



Photo: David M. Cobb

## O-Bon, the Spirit Festival Offers Nighttime Memorial in Tranquil Setting

**August 15, 8–9:30 p.m.**

Admission Gate and Upper Pond

Members only, free

Reservations required, space is limited

[www.japanesegarden.com/events](http://www.japanesegarden.com/events)

or (503) 796-9180

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.

The event begins with the *Bon Odori* led by Ms. Sahomi Tachibana, the most accomplished traditional Japanese dancer performing outside of Japan and a longtime Portland resident and friend of the Portland Japanese Garden. Following the dance outside the admission gate, guests will proceed to the Upper Pond for *Toro Nagashi*, or lantern floating. Lanterns are floated on the water at O-Bon to light the way home to the heavens for the spirits of ancestors who are believed to visit their families at this time of year.

The Garden is honored to have Reverend Zuigaku Kodachi lead the solemn Buddhist chanting at this year's Spirit Festival. Light a lantern and watch it flicker across the

Garden's Upper Pond in memory of departed friends and family, and listen to the words of the elegant *Myohorengekyo*—the Lotus Sutra which comforts and encourages us all with a message of hope for the troubled spirits of our times.

As a special conclusion to the event, Reverend Kodachi will read the names of recently deceased friends and relatives of Garden members as a part of the Buddhist prayers chanted by the Upper Pond. If someone close to you has passed away during the past year, please contact Kumiko Read at [kread@japanesegarden.com](mailto:kread@japanesegarden.com) with the name to be read and your own name and phone number.



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\*No flash photography or tripods, please.

### Inside this Issue



Steve Bloom in conversation with Columbia Sportswear's Gert Boyle

Photo: Jonathan Ley

# Behind the Shoji Art Show and Sale

**Through September 5**

Garden hours • Garden Pavilion  
Included with Garden admission

*Behind the Shoji Art Show and Sale* continues with a dazzling collection of ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood carvings, textiles, and more. This one-of-a-kind annual art show features Asian-inspired original artwork and unique gifts for sale. Proceeds from the sales benefit the Garden.

With 37 artists presenting one-of-a-kind works of art, there is something for every taste and budget. Collectors will find many of their favorite artists from past events alongside 11 artists who are new to *Behind the Shoji* this year.

**Artist demonstrations take place on weekends throughout the show's run, beginning at 11 a.m.**



**Sunday, August 7**

Christina Brown – textiles



**Saturday, August 13**

Lee Haga – jewelry



**Sunday, August 14**

John Wirth – metal art



**Saturday, August 20**

Ken Pincus – ceramics



**Sunday, August 21**

Tom Kostas – photography



**Saturday, August 27**

Masamichi Nitani – woodworking



**Sunday, August 28**

Teresa Ruch – bamboo dyeing/textiles



**Saturday, September 3**

Karen Fullerton – sumi-e prints and cards



**Sunday, September 4**

Maarja Paris – felting/textiles

For a complete list of the participating artists and their mediums, please visit: [www.japanesegarden.com/events/behind-the-shoji](http://www.japanesegarden.com/events/behind-the-shoji).

# Partners in Nature: A Conversation with Gert Boyle

*Columbia Sportswear Company is a partner and Corporate Member of the Portland Japanese Garden. The Garden's Chief Executive Officer Steve Bloom sat down with Columbia's Chairman of the Board "Ma" Gert Boyle at Columbia's headquarters in Beaverton to discuss the organizations' partnership and the importance of nature and the outdoors.*

**Steve:** Columbia Sportswear and the Garden have forged a wonderful relationship and we are so appreciative of your support. I wanted to pose three questions to you today, because I think that our members at the Garden would be interested to hear from you directly about your support of the Garden. We are many things to our members and to our community but at its heart the Portland Japanese Garden connects people with nature. How do you think that relates to Columbia Sportswear's mission and values?

**"The Japanese Garden makes you feel at one with nature."  
— Gert Boyle**

**Gert:** Our mission statement is different than most others. It includes the words *active*, *value* and *outdoors*. What the Japanese Garden does by embracing the outdoors—that fits in line with what our customers do. We dress the person that goes outdoors and stays outdoors in all weather. Both of our audiences embrace the outdoors and want to keep it sacred and beautiful. We create clothing for that audience. It really all works together. You could say that the Garden and Columbia are partners in nature!

**Steve:** Broad community engagement is clearly an important value for Columbia Sportswear as it is for the Garden. Whether outfitting our gardeners with uniforms or providing relief to Tsunami victims in Japan, Columbia and its employees regularly step up to the plate to make a difference. Can you tell me why it is important to Columbia Sportswear to support organizations like the Portland Japanese Garden here locally, but also the significance of your participation in philanthropic efforts such as those in Japan?

**Gert:** It is important to support organizations such as the Garden that stimulate our own design staff so that they are always making the newest and greatest products. We are all a part of Portland and what goes on here. That is something we



Gert Boyle and Steve Bloom

have always believed in. When someone needs help, everyone needs to step in. Communities in Japan are no different than communities in Portland when it comes to being a good neighbor. We have hundreds of employees in Japan. You help your neighbors, and your neighbors help you.

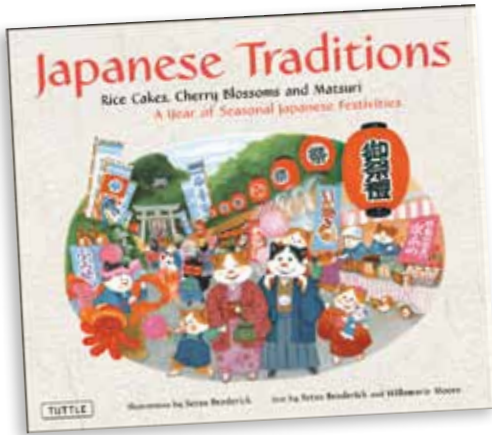
**Steve:** On a personal note Gert, what are some of your favorite things about the Portland Japanese Garden?

**Gert:** I have always thought that the Garden was an incredible place. The spring time blossoms are amazing and so is the fall at harvest time. The Garden has wonderful Japanese festivals such as *O-Bon*. I did that in Japan. Ultimately, the Japanese Garden makes you feel at one with nature.

**Steve:** Thank you so much taking time with me today. Your support of the Garden is so greatly appreciated. Without the support of Columbia Sportswear and others we would not be able to do what we do for the community. It's been great talking with you, Gert, and I look forward to seeing you around the Garden!

**Columbia Sportswear provided a significant product donation to Japan after the 2011 earthquake. In addition, Columbia Sportswear employees contributed almost \$25,000, matched by Columbia, to support relief efforts.**

## In the Garden Gift Store and Online



This summer learn about woodblock print making, bamboo dying, and many other Japanese art techniques at the artist demonstrations each Saturday and Sunday during *Behind the Shoji Art Show and Sale*. Save 10% on artwork made by the artist when you attend their demonstration. *Behind the Shoji* features one-of-a-kind Asian-inspired art pieces by 37 regional artists and is on view until September 5th.

Also, shop the Garden's online store (<http://shop.japanesegarden.com>) and save 20% on any purchase during August. The children's book *Japanese Traditions* (\$16.95/\$15.25 for members) explores *O-Bon* and Japanese festivities. Also, check out the Garden's new Mini Soji Lantern Lights (\$22/\$19.80 for members) for your own garden!

Please use online Promo Code: AUG20 when checking out to save 20%.



Photos: Jonathan Ley

### Chado, the Way of Tea

August 20, 1 and 2 p.m.  
Presented in the Kashintei Tea House  
in the Tea Garden  
Included with Garden admission

The Kashintei Kai volunteer group presents *Chado, The Way of Tea* at the Garden at 1 and 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of every month, through October.

The value of your membership is always growing. This month's coupon is one in a series of new benefits for Members. Watch for more great deals in the summer months.



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During the month of August, sign up for yoga classes at *amrita: a sanctuary for yoga* ([www.amritasanctuary.com](http://www.amritasanctuary.com)) and receive 50% off a 10-class pass.

Must present valid membership ID or number. For more information on this and other exciting membership benefits, please visit: [www.japanesegarden.com/membership](http://www.japanesegarden.com/membership).

### Twilight Hours for Supporting and Sponsor Members

August 11, 7-9 p.m.  
Pavilion Veranda  
Reservations requested at  
[membership@japanesegarden.com](mailto:membership@japanesegarden.com) or (503) 796-9180

The Garden is pleased to invite supporting and sponsor members to experience the Garden in its summer evening beauty. Members and the guests can enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres on the Pavilion veranda. For more information about these membership levels, call Membership and Annual Fund Manager Sue Dixon at (503) 542-0281.

### Photographer Member Hours

August 14, 7-9 p.m.  
Photographer Members Only

Garden photographer member hours are held once a month during eight months of the year when the light is best for photography. These hours are an exclusive benefit for Garden photographer members. To learn more about photographer membership, visit [www.japanesegarden.com/membership](http://www.japanesegarden.com/membership).

#### Photographer Member Hours for 2011:

August 14, 7-9 p.m.                      October 6, 6:30-8 a.m.  
September 21, 6:30-8 a.m.



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## Maple Pruning Demonstration

September 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine  
Pavilion and grounds  
\$65 members / \$85 non-members  
(Reservations open August 16)

One of the Garden's most popular workshops—taught by Head Gardener Michael Kondo and other staff gardeners—includes discussions on types of maple pruning and specific pruning techniques as well as shaping and growth regulation. General care information and fact sheets will be provided with a section on integrated pest management and nutrient management. Attendees will receive limited hands-on experience as well. Participants are asked to please provide their own lunch.



## O-Tsukimi, Moonviewing

September 11, 12, and 13, 7-9 p.m., rain or shine  
\$25 members / \$35 non-members  
Reservations required, space is limited  
(Reservations open August 9)

There is no better place in Portland to share the romance and mystery of the full moon in autumn than from the eastern courtyard of the Portland Japanese Garden Pavilion, cup of saké in hand, gazing at the harvest moon as it rises above the city.

Moonviewing, or *O-Tsukimi*, is a traditional Japanese festival which honors the full moon in autumn. Guests enjoy a quiet evening in the Garden, observe a candle-lit tea ceremony in the Kashintei Tea House, and listen to elegant live music.

Poetry reading and writing have been part of traditional moonviewing events in Japan for centuries. Guests are invited to write their own poetry in honor of the autumn moon



and listen to poetry readings in the Garden Pavilion. Sip saké or tea, enjoy a light sampling of seasonal Japanese foods, and experience a rare walk through the lantern-lit Garden during moonlit hours.

From the Garden's spectacular east-facing overlook with a view of the city skyline below, watch as the moon rises over the mountains and downtown Portland.

*Photographers: Flash photography and tripods are not permitted.*

## Volunteer Orientation

September 25, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Garden Pavilion  
Free, reservations requested to  
[blattig@japanesegarden.com](mailto:blattig@japanesegarden.com) or (503) 223-9233

If you have been interested in volunteering at the Garden, this is the perfect place to get started. Come to our fun and informative orientation where you will get the chance to meet staff and veteran volunteers. In addition, you will learn about Garden volunteer programs and take a tour. Simply contact Betsy Lattig, tour and volunteer coordinator, at [blattig@japanesegarden.com](mailto:blattig@japanesegarden.com) for more information. We can't wait to welcome you to our volunteer team!

## Ikebana International 50th Anniversary Exhibition

September 16-18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Garden Pavilion  
Included with Garden admission

Arrangements representing five major schools of Ikebana will be on view in the Garden Pavilion, including those of master teachers of the *Ikenobo*, *Ohara*, *Ryusei-ha*, *Saga Goryu*, and *Sogetsu* schools.





# The Golden Crane Society

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*If you are interested in contributing to our endowment, please contact Nicola Sysyn at (503) 595-5225.*

## Golden Crane Legacy Members

*Golden Crane Legacy Members have named the Garden as the ultimate beneficiary of a planned gift.*

*We are grateful to the following people for letting us know of their plans to support the Garden in this special way:*

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Barbara Bell

Diane Benjamin

Steve Bloom & Michael Blankenship

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Margueritte Hirschbuhl Drake

Bill Findlay

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Carmen Wong-Blair

*If you would like to include the Garden in your estate plans, or if you have already done so and would like to be listed as a Legacy Member, please contact Nicola Sysyn at (503) 595-5225 or nsysyn@japanesegarden.com.*

\*Deceased

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Tuesday–Sunday: 8–10 a.m.

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(April 1–September 30)

Tuesday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Mondays: noon–7 p.m.

**Summer Public Tours:**

Tuesday–Sunday: 10:45 a.m., 1 p.m., & 2:30 p.m.

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**August**

- 8/14 Photographer Member Hours . . . . . 7–9 p.m.
- 8/15 O-Bon, the Spirit Festival\* . . . . . 8–9:30 p.m.
- 8/20 Presentations of *Chado*, the Way of Tea . . . . . 1&2 p.m.

**September**

- 9/5 Labor Day (Special Hours) . . . . . 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
- 9/8 Twilight Hours for Supporting and Sponsor Members . . . . . 7–9 p.m.
- 9/10 Maple Pruning Demonstration\* . . . . . 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- 9/11, 12, 13 O-Tsukimi, Moonviewing\* . . . . . 7–9 p.m.
- 9/16, 17, 18 Ikebana International 50th Anniversary Exhibition . . . . . 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- 9/17 Presentations of *Chado*, the Way of Tea . . . . . 1&2 p.m.
- 9/21 Photographer Member Hours . . . . . 6:30–8 a.m.
- 9/24, 25 Festival Japan\*\* . . . . . 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
- 9/25 Volunteer Orientation . . . . . 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

\*For O-Bon reservations, please call (503) 796-9180.

\*Reservations required. Registration fees are non-refundable. Dates and times subject to change.

For more information and to make reservations or payment arrangements, call or visit:

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