

2010 Annual Report
The Japanese Garden Society of Oregon



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From the Chief Executive Officer

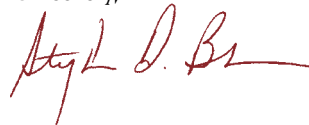
2010 was another exciting year at the Portland Japanese Garden. Despite the challenge of record rainfall and slow economic recovery, the Garden welcomed nearly 210,000 people through its gates. We continued the tradition of presenting exceptional exhibitions through our Art in the Garden series, added a new Horticultural Lecture Series, reached out nationally and internationally through the creation of an International Advisory Board, and created networking opportunities with Japanese gardening and design professionals worldwide through the collaborative efforts toward a North American Japanese Garden Association. Even more importantly, we were able to apply significant resources back into the maintenance, care, and upkeep of the physical garden and its structures, exemplified by the work on the Zig Zag Bridge and the beginning of the pond restoration project.

Given all the exciting activity and success, it might seem a difficult task to pick one or two highlights from the year. But it is not. October 2010 saw the reunion of all eight of our past garden directors in one of the most significant events to occur in the Garden's nearly 50-year history. The Garden Directors Reunion allowed staff, volunteers, members, and the community to experience a powerful living history; a history originating in our Garden but reaching far beyond, as well. The stories, knowledge, and expertise shared over

the course of the events impacted all involved very deeply. Professor Tono's vision was cultivated by these eight garden masters and we have them to thank for their stewardship of the Garden we see today. They have had substantial influence and facilitated major advancements in the field of Japanese gardening and design over the past five decades. In addition, Professor Tono's three grandchildren honored us with their presence and we were very proud to host them all for this momentous event.

With great respect for our past we now look to the future. Given our remarkable history we are particularly pleased to announce that after a two-year search process, we have selected Kengo Kuma of Kengo Kuma & Associates to design our future expansion project. Mr. Kuma is one of the premier architects in the world, and given his stature in the global architecture community and exemplary body of work, his vision and expertise will most certainly usher in a continued legacy of design excellence for our Garden and our community at-large.

Sincerely,



Stephen D. Bloom

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Carolyn A. Berry Chief Executive Chair



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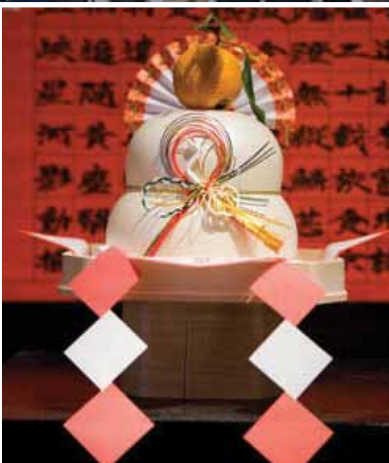
Garden and Facility Updates—2010 was a busy year for the Garden given its many facility improvements. We successfully completed a total renovation of the Zig Zag Bridge in April, with the general layout and dimensions of the bridge remaining unaltered to maintain the original design and aesthetics. This project was funded by the Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation and the Wessinger Foundation. We also completed major repairs on the Antique Gate, including sturdy new frames to replace the old, sagging ones around each door panel and two new supporting posts. In addition, we installed a new filtration system at the Upper Pond in late August. This was a precursor to the installation of a much larger system at the Lower Pond in the spring of 2011, supported by The Collins Foundation and Alice Sumida.

Garden Directors Reunion—During one beautiful week in October, the Garden and the community of Portland proudly welcomed Kinya Hira, Hoichi Kurisu, Hachiro Sakakibara, Michio Wakui, Masayuki Mizuno, Kichiro Sano, Takao Donuma, and Toru Tanaka—all of our eight

former Garden directors—to the Garden. The reunion included interviews with each of the directors for a future documentary, walks through the Garden, a panel discussion at the Portland Art Museum, and an evening at Multnomah Athletic Club. October 14, 2010 was even proclaimed to be “Master Designers of the Portland Japanese Garden Day” by Portland Mayor Sam Adams. These were historic events, bringing the organization’s living history together in one place for the first time. The Garden Directors Reunion events were made possible by the Portland Japanese Garden International Advisory Board, the Asian Art Council of the Portland Art Museum, The Benson Hotel, Elephants Delicatessen, Ikebana International, New Belgium Brewery, Professor Masami Nishishiba, Oregon Cultural Trust, Michel Hersen, Sake One, Mr. Yoichi Sato, Tomodachi Kai, Torii Mor Vineyard & Winery, and the Wessinger Foundation.

