Surviving Hiroshima: Five Trees That Refused to Die

During a recent workshop, the Garden started its year-long journey towards our June 2011 exhibition with conceptual artist Hiroshi Sunairi entitled *Surviving Hiroshima: Five Trees that Refused to Die*. Born in Hiroshima, Japan, Hiroshi's project involves the distribution of seeds from five of the actual trees that survived the atomic blast in Hiroshima during World War II. The exhibition celebrates Nature's resilience in the face of one of the worst manmade environmental disasters in history. Garden guides, volunteers, staff, and members of affiliate groups of the Garden were invited to plant seeds from these trees and nurture them over the next year. The resulting plants will be photographed and Mr. Sunairi will design and publish posters of the project, which is the summer Art in the Garden exhibition here at the Garden. The exhibition will feature an installation by Mr. Sunairi as well as the living trees and posters.

Check out our blog for this project at www.japanesegarden.com/culture and track the progress of the growth of these trees over the next year.

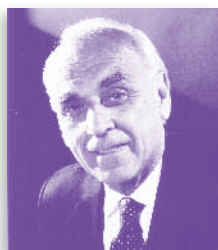


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Golden Crane Evening Features Speaker from National Gallery of Art

On Thursday, May 6, the Garden hosted more than 80 donors and friends at its Annual Golden Crane Society Reception. Guests sampled amazing hors d'oeuvres generously provided by Departure and Chef Matthew and enjoyed wine by Torii Mor Winery.

Executive Director Steve Bloom greeted the crowd and gave an overview of the Garden's strategic initiatives and progress locally, nationally, and internationally. He then introduced special guest and new Portland Japanese Garden International Advisory Board Member Joe Krakora, Executive



Officer at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. Krakora spoke eloquently about his experiences in Japan and the importance and relevance of our Garden in this day and age.

If you are interested in becoming a Golden Crane Society member, please contact Nicola Sysyn at (503) 595-5225.

Haiku by Peter Kendall

Explosions of rain
— explosions of sun, in a
single unfolding

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New Membership Benefit!

Evenings in the Garden

Every Friday in July, 7-9pm

Join us every Friday evening (7-9pm) during the month of July for a beautiful stroll at dusk in the Garden.



Photo: Craig Mitchell/eyer

Twilight Hours for Supporting and Sponsor Members

July 8, 7-9pm

Pavilion Veranda

Reservations requested at (503) 796-9180

The Garden is pleased to invite Supporting and Sponsor Members to experience the Garden in its summer beauty. Join us on Thursday, July 8 from 7-9pm for wine and desserts on the Pavilion veranda. This is one of three special evenings reserved for our Supporting and Sponsor Members. Bring your guests to enjoy the quiet twilight hours in the Garden. For more information about these membership levels, call Membership Manager Lissa Kroger at (503) 796-9180.

O-Bon, the Spirit Festival

August 11, 8-9:30pm

Upper parking circle and Upper Pond

Members only, free

Reservations required, space is limited

www.japanesegarden.com/events/spirit-festival or (503) 542-0280

O-Bon is a Buddhist memorial festival that dates back more than a thousand years. Over a three-day period in mid-summer, families gather to pray for the spirits of their ancestors. It is an annual reminder of the importance of family ties, of respect for those who have gone before, and of the brevity and preciousness of our lives together.

This members-only event at the Garden will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 11 from 8-9:30pm.

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July

7/1-5	Art in the Garden— <i>From Damsels to Demons: The Hidden Art of Netsuke Carving</i>	Garden Hours
7/2	Extended Evening Member Hours	7-9pm
7/5	Independence Day Observed (special hours)	10am-7pm
7/8	Twilight Hours for Supporting/Sponsor Members	7-9pm
7/9	Extended Evening Member Hours	7-9pm
7/10	Writing Workshop: <i>Painting the Garden with Words*</i>	8:30am-12:30pm
7/11	Tanabata, the Star Festival	1-3pm
7/16	Extended Evening Member Hours	7-9pm
7/17	Presentation of <i>Chado</i> , the Way of Tea	1pm & 2pm
7/20	Photo Member Hours	7-9pm
7/22	Lecture: Hoichi Kurisu*	5:30-7:30pm
7/23	Extended Evening Member Hours	7-9pm
7/30	Extended Evening Member Hours	7-9pm
7/30	<i>Behind the Shoji</i> Member Preview*	7-9pm
7/31–9/6	<i>Behind the Shoji</i> Show and Sale	Garden Hours

August

8/1–9/6	<i>Behind the Shoji</i> Show and Sale	Garden Hours
8/11	<i>O-Bon</i> , the Spirit Festival*	8-9:30pm
8/12	Twilight Hours for Supporting/Sponsor Members	7-9pm
8/15	Photo Member Hours	7-9pm
8/21	Presentation of <i>Chado</i> , the Way of Tea	1pm & 2pm

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