



Art in the Garden Summer 2011

Urban Green: Small Trees for Small Spaces

Kenji Kobayashi of Sinajina and Ceramic Artists of the Oregon Potters Association

Nestled along a quiet residential street in the Jiyugaoka neighborhood of Tokyo, a small modern bonsai nursery called Sinajina is leading a grassroots movement to bring people and nature together in modern-day Japan.

According to Jared Braiterman, founder of *Tokyo Green Space*, a research project on how green spaces make Tokyo a liveable city, “Bonsai shop Sinajina presents exquisite miniaturizations of natural landscapes. Yet this is bonsai with a difference. Owner Kenji Kobayashi is widely acclaimed for modernizing the craft and fostering an appreciation of nature to an urban clientele. Unlike traditional masters, who are only interested in trees that are already hundreds

May 27–June 19
Garden hours, Garden Pavilion
Included with Garden admission

of years old, Kobayashi uses young plants and experiments with a much wider variety of pots and styles. In a time when potted plants are considered disposable, Kobayashi wants young people to treat plants as members of the family, like pets, who require care and attention over time. ‘It’s not enough for city people to visit the countryside for a day,’ he says.”

Mr. Kobayashi has an interesting connection with the Portland Japanese Garden. He started his career as a student of landscape architecture under Hachiro Sakakibara, one of the Garden’s former garden directors. During his time with Mr. Sakakibara, Mr. Kobayashi traveled to Portland to continue his studies. Now, this summer’s *Art in the Garden* exhibition brings Mr. Kobayashi back to Portland after many years of absence for an exhibition of his modern style of bonsai.



Photos: Courtesy of Sinajina



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A workshop will be conducted during the week Mr. Kobayashi is in residence at the Garden. The small trees, grasses, and plants for the workshop will be generously provided by Sean Hogan of Cistus Nursery on Sauvie Island. This is an opportunity for participants to learn to plant and care for their creations, and take home the finished product in a handmade original container made by ceramic artists of the Oregon Potter's Association. A lecture by Jared Braiterman opens the exhibition on May 26.



Urban Green: New Bonsai Workshop

May 24, 1–4 p.m.

\$100 members/\$125 non-members

Reservations required, space is limited

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In the week leading up to the opening of the exhibition, Mr. Kobayashi will present a bonsai workshop during which participants will learn to plant and care for new bonsai. The fee includes a handmade ceramic vessel, and all potting and plant materials, with design, planting instruction, and assistance from Mr. Kobayashi. Special thanks to members of the Bonsai Society who will assist Mr. Kobayashi with the workshop.

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Lecture: Urban Green/Tokyo Style with Jared Braiterman

May 26, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

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Dr. Jared Braiterman, a design anthropologist and founder of Tokyo Green Space, will present a lecture on his research on Tokyo urban greenspaces. As a resident of Tokyo and personal friend of Mr. Kobayashi, Dr. Braiterman's current research examines how bringing nature into the city benefits people and the environment. Dr. Braiterman received his Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology from Stanford, and a B.A. from Harvard. He specializes in urban ecology, garden design, clean tech, and business innovation. Based in Tokyo since 2009, he publishes in a variety of mass media, presents at landscape design, computer, and urban design conferences, and maintains a public blog at: www.tokyogreenspace.com.

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Disasters in Japan Bring the Community Together

The March 11 earthquake, tsunami and subsequent hardships faced by people in Japan have been devastating. To provide a place for reflection, healing and grief, and offer a way to be close to Japan, the Garden hosted a vigil on March 18 for Garden members and friends in the Portland Japanese community. The moving vigil featured memorial sutras, music, the Garden's Wish Arbor, and condolence books as well as comments from CEO Steve Bloom, Portland Mayor Sam Adams, and Consul General of Japan Takamichi Okabe.

For more information about how you can help victims, please visit www.japanesegarden.com/japandisasters.



Visitors read wishes on the Wish Arbor.



Reverend Kodachi and Mayor Adams at the vigil.

Photos: Jonathan Ley



Kodomo no Hi, Children's Day

May 7, 1–3 p.m.

Included with Garden admission

The Portland Japanese Garden celebrates *Kodomo no Hi*, Children's Day, with a variety of children's activities and performances for families, including a Taste of Tea for children in the Garden's Kashintei Tea House, the raising of brilliantly colored *koi nobori* carp banners, the making of paper *kabuto* helmets and paper *koi* kites, *taiko* drumming, and other perennially popular Children's Day activities for the entire family.

This year on Children's Day, the Garden will be celebrating the release of 23 new *koi* in the Strolling Pond Garden. Please join us at 3 p.m. by the Moon Bridge for a special ceremony to welcome the new *koi* to their home.

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Mother's Day

May 8, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Included with Garden admission

Spend Mother's Day in the Garden and enjoy this spring day with friends and family. Garden guides will be on hand throughout the Garden to answer questions about history, culture, and Japanese gardening. And stop by the Pavilion between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for a taste of tea presented by the Garden Gift Store. While you enjoy your tea, peruse the special Mother's Day table featuring jewelry, notecards, accessories, books and more – all for the special mothers in your life.

Pine Candling Demonstration

May 14, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Garden Pavilion and grounds

\$65 members/\$85 non-members

Reservations required, space is limited

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Learn the art of pine candling in this demonstration class. Head Gardener Michael Kondo and staff gardeners will begin the day with a walk around the Garden for a review of the use and placement of pines. Leaders will then discuss the types of pines, specific pruning/needling/shaping techniques, and ways to regulate pine growth. Participants are asked to provide their own lunch.

Bonsai Society Exhibition

May 21–22, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Garden Pavilion

Included with Garden admission

The Bonsai Society of Portland's (BSOP) annual Bonsai Exhibition will include dozens of bonsai from members' private collections, including some truly worldclass material.

The exhibition will present conifer, deciduous, fruiting, and flowering species, in sizes ranging from large three-foot-tall specimens to tiny shohin trees small enough to hold in the palm of your hand.

In addition, displays with scrolls, stones, and accent plants will be on view, including a traditional Japanese tokonoma alcove display.

There will also be an educational table and live demonstrations throughout both days of the exhibition where visitors may ask questions and watch BSOP members at work.

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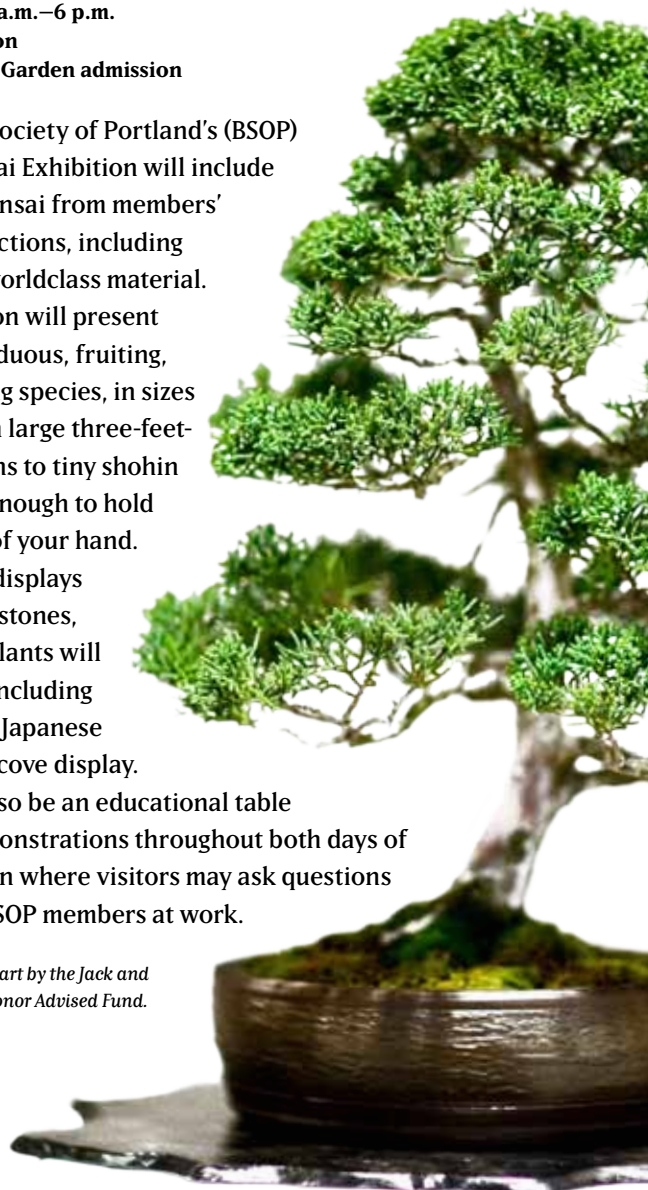


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Chado, the Way of Tea

May 21, 1 and 2 p.m.

Presented in the Kashintei Tea House in the Tea Garden

Included with Garden admission

Join us in the Tea Garden for a presentation of Chado prepared by Kashintei Kai. Chado presentations are offered at the Garden at 1 and 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of every month, through October.

2011 Presentation of Chado Dates:

May 21	August 20
June 18	September 17
July 16	October 15



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Photographer Member Hours

May 21, 6:30–8 a.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.

2011 Photo Hours:

May 21	6:30–8 a.m.
June 15	7–9 p.m.
July 19	7–9 p.m.
August 14	7–9 p.m.
September 21	6:30–8 a.m.
October 6	6:30–8 a.m.



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In the Garden Gift Store and Online

We're gearing up for a very special first weekend of May as we celebrate Kodomo no Hi, Children's Day, on Saturday, May 7 and Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8. This is the first time in a long time both special occasions fall on the same weekend and it's going to be one you won't want to miss! On Children's Day, be sure to stop by the Gift Store for a koi nobori banner to take home, or choose from our wide selection of children's pajamas, notecards, toys, and decorative items all featuring koi. The Gift Store will be open for Mother's Day as usual, but will also be located in the Pavilion as we welcome our friends from Sugimoto Tea who will be serving tea from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors will be able to purchase all varieties of their tea along with other items hand-picked for mothers – including tea ware, jewelry, accessories, books, music, and notecards.



Photo: Jonathan Ley

Sogetsu Ikebana Rose Festival Exhibition

June 11–12, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Garden Pavilion

Included with Garden admission

Official Portland Rose Festival Event

Each year for the past 39 years, the Sogetsu School of Ikebana has presented their annual exhibition at the Garden as a sanctioned event of the Portland Rose Festival. Not every school of ikebana embraces the use of western floral materials such as the rose, but the Sogetsu School is known for its willingness to explore new ideas and materials. The Sogetsu philosophy advocates that ikebana should be part of a lifestyle, appreciated by many people from all over the world. Visit the Garden to see these elaborate and colorful flower arrangements presented by the Sogetsu School of Ikebana.

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Weyerhaeuser Bonsai Lecture/ Demonstration: The Art of Saikei

with David De Groot

June 16, 7:30–9 p.m.

\$10 members/\$15 non-members

Reservations required, space is limited

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Saikei, meaning “scenic planting” or “landscape planting,” is an offshoot of bonsai that was developed and named in post-World War II Japan by bonsai nurseryman Toshio Kawamoto. Lecturer David De Groot will introduce the art of saikei through words, images, and a demonstration in which he will explain the aesthetics and techniques involved as he creates a living saikei. A question and answer period will follow the demonstration.

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Lecture: Healing Nature: Sensory Engagement and “Sense of Place”

with Vincent Healy, Jr

June 30, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

\$10 members/\$15 non-members

Reservations required, space is limited

(Reservations open May 31)

The restorative qualities of nature are evident perhaps nowhere more beautifully in Portland than in the tranquil setting of the Portland Japanese Garden. As a follow-up to this year’s *Living in Harmony with Nature* theme, the 2012 Art in the Garden and the Garden Lecture series will explore the role of the garden as a setting for restorative therapies. This June 30 lecture on “Healing Nature” by noted expert Vincent Healy sets the tone for the coming year by providing a definition of “healing” and “restorative” gardens, and discussing some of the many ways in which multi-sensory experiences in garden settings can benefit healing.

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In utmost silence
one crow in a cherry blossom
universe

Volunteer at the Garden

Calling all members! Are you looking for an exciting way to get more involved in the Garden? We are currently seeking volunteers for events, festivals, art exhibitions and more, and we need your help. Come and join our fantastic team of volunteers and get to know a different side of the Garden. Contact Betsy Lattig, tour and volunteer coordinator at blattig@japanesegarden.com for more info. We can't wait to welcome you to our volunteer team!



Gift Planning Tip

Consider naming the Garden as a beneficiary in your will or revocable trust. You may decide to give a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or even personal property such as real estate.

an amendment to your present trust instrument. To ensure that your exact intentions can be carried out, we encourage you to discuss your plans with our staff and advisors.

To make a gift to the Garden from your estate, you must sign a new will or living trust instrument, add a codicil to your present will, or make

For additional information or to discuss options that may benefit your family and the Garden, please call Nicola Sysyn at (503) 595-5225.

Thanks to All Who are Helping to Bring Back the Koi

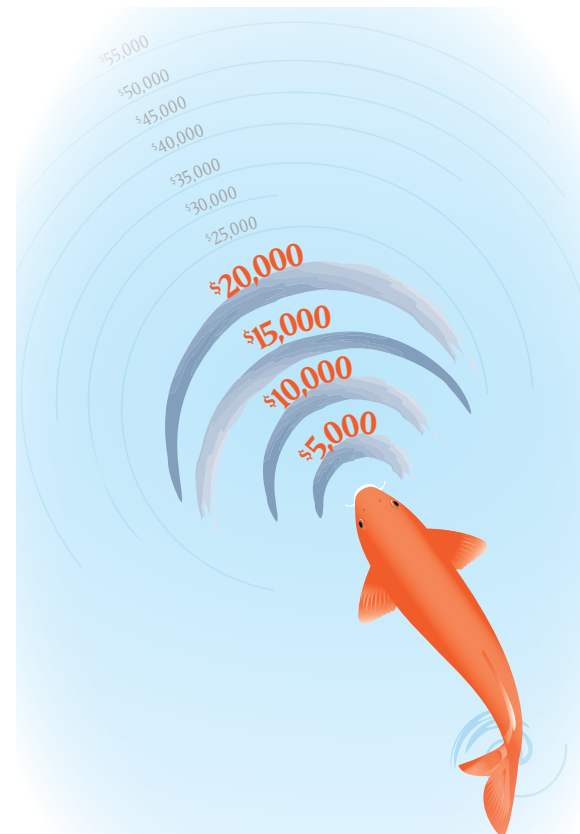
The Garden aims to raise a total of \$55,000 over the next two years to repopulate the ponds with new koi. So far, our members have generously donated \$19,912.96, enough to purchase the first group of koi. Thank you to our most recent donors to this effort:

- Richard Cook & Heidi Scott
- Charlotte Gray
- Elizabeth A. Menche
- Charles Shelodon
- Joan & David Weil

The Garden plans to release 23 new koi at the May 7 celebration of Children's Day. If you would like to help us purchase the additional koi to fill our ponds, support the project with a gift by calling Sue Dixon at (503) 542-0281 or visit our website at www.japanesegarden.com/koi.

Koi Count

As of this issue, we have raised enough money to purchase 23 of the 40 koi needed to refill our pond. Thank you!



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- 5/4 Annual Meeting of the Membership* 6-8 p.m.
- 5/7 *Kodomo no Hi*, Children’s Day 1–3 p.m.
- 5/8 Mother’s Day 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
- 5/14 Pine Candling Demonstration* 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- 5/21 Photographer Member Hours 6:30–8 a.m.
- 5/21–22 Bonsai Society Exhibition 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- 5/21 Presentation of *Chado*, the Way of Tea 1 & 2 p.m.
- 5/24 Art in the Garden—*Urban Green* Bonsai Workshop* 1–4 p.m.
- 5/26 Art in the Garden—*Urban Green* Lecture* 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- 5/27–6/19 Art in the Garden—*Urban Green: Small Trees for Small Spaces* Garden hours
- 5/30 Memorial Day (Special Hours) 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

June

- 6/11–12 *Sogetsu* Ikebana Rose Festival 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- 6/15 Photographer Member Hours 7–9 p.m.
- 6/16 Weyerhaeuser Bonsai Lecture: *The Art of Saikei** 7:30–9 p.m.
- 6/18 Presentation of *Chado*, the Way of Tea 1 & 2 p.m.
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