Marguerite “Maggie” H. Drake Honored for Years of Service—The Garden’s history is full of passionate volunteers, committed advocates, and other dedicated

Photos from left to right—Top row: The nine Garden directors; construction on the Zig Zag Bridge; Bottom row: Maggie Drake; New Year’s mochi; Small Blessings by Delosa Webber; Portland Taiko at the Garden Directors Reunion Banquet.



individuals. But none, perhaps, more worthy of note than Maggie Drake. She has been actively involved with the Garden for close to five decades and was in attendance at the first annual meeting of the Society. Maggie served on the Garden's Board of Directors for most of the past 47 years and was the Board's first female president from 1993-1995. In October, Maggie was honored by the Garden at the banquet held for the eight former garden directors. Maggie's longtime family friend, Jordan Schnitzer, made remarks and announced that the Garden's Board of Directors had unanimously nominated Maggie as Board Member Emeritus in honor of her unparalleled years of service.

Garden Lecture Series—The Garden Lecture Series brought world-renowned speakers who covered topics ranging from Asian plants to architecture. The lectures are now some of the Garden's most popular events, routinely filling the Pavilion to capacity. In January, author and horticulturist Sean Hogan gave an in-depth presentation on Japanese and Asian plants; the March lecture featured landscape architect and author Ron Herman discussing

his career in garden design and the influence of Japan on his work; a wholesale grower of Japanese maples, Talon Buchholz spoke about his long experience with developing new varieties of Japanese maples in the April lecture; former Garden director and revered landscaper Hoichi Kurisu spoke at the July lecture about the continuing evolution in the field of Japanese garden design and construction; and Botond Bognar, international scholar and Edgar A. Tafel Chair in Architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, spoke about new directions in Japanese architecture.

Volunteer Program—Our volunteer season was a great success, ending with 3,772 volunteer hours. Each volunteer hour is valued at \$20.85, bringing the total value of volunteer hours to \$78,646. Volunteers guided 880 tours, provided Garden staff with horticultural support, helped at festivals and art exhibitions, and more. Our volunteer base includes more than 300 active volunteers who work together to help realize the vision and plans of the Garden. We literally could not run the Garden without the help of our wonderful, dedicated volunteers.

Photos from left to right—Top row: Netsuke exhibition; Horticultural support volunteer; Plant Sale volunteer; Bottom row: Fence building workshop; Shihoko Fukumoto exhibition.



Art in the Garden—The *Art in the Garden* series featured three spectacular exhibitions that drew large numbers of visitors from around the world and garnered significant media attention. *Small Blessings in Bamboo and Stone* featured Deloss Webber's stone and woven fiber creations; *From Damsels to Demons: The Hidden Art of Netsuke Carving* presented more than 100 fine netsuke from the Garden's Marian P. Miller Collection; and *Indigo is the Color of My Dreams* displayed indigo-dyed textiles by world-renowned artist Shihoko Fukumoto. These exhibitions were made possible with support from the Jack & Lynne Hoffman Donor Advised Fund, The Japan Foundation, and the Wessinger Foundation.

