

### 1 ENTRY

Kodo Matsubara designed the entrance with a flower theme, exemplified by the embedded flower in the walkway. The funds to develop the Front Gate were donated by the Japanese American Citizens League of Fresno, which include the grand Mon gate, the iron fence and the stamped concrete. The large metal grape leaf at the center of the Mon gate represents the Central Valley's agricultural roots. Above the gate is a sign in Japanese roughly translated to good will garden, in other words: friendship garden.

### 2 GATEHOUSE

### 3 FOUNDERS & DONOR BOARD

Designed in the Japanese torii-style by Fresno architect Art Dyson and dedicated in 2014 honoring the founders and the generosity of our donors.

### 4 SPRING GARDEN GRANITE MARKER

Each granite marker identifies a seasonal area of the Garden. The four season concept was incorporated by Shiro Nakagawa, one of four designers of Shinzen. The other three designers were Kodo Matsubara, Paul Saito, and city of Fresno staff.

### 5 UME GROVE

One of the most beautiful areas of Shinzen, the Ume (Japanese apricot) produces a canopy of pink and white blossoms in January or early February. In Spring the azaleas bloom. Notice the tsukubai basin, lily pond feature, and bridges, overlooked by the tembo dai, or waiting shelter.

### 6 CAMELLIA GROVE & LAKE LOOP

A Japanese garden design feature is the hide and reveal concept; the winding pathways build anticipation for the visitor as they wander to discover the next lantern, lake view, or stunning plant sculpture.

### 7 TEA GARDEN & TEA HOUSE

A simple and subdued garden featuring black bamboo, Japanese red cedar, mondo grass and the authentically designed Tea House.

### 8 SUMMER GARDEN GRANITE MARKER

This area of the Garden wanders along the path through Ronquillo Meditation Point. Here aesthetically pruned Japanese black pines create sculptures overlooking the lake accented by a granite lantern.

### 9 DOUBLE MOON BRIDGE

The double moon bridge, a symbol of good luck, offers an expansive view of the koi pond, Angel's Island, and Woodward Lake. Many Japanese gardens feature moon bridges and crossing over the bridge represents the possibility of rebirth.

### 10 1939 LANTERN

This large historic lantern commands a central place in Shinzen. In 1939 the original lantern was placed in Roeding Park – a gift and gesture of friendship from the Fresno County Japanese Young Men's Association to the city of Fresno. The Japanese writing says kizou or gift. In 2001, the 11 foot, 3-ton cultural treasure was restored and a ceremony held to present the lantern in its new home, in the Autumn section of Shinzen Friendship Garden.

### 11 AUTUMN GARDEN GRANITE MARKER

This shady cooler area in the Summer months features tulip, Chinese pistache, Japanese maple, ginkgo and nandina trees which turn to brilliant reds, oranges and golds in Autumn.

### 12 DRY CREEK

A Japanese symbol of a stream, using rock to impart the image of water (life).

### 13 AUTUMN TEMBO DAI

The Autumn tembo dai, or waiting shelter, is prest and reflection. Enjoy a nice breeze from the lake.

### 14 CLARK BONSAI COLLECTION

Bonsai is an art form portraying the story of a living sculpture. This world-class hide and reveal garden provides an opportunity to enjoy the uniqueness of each tree. Throughout the year the display rotates more than 100 trees through various themes.

### 15 SAGO PALM GROVE

Wander the path framed by these sago palms to a resting bench. The name is misleading as this tree is not a palm but a cycad!

### 16 WATER FALL

The power and sound of the water falling into a creek and merging into the lake is a metaphor of life's journey.

### 17 WINTER GARDEN GRANITE MARKER

The season of rest and renewal for plants, represented with the coastal redwoods, sago palms, and juniper trees.

### 18 WINTER TEMBO DAI

The highest point in Shinzen provides a grand view across the koi pond, the double moon bridge and Woodward Lake, creating a lens upon the world. You can observe the borrowed view design element, where you visually borrow the surrounding spaces in order to expand the size of the Garden. As you are sitting, notice the small stone lantern to the right featuring a small creature.

### 19 AZUMAYA

Enjoy the beautiful panoramic view from the grand tembo dai, or waiting shelter, of Shinzen. The shelter and lawn are the central area of Garden activities, classes and events.

### 20 KOI POND

The pond symbolizