

Creating a garden of unity and reconciliation

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NEWSLETTER



The Japanese Garden Society has had a good year. In spring, we had the Blossom Picnic in the Heiwa Garden on April 13th as a part of island-wide Blossom Festival. It was heart-warming and encouraging to receive so much support. Haiku poet Terry Ann Carter offered the haiku writing workshop the next day. A small but enthusiastic group explored the minimalistic world of haiku with her.

After participating in the fun of the Pride Parade on September 7th, we had a fall fundraising event on November 17th by inviting two Japanese musicians; Hiroshi Yamaguchi, a shamisen player from Japan and Kozue Matsumoto, a koto



At the Blossom Picnic, Raffi led a sing-along; Peter Levitt was one of four poets who gave wonderful readings; and Brenda Guiled and the Karate kids gave a fantastic presentation. Terry Ann Carter and Wendy Webb with their haiku work. Many thanks to everybody for supporting the event and to the participants who generously donated their time and talent.



Photos by Brian Smallshaw

Photos by Elehna de Sousa



Season's Greetings to you all!

player from Vancouver. They gave a full two-hour presentation at the Harbour House Hotel to an audience of 60. It was a great chance to enjoy the vibrant sound of instruments which even the Japanese don't often get to hear live. We were fortunate that Hiroshi could make it to the island during his short stay in Canada. It wouldn't have happened without Kozue's amazing help and the Harbour House Hotel kindly donated the space for the event. Tania and Jose Sanchez were also essential for its success. Thank you!



Photos by Shinobu Murata



Kozue's fingers plucking the koto



Hiroshi and shamisen



Akiko Otsu making ceremonial tea

Water Feature Installation Postponed

Due to an unexpectedly heavy rain fall in the early fall, we had to postpone the installation of the water feature. The ground was too soft to bring in heavy machinery when we were planning to do the work. We'll be looking forward to get back to work on it next spring.

Vandalism Damaged the Young Maple Trees

On a sadder note, some of the young maple trees in the Heiwa Garden received significant damage from vandalism in late September. We found that several branches were torn from two trees. Hannah Brown, who donated one of the two damaged trees in memory of her late grandchild, was saddened by the incident and is trying to restore it with personal care and love.

The Heiwa Garden is there for everyone who enjoys and respects the space. It is a public park, yet we managed to keep the garden relatively free from vandalism until this fall. We don't want to lose our trust in people. If every one of us takes a bit of care to look out for the garden, she should be safe and sound. We hope you can work with us to maintain a healthy environment in this precious space.



We have reported the incident to the police. It has been suggested that we install a surveillance camera... do we want to go that way? I personally hope not.



Your support will help the Heiwa Garden grows with the community

The Japanese Garden Society of Salt Spring Island welcomes your support and participation. If you wish to be a member, volunteer, or make a donation, please fill out the form below and mail it to us. Please make cheques or money orders payable to the 'Japanese Garden Society'. We issue tax receipts.

Name(s) : _____

Address: _____

_____ postal code

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Membership/Donation

- \$10/year - individual
- \$15/year - household
- \$100/year - corporate
- \$1,000 - lifetime
- Donation \$ _____

Volunteers are needed for various tasks.
Please let us know if you can help.

- Office work
- Information table at events
- Gardening
- Committees (Maintenance, Community Outreach & Fundraising)
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Newsletter (writing, editing)
- Others _____

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