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SHINZEN GARDEN COMING EVENTS

TORO NAGASHI

Saturday Aug. 14, 2010
7:00 pm Lakeside

MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Wed., Sept. 8, 2010
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.
In the Garden

Haiku Winner --

Spring Festival

The warm days of spring
can be very relaxing -
the happiest spring.

by

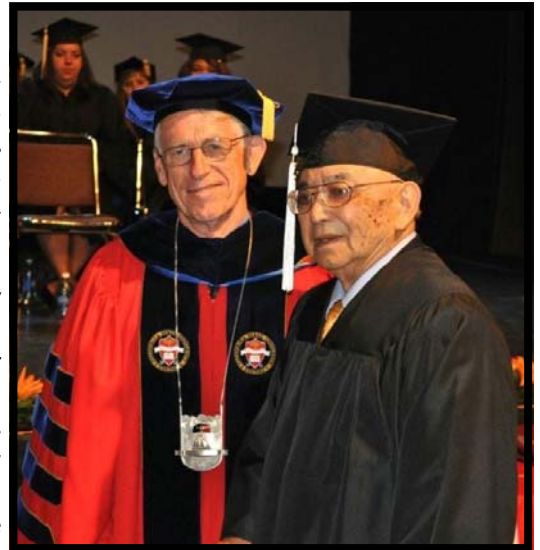
Mia Rodriguez, Age 9

NISEI PROJECT AWARDS DEGREES

The Nisei Project is a project by the California State University and Fresno State to grant honorary degrees to former students forced from their academic studies due to incarceration of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

Fresno State President John D. Welty said: "It is always heartbreaking when students are forced to put aside their dreams of a college education, and even more so in the case of Japanese-Americans who were incarcerated during World War II. Fresno State will be proud to award honorary degrees to our students whose studies were interrupted."

On Thursday, May 20, Satoshi ("Sat") Kuwamoto, long-time Shinzen Garden Board Member, was presented with an honorary degree from Fresno State, where he had been a student in 1941. Sat was born and raised on the west side of Fresno. During World War II, he and his family were interned at the Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona. From there he attended the Mis-



*CSU Fresno President John Welty and
Shinzen Board Member Sat Kuwamoto.
Photo by Board Member Dale Ikeda.*



*Dr. Paul Oliaro (Vice-Pres. of Student Affairs),
Sat and Sachye Kuwamoto, Richard Toshio
Henmi, Dale Ideda.*

souri School of Mines, graduating with an engineering degree. He returned to Fresno to fulfill a promise made to his father to spend a year at home to help re-start and develop the family business. That one year turned into 52 years operating Aki Hardware.

Sat has been married to Sachye Mizuki since 1968 and is the father of three children. He is a Charter Member of the Shinzen Garden Board of Directors and is active to this day.

We all offer our sincerest congratulations on receiving this well-deserved and long overdue honor. A video report of the event is viewable at

www.fresnostatenews.com/2010/05/nisei-honorary-degree-ceremony/.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

Dear Friends of Shinzen Garden:

The past month has been very eventful for your Shinzen Board. Due to proposed cuts in the City budget, Shinzen Board was approached by the City Parks' leadership to assume the maintenance and operation of the Garden through a lease agreement.

This was an exciting yet daunting proposal and meetings were held to see if and how this could be achieved.

Ultimately, after thorough analysis, discussion and negotiation with the City, it was clear that we as a private, non-profit organization do not have the resources to assume such a responsibility at this time. We projected a minimum \$40,000 deficit in the first year and that was assuming we would be able to garner a large active group of volunteers which at present we do not have.

We were disappointed to have to decline the lease at this time, but it made us realize how important it is to mobilize and gear up our efforts on behalf of the Garden. The financial woes of the City are not likely to improve for at least a few years and we are anxious to step up our involvement.

We see this an opportunity for the private, non -profit sector to rally and be more involved and take this beautiful Garden to a level that the City would not be able to manage. Examples of very beautiful and successful Japanese Gardens that are operated by the private sector are in San Diego and Portland.

At this point in time the City proposal is to eliminate the position of the only maintenance person in the Shinzen Garden and mow and maintain the Garden on a sporadic basis with labor that has no knowledge, experience or expertise in Japanese gardens. Obviously, we are concerned that if this should happen, the Garden would likely deteriorate.