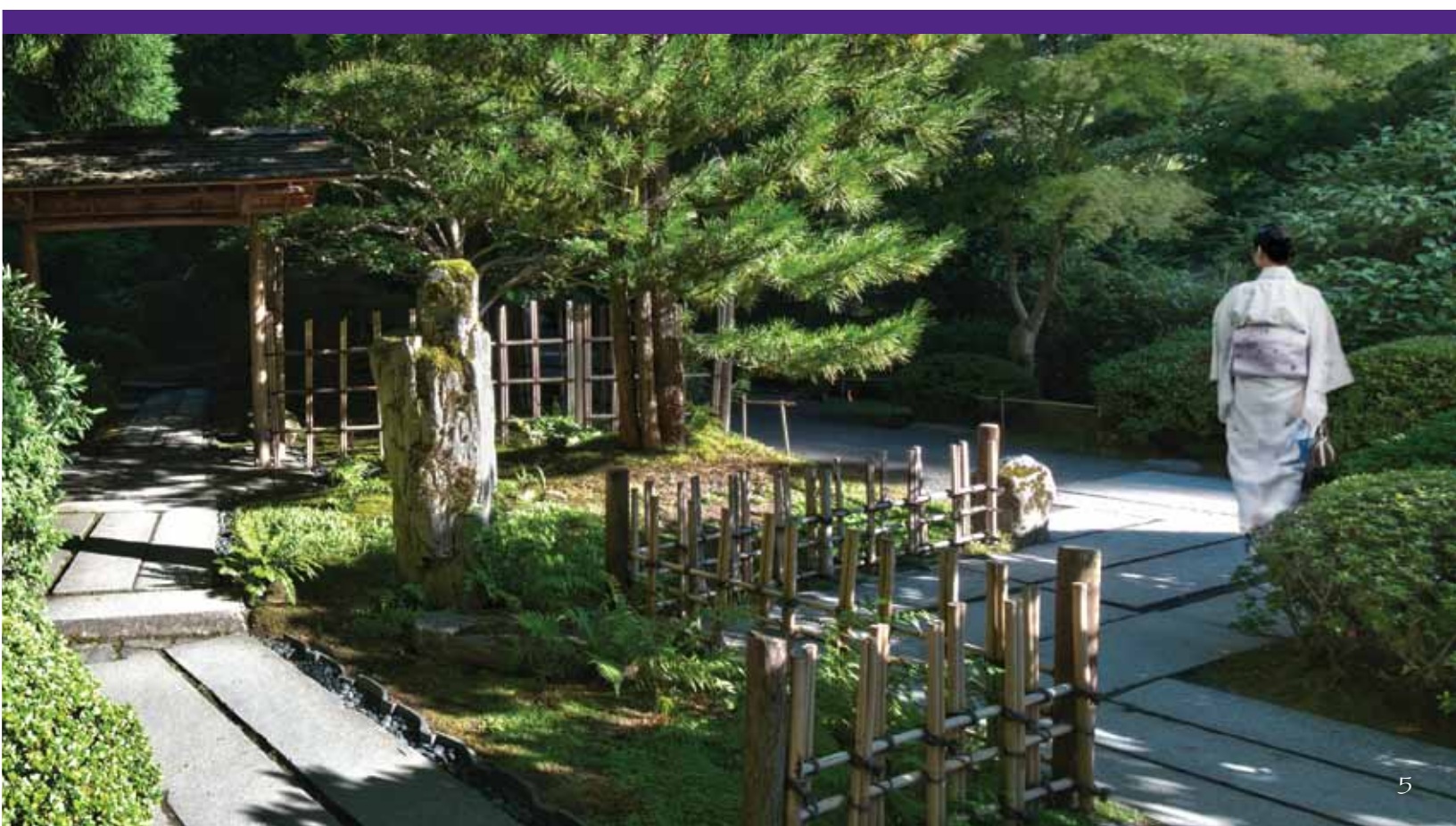
New International Advisory Board—The Garden formed an International Advisory Board (IAB) in 2010. The IAB consists of a broad network of experts, scholars, philanthropists, and interested individuals. IAB members foster connections between the Garden and its local, national, and international communities and act as ambassadors and advocates of the Garden's mission, vision, and programs.

