



Fact Sheet

A look inside Portland Japanese Garden

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Hours:

Summer Public Hours (March 11 - Sept. 30):

- Monday: Noon - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday - Sunday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Winter Public Hours (Oct. 1 - March 10):

- Monday: Noon - 4 p.m.
- Tuesday - Sunday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Quick Facts:

- Year Established: 1963 (the Garden opened year-round in 1967)
- Total Annual Attendance: 453,000 in 2018
- Total Acreage: Eight public gardens spread over 12 acres
- Total Volunteers: 300
- Total Members: 18,750
- Total Staff: 122 (during peak season)
- Total Operating Budget: \$11 million

Key Personnel:

Stephen Bloom, *Chief Executive Officer*

Cynthia Johnson Haruyama, *Deputy Director*

Lisa Christy, *Chief External Affairs Officer*

Sadafumi Uchiyama, *Garden Curator*

Diane Freeman, *Chief Financial Officer*

Akihito Nakanishi, *Arlene Schnitzer Curator of Culture, Art, & Education*

Pricing:

Adults: \$16.95

Seniors (65+): \$14.50

College Students (with ID): \$13.50

Youth (6 - 17): \$11.50

Children 5 and under: free

Photos, Videos & Logos:

- [Click here](#) for Photos of the Garden & its Cultural Programming
- [Click here](#) for Videos & B-roll
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About Portland Japanese Garden

Portland Japanese Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Since opening year-round to visitors in 1967, the Garden has been immersing its guests in beautiful scenery while they experience the art and culture of Japan. Celebrated as one of the most authentic Japanese Gardens outside of Japan, the Portland Japanese Garden features eight separate garden styles on its 12-acre site.

The Garden was initially established with five distinct garden styles, each of which share a sense of peace, harmony and tranquility:

- *Flat Garden (hira-niwa)*: In a garden such as this one, the designer worked to balance the relationship between the flat planes (the ground) and the volume of stones and clipped shrubbery and trees to create a sense of depth of space;
- *Strolling Pond Garden (chisen kaiyu shiki teien)*: This garden consists of Upper and Lower Ponds connected by an enticing stream. The Upper Pond features a Moon Bridge, while the Lower Pond has a zig-zag (yatsubashi) bridge through beds of iris against the backdrop of a stunning waterfall;
- *Tea Garden (cha-niwa or roji)*: A Japanese tea garden is a place for quiet reflection on the beauty of nature and the art of living in harmony with one another and with all things;
- *Natural Garden (zoki no niwa)*: The Natural Garden was created to be an environment that encourages visitors to rest, relax, and reflect on the very essence and brevity of life; and
- *Sand and Stone Garden (karesansui)*: Gardens of raked sand (or gravel) and stone are referred to as karesansui (literally, “dry landscape”) gardens.

With the 2017 Cultural Village expansion, the Garden introduced three new gardens, designed to immediately immerse visitors in the experience and demonstrate a wider array of Japanese garden styles and techniques, including:

- *Entry Garden*: a water garden of cascading ponds that continues along a zigzagged walk up a terraced stone pathway through Japanese maples, Pacific Northwest native plants and towering Douglas Firs.
- *Tsubo-niwa Garden*: known otherwise as “small vignette garden,” this garden style originated throughout Japan in the Heian period. These garden vignettes provide organic relief in the small open spaces between buildings.
- *Ellie M. Hill Bonsai Terrace* – The Portland Japanese Garden partners with local bonsai practitioners in Portland and from around the region. Bonsai on the Terrace will be rotated frequently, giving returning visitors a chance to see many different bonsai species and styles

The *Bill de Weese Chabana Research Garden* will grow native Japanese flowers as seasonal centerpieces for *chado* (tea ceremony), furthering the Garden’s education focus. This is a research garden, housed on a steep terrain, and is the first of its kind in North America.

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