THANKS !

The Shinzen Garden Society expresses sincere thanks and appreciation to the following for their gifts to the Garden:

Angel Abajian in memory of
Alison Jaunique
Angel Abajian in memory of
Fred Taniguchi
Fresno Bonsai Society
George & May Kimura
Janet Ishkanian in honor of
Angel Abajian
Rosemary Lawrence in memory of
Alison Jaurique
Shirley Nishimura & Debra Imamura
in memory of Fred Taniguchi
People's Church Active Adults
Ron & Irene Takahashi in memory of
Mrs. Jean Y. Mah
Emilio Valle



We plan to advocate for the Shinzen Garden with the Mayor and City Council. We plan to build a broader base of support for the Garden by reaching out to members of the community who care about the Garden, to volunteer (work in the Garden, take tickets at the gate, help set up for events, help with mailings, make phone calls, co-ordinate volunteers, help with fund raisers, write grants, serve on the Board, and more...)

We plan to build coalitions with groups of similar interest such as Master Gardeners, Tree Fresno, CSUF horticulture, computer science, volunteer and intern programs, Iris Society, Koi Society, FCC, members of the Japanese community, etc. We plan to contact landscapers to provide help with maintenance. We plan to apply for grants and hold fund-raising events.

We will continue to meet with the City to finalize an agreement on what Shinzen Garden Society can do in and for the Garden so we can preserve, maintain and improve it. We have a vision for this community gem that will require your support and involvement. We will explore more on that vision after we complete our agreement with the City.

Please call me if you have questions, suggestions, comments or if you will help us.

Thank you for your membership. Please plan on attending our annual membership dinner in the Garden on September 8 for an update.

Judy Shehadey, President
Shinzen Garden Board of Directors
226-3480

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

FAMILY:

Joyce Clark
Pat Coffrey
Callan & Christie Cole
Linda DeKinif
Chieko Delgado
Mary-Ann Edens
Sally Emanuels
Lois Enomoto
Russell & Christina Everett
David Everwine
Darlene Kelly
Monica Kiser
Debbie McCarty
ViAnn Oden
Cathy Ostos
Samantha Ponce
Leilani Shimizu
Mary Smith
Darlene Tice
Lynn Walker

STUDENT:

Samantha Rogers

BUSINESS / PROF:

Donald Griffith

SHINZEN GARDEN MEMBERS LIST - We thank you for your support!