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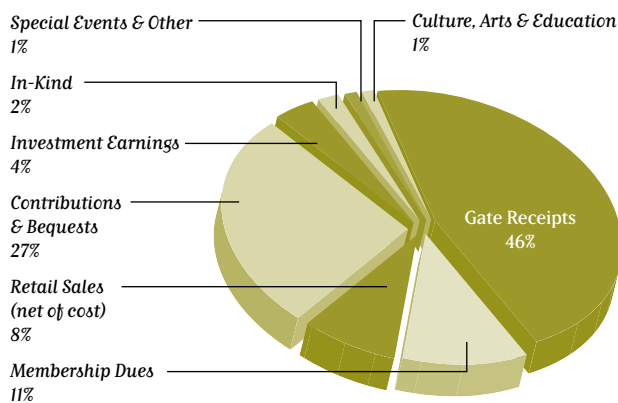
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2010

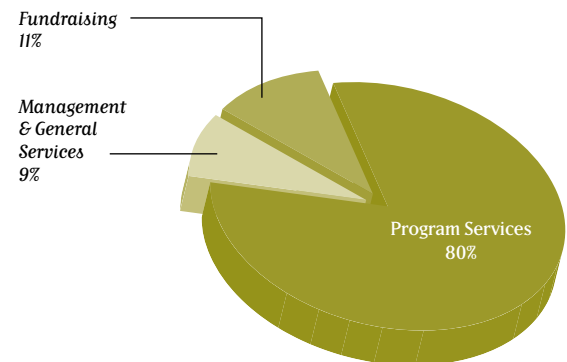
(with comparative amounts for 2009)

	2010	2009
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$165,917	382,892
Accounts receivable	7,427	2,650
Contributions receivable	213,447	144,838
Inventories	120,913	140,008
Prepaid expenses	21,963	39,046
Investments	1,092,323	1,087,278
Garden, buildings and equipment	2,843,370	2,717,089
Total assets	\$4,465,360	4,513,801
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	40,014	102,409
Deferred Revenue	10,788	2,132
Funds held on behalf of others	8,388	9,388
Mortgage Payable	528,077	534,957
Total liabilities	587,267	648,886
Net assets:		
Unrestricted:		
Available for programs and general operations	(164,972)	74,070
Cumulative endowment losses	(11,883)	(61,566)
Designated by Board	533,410	531,904
Net investment in capital assets	2,315,293	2,182,132
Total unrestricted	2,671,848	2,726,540
Temporarily restricted	282,244	246,724
Permanently restricted	924,001	891,651
Total net assets	3,878,093	3,864,915
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 4,465,360	\$ 4,513,801

Sources of Revenue



Functional Expenses



Consolidated Statement of Activities

December 31, 2010

(with comparative amounts for 2009)

	2010	2009
Revenues and gains:		
Gate receipts	\$1,376,551	1,236,811
Retail sales	238,757	274,200
Culture, arts and education events & workshops	36,435	22,730
Operating investment return	21,029	66,938
Other earned revenues	2,559	3,376
Total revenues and gains	1,675,331	1,604,055
Public support:		
Society dues	336,546	295,970
Contributions and bequests	811,400	564,874
Special events (net of direct costs)	29,010	25,444
In-kind contributions	47,315	18,435
Total public support	1,224,271	904,723
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	44,509	55,230
Total revenues, gains and other support	\$2,944,111	2,564,008
Expenses:		
Program Services	\$2,395,771	2,029,826
Management and general	252,626	283,890
Fundraising	332,219	304,762
Total expenses	2,980,616	2,618,478
Increase (decrease) in net assets before non-operating activity	(36,505)	(54,470)
Non-operating activity:		
Total endowment return (loss)	94,192	178,333
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(44,509)	(55,230)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	13,178	68,633
Net assets at beginning of year	3,864,915	3,796,282
Net assets at end of year	\$3,878,093	3,864,915

