

About Portland Japanese Garden

Portland Japanese Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1963 as a place for cross-cultural understanding following World War II. Since opening year-round to visitors in 1967, Portland Japanese Garden has become a global destination for Japanese culture, art, nature, and peace in Portland, Oregon. It is considered the most authentic Japanese garden outside of Japan and the foremost Japanese cultural organization in North America.

Quick Facts

Year Established	1963
Opened to public	1967
Annual Attendance	453,000
Acreage	12 acres with 8 gardens
Members	21,000
Volunteers	200
Staff	145
Operating Budget	\$12.1 million per year
Adult Admission	\$18.95
Total Events	350

PROGRAMMING & AUDIENCE COMPOSITION

Portland Japanese Garden's purpose is to bring peace and understanding throughout Oregon's communities by offering the garden as a place for mindful reflection and presenting programs that foster appreciation for different perspectives.

Portland Japanese Garden proudly serves audiences from around the globe, representing all 50 U.S. States, 90 countries, communities of color and other traditionally underserved populations. 66% of this audience is under the age of 45 and 16% identify as Asian.

Leadership

Steve Bloom Chief Executive Officer

Sadafumi Uchiyama Chief Curator and Director of the International Japanese Garden Training Center

Hugo Torii Garden Curator

Cynthia Johnson Haruyama Deputy Director

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

Lisa Christy Chief External Affairs Officer

— “[My clients see] an organization committed to cultural integration. And this is inspirational. It shows them they don’t have to ‘blend in’ to integrate into America. They can, in fact, contribute their ethnic tradition to their communities.”

— Luba Gonina, Licensed Clinical Supervisor, Lutheran Community Services, Russian Immigrant

Portland Japanese Garden throughout the seasons.