SUMMER 2010

Angel Abajian	Tim & Lisa Cook	Gary & Cheryl Hanoian
Ralph Abajian	Margaret Crain	Dr. Susan Harris
Jean Abe	Dave Crockett	Shigeo & Kinuko Hayashi
Steve Abe	Christopher & Colleen Crouch	Jo Ann Heizenrader
Rebecca Adams	Clinton & Pamela Cummins	Betty Higdon
Ken & Rachael Aldrich	Jim Cunningham	Setsu Hirasuna
Carole Anderson	Dorothy Dake	Stuart Hirasuna
Susan B. Anderson	Lila Dalton	John & Jennifer Crow Hirstein
Mits & Erma Aoki	Steve DaSilva	John D. Hix
Susan K. Arakawa	Linda DeKinif	Jane Hoffman
Kristina Arden	Chieko Delgado	John & Queenie Hovhanessian
Marsha Auchard	Rita Deubner	Larry Howey
Geri Avedesian	Austin Deweese	Kazuko Huey
Merry Gale & Marin Baiz	Chris Dibble	Mrs. Jean Hull
Elaine Barrett	Michelle & Stan Diebert	William Hutchins
Rosemarie Bauer	Collette Dodd-Barrios	Shirley Ihara
Bob Belcher	Leona Douthit	Tsuruye Ikawa
Roberta Bell	Mary Dryden	Dale & Deborah Ikeda
Patricia Berg	Jackie Duncan	Hiroko Ikeda
Dwayne Berrett	Bob & Marilyn Dwyer	Kikuye Ikeda
Fred & Susan Biglione, Jr.	Mary-Ann Edens	Dr. Dennis Ikuta
David Billings	Mary Egoian	Mary Iriart
Robert Bly	Sally Emanuels	Anthony & Jeanette Ishii
Delores Bonander	Jeananne Yoko Emerson	Sophia Iwatsubo
Wayne Boos, CPA	Nancy Enloe	Vincent Iwo
Robert Boro	Lois Enomoto	Mrs. G. S. Janda
Becky Bourdet	Russell & Christina Everett	Dr. Madhu John
Alex Brandon	Paul Evert	Bob & Michele Johnson
Aggie Breedlove	David Everwine	Guy & Carole Johnston
Judie Brown	Roger & Evelyn Falcy	Nancy Jones
Lynda Brown	Cindy Farris	Lenore Karsted
Carolyn Cook & David Bryant	David & Marjorie Fishel	Richard & Edie Kassabian
Mr. & Mrs. Kenichi Bunden	Evelyn Fisher	Mr. & Mrs. George Katsuki
Ed & Patti Bungo	Stephen G. Fleck	Ron & Kathryn Kawaguchi
Shirley Burns	Debbie Flores	David & Carol Kawamoto
Shirley Butler	George & Jackie Folsom	Darlene Kelly
Brian & Elaine Calhoun	Barbara Fortier	Judy Kennedy
Michael & Pearl Cardenas	Ken Fransen	JoAnn Kent
Richard Cardoza	Steve & Kay Frauenholtz	Hilary Kimber
Rudy Castillo	Gary & Nina Gagnebin	George & May Kimura
Jo Chakmak	Jake & Kathi Gallinetti	Laurence & Sharon Kimura
Mary Jane Chester	Bertha & John Garabedian	Dr. & Mrs. Dale Kirkegaard
Joan Christenson	Charitable Foundation	Monica Kiser
Robert & Suni Ciszewski	Kristy Garavello	Billie Knapp
Brad Clark	Michael Girazian	Elizabeth Knapp
Joyce Clark	Peggy Golway	Terry & Cat Krossschell
Jim Clarke	Don Gray	Marlene Kubota
Pat Coffrey	Ellis Vance & Robin Greiner, Jr.	Ralph Fumihiko Kumano
Callan & Christie Cole	Donald Griffith	Eiko Kunitake
Bill & Kathy Coit	Ula Mae Gross	Sandra Kurushima
Joan Cole	Gloria Hallier	Sat & Sachye Kuwamoto
Tawnya Combe	J. D. & Coke Hallowell	Tony & Lupe Lango
Marlene Conklin	Bobbi Hanada	Annette LaRue