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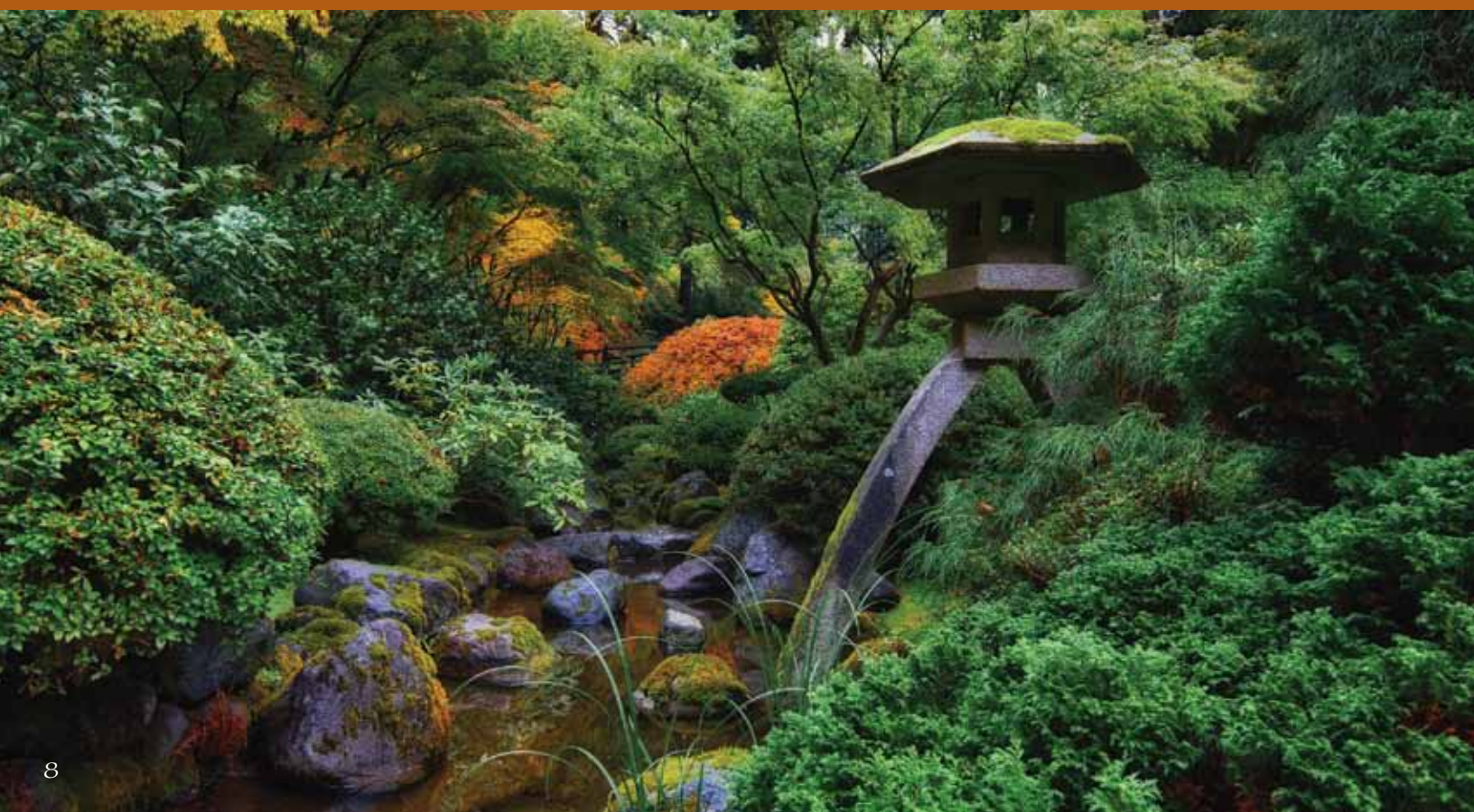
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Our Core Values

WE BELIEVE IN AND STRIVE FOR:

Inspiration, serenity, tranquility, and the aestheticism of nature.

Excellence in the management and maintenance of the Garden.

Japanese culture, tradition, and aesthetics.

Cultural authenticity directed to the needs of diverse local, national, and international communities.

Environmental awareness and conservation, and the pursuit of environmental sustainability in the operation of the Garden.

Mutual respect and harmony within the board, staff, membership, and with surrounding communities.



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