Rosemary Lawrence	Mary Nasse	James Rudholm	Jane Suo
Christina Lee	Jenny Natali	Margery Russell	Jenny Swenning
Joseph & Lisa Libby	Marian Navarro	Loris Ryan	John Swenning, Sr.
Dr. & Mrs. Robert D. Libke	Jeff & Ann Nennig	Jacqueline Ryle, Ph.D.	Deborah Symes
Ryan & Amanda Libke	Jim & Diana Neptune	Paul Saito	Tim & June Taira
Detlev & Mary Lindae	Edward & Karla Nichols	Rodney & Caryl Martin	Ron & Irene Takahashi
Jim & Carole Linenbach	Dorothy Nishimoto	Sakaguchi	Shizuo Takayama
Wilton Lisk	Masako Nishimoto	Robert & Toshi Sakai	Emiko Taketomo
Toshio & Yoneko Livingston	Ron & Kathy Nishinaka	Dr. Carolyn Sakauye	Kenneth Takeuchi
Frances Long	Dr. Stanley Norsworthy	Stewart & Dana Sakoda	Vic & Reiko Takeuchi
Kathryn Long-Pence	Shirley Oats	Carmen Saldana	Harold & Irene Tamura
Alan & Victoria Lopes	ViAnn Oden	Richard & Merlene Samuelian	Cecil Tange
Rich & Julie Lucido	Shig & Masaye Okada	Bette Samuelson	Barbara Taniguchi
Samuel & Linda Lucido	Don & Sharon Oliver	Dr. George M. Saul	Tetsuo & Marie Taniguchi
Richard & Debbie Marquez	Dr. Susan Gale Orovitz	Morrie Schneider	Jamelie Taylor
Janene & Darin Marsella	Frank & Marian Orvis	Paul & Pam Schramm	Jim & Earleen Templeton
Donald Martin	Cathy Ostos	Deidre Brose Schroeder	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Templeton
Jennifer Martin	Haruye Oto	Susan Scramstad	Rocky Teranishi
Norma Martinez	Roy & Helen Overbey	Art Serabian	Darlene Tice
Eiji Maruko	Sylvia Owens	Alan & Gladys Sevenser	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy
Judy Masada	Robert Pampaian & Ms. Del	Curtis & Kristin Shamlin	Tidyman-Jones
Mary Helm Mason	Ann DeVauy	Anita Shaw	Dorothy Tigson
Nori Masuda	Larry & Aileen Parmeter	Judy Shehadey	Penny Shields Tocher
Mrs. Kenneth S. Masumoto	John Perkins	Ted & Terry Shigyo	Jean Tonooka
Family Matevosian	Natalia Permiakova	Dr. & Mrs. Dick Shimada	Don & Gerri Totoian
Sadako Matsumoto	Robert & Grace Perry	Toshio & Gladys Shimamoto	Beth Traber
Joe & Wanda Mattes	Lyn Peters	Carolyn Shimizu	Beatrice Tsutsui
Debbie McCarty	William Petesch	Leilani Shimizu	Marian Tucker
Susan McCline	Marlis Phelps	Mary Shimizu	Mikio Uchiyama
Lucy McGuire	Rollin & Glenna Pickford	Robert & Jane Shintaku	Gilbert & Carolyn Unruh
Jenine McKinney	Hinako Piechowiak	Victoria Shirinian	Robert & Nancy Van Galder
Ron & Kathy McLaughlin	Barbara Pitman	Teresa W. Siebert	Hilda & Lloyd Vandergriff
Kitty McManus	Jack & Connie Pitt	Dr. & Mrs. Robert Simons	Caroline Vasquez
Elizabeth McNair	James Pius	Tom Skelton	Regina Vukson
Ron Chesterton and Lorraine	Patricia Poitras	Anne Scheid & Ken Slavney	Bruce & Florence Waldron
Meesenburg	Samantha Ponce	George & Janet Smith	Lynn Walker
Michael Mello	Linda Prialx	Mary Smith	Don & Ikuko & Naomi
Gilbert & Gladys Mendez	Keith & Heather Putirka	William & Rosary Soares	Watnick
Joy Mendoza	Alma Radka	Terri Songer	Stuart & Anne Weil
Diane Merrill	Rick Ransom	Joan Sparks	Raymond & Hjava Weitzman
Michael & Esther Milnes	Stephanie Renna	Julie Spina	Diane Williams
Gakuji & Tsukino Mizuki	Caroline Rhodes	Roy Spina	Diane Winning
Dr. Gerald Mon Pere	Richard & Josephine Rhodes	Eber & Joan Stackpole	Margaret Wood
Jerry Mootafian	Mrs. E. W. Richardson	Dona Starr	Beverly Woodward
Nabuo & Aya Mori	Henry & Jennifer Rivera	Ann Stefani	O. James Woodward, III
Fukiko Mae Morita	Bobby Roberts	Alberta Steitz	Yoshiye Yamagiwa
Dorothy Morris	Selwyn Robinson	Nancy Steitz	Gene Yamaguichi, DDS
Dorothy & Michael Motta	Barbara Roe & Dutch Clinger	Barbara Stewart	Anna Yamamoto
Art & Arletta Munger	Samantha Rogers	Darrel & Cherie Stewart	Kay Yamamoto
Susie Nakagawa	Dorothy Rohlfing	Malcolm Stewart	June Yamasaki
Dean & Beth Nakamura	Rich & Linda Rollin	Bernice Stiner	Nofuko Yokomi
Katsuto & Ruth Nakano	Dan & Margarete Ronquillo	Bernice Stone	Dennis & Kathie Yoneda
Mitchell & Lynn Nakashima	Lucia Rosales	Ross & Dorothy Stuart	Mr. & Mrs. John Yuyama
Shoji & Doris Nakashima	Dr. David & Mrs. Jan Roy	Takashi Sugimoto	Megann Zabel

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2010 TORO NAGASHI CELEBRATION

FLOATING LANTERN CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Sponsored By The Shinzen Japanese Garden Society

AUGUST 14, 2010 AT 7:00 PM

WOODWARD PARK, FRESNO

This ancient celebration begins with sounds of the Taiko Drums to call and awaken ancestors' spirits and welcome them on their annual return to the world of the living. Following the opening ceremonies, the calling of names and the launching of the floating candle lanterns, known as TORO NAGASHI will begin. This will signify the spirits' departure and lead them safely back to the spirit world. Watching the innumerable tiny "boats" floating into the dark distance, each bearing a shimmering light, provides a time of recollection in a sacred place to bid ancestors farewell.

If you are unable to attend, a docent will launch your lantern for you.

Please fill out the lantern order form below and mail with check to

Shinzen Garden, P.O. Box 16178, Fresno, CA 93755-6178.

INFORMATION, PHONE (559)-297-1041. ARIGATO

MAIL IN DEADLINE: AUGUST 7, 2009

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Use this ORDER FORM and save \$5.00 (\$20.00 if purchased at night of event)

TORO NAGASHI FLOATING LANTERN CEREMONY

DONOR'S NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FLOATING LANTERN(S) IN MEMORY OF: _____

NUMBER OF FLOATING LANTERNS: _____ @ \$15.00 ea= _____

TOTAL DONATION ENCLOSED= _____

Mail this order form with check to SHINZEN GARDEN, P.O. 16178, FRESNO, CA 93755-6178

FRINGE TREE - SPECIAL PLANT SERIES

Located in the Summer Garden along the path leading to the Winter Shelter is a planting of three Fringe Trees *Chionanthus virginicus*. Commonly known as the American fringe Tree or Old Man's Beard, they are native to the Eastern United States and one of the loveliest of all the American Native trees.

Easy to grow and moderately drought tolerant, pure white, slightly fragrant flowers hanging in long spectacular panicles appear as the first leaves emerge. The blooms cover the tree for two or more weeks in April. They bloom best in full sun but the foliage does best with several hours of afternoon shade. There is one flush of growth a year.



They require little pruning and could eventually grow to 20 to 30 feet tall. In landscapes they are more commonly 10 to 15 feet tall when grown in the open. In the Shinzen they have been trained into smaller and rounded multi-trunked trees

A very versatile plant, the American Fringe Tree is a stunning contribution to the Summer Garden within the Shinzen.

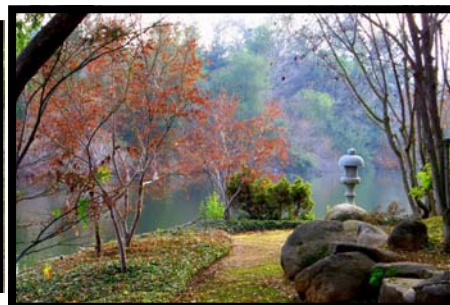
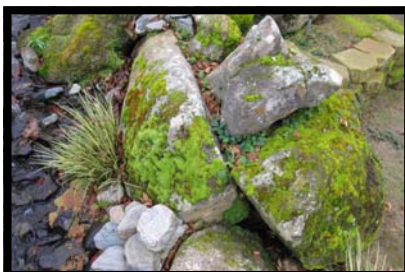
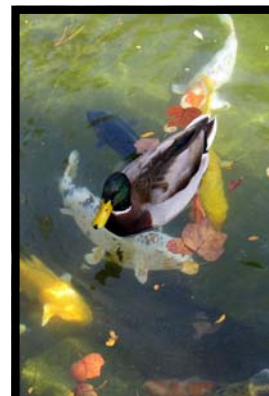


Photos in this article by Richard Kassabian

Richard Kassabian

DIANE WILLIAMS' PHOTOGRAPHS CHOSEN FOR NEW COURTHOUSE

Garden member and avid photographer Diane Williams has been selected to have 18 of her photographs placed in permanent display at the B. F Sisk Federal Building, currently being remodeled. Seventeen of these were from the Shinzen Garden! You may recognize her name from photographs in previous newsletters. These are being professionally enlarged by Fotech, as well as professionally matted and framed. The Grand Opening will be held towards the end of 2010. Watch for the announcement in our Fall newsletter. Here is a preview of some of her winning photographs. Congratulations, Diane!



2009 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors and Advisory Board meet the third Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Tree Fresno Office on East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, at 6:00 p.m. Members are invited to attend all meetings.

Board of Directors

Judy Shehadey <i>President</i>	Becky Adams Fred Biglione, Jr.	Art Munger Ron Nishinaka
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Steve Abe	Guy Johnston	Julie Spina
Bob Belcher	Hilary Kimber	Jenny Swenning
Bob Bly	Linda Lucido	Ken Takeuchi
Jackie Duncan	Betty McNair	Harold Tamura
Robin Greiner, Jr.	Dan Ronquillo	

Garden Hours

The Garden is open on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from 10 a.m. to dusk. In addition, from May 1st through September 30th, it is open daily Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to dusk.

Admission: \$3 for Adults, 15 to 65 years;
\$.50 for Seniors and children 4 to 14 years;
Children under 4 years, no charge. Garden Members enter free of charge with Membership Card.

The City of Fresno charges \$5 per car entrance fee to Woodward Park. Seniors are exempt from this fee. Special Garden tours can be arranged weekdays. Permits must be obtained for Weddings and Photo Shoots. For tours or events, call the City Parks Department at 621-2900.



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Calligraphy courtesy of Reverend Keizo Norimoto

PRUNING DAY

Pruning Day on Saturday, May 8th, 2010 was a great success. Thanks so much to all the volunteers who came and donated their time! Members of the Fresno Bonsai Society, Fresno City College Bonsai Club, the Landscape committee and several Master Pruners from the Merritt College Pruning Club of the Bay Area worked hard, primarily de-candling the Black

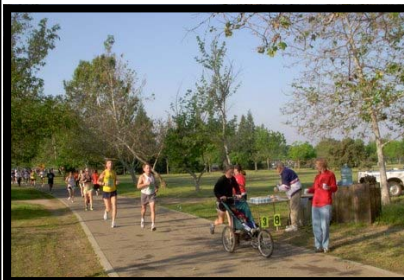


Photos by Richard Kassabian

Pines. Lunch was provided by the Shinzen Garden Board of Directors.

Our next Pruning Day will be Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010. All levels of experience are welcome. Please volunteer!

SHINZEN RUN



Thanks as always to Ken Takeuchi, the Race Director for organizing this great event. Proceeds from this event go to several local organizations including Shinzen Garden, Central CA Nikkei Foundation and JAFL. Garden Board

members Judy Shehadey (President), Linda Prialx (2nd Vice-President) and Roy Spina are shown here staffing one of the water tables.



Photos by Paul Saito

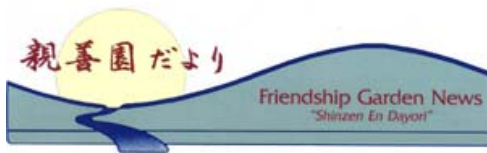
HAIKU WINNER (Adult) - Spring Festival

The raindrops dripping

Gently upon petals

Reflect life anew.

by Suzanne Marrott



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ITEM OF INTEREST

■ FOR THE SAKE OF SAKE! JACL and Sakanaya Restaurant are having a benefit Sake Tasting and Supper on Thursday, July 15th at Sakanaya restaurant (9447 N. Ft. Washington, Fresno, 433-6607). Proceeds will benefit the JACL Education and Leadership Fund, Fresno Chapter. Enjoy a Guided Tasting by Michael Matsuyama with sake by Midorikawa Sake. Cost is \$50 each. Seating is limited to 50 guests. Savor the nuances of Japanese Rice Wine followed by a traditional Japanese meal. Mail ticket requests to JACL Tasting, P.O. Box 5641, Fresno, CA 93755-5641. For more info, email charlenekiyuna@gmail.com.



**Gardens are not
 made by saying "Oh,
 how beautiful" and
 sitting in the shade.**

Rudyard Kipling

**Yes, I want to join the
 Shinzen Friendship Garden!**

Membership Categories and Annual Dues

Please check appropriate category:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (18 yrs.) \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business or Professional \$100 or More |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> Donation |

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) _____ (please print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Enclosed is a check made payable to the Shinzen Friendship Garden. Contributions are tax deductible within the limits allowed by law.

As a member, I am interested in participating on the Committee for:

- Docents
- Fundraising
- Landscape & Maintenance
- Membership
- Planning & Projects
- Promotions & Publicity

I would like to see these events take place in the Shinzen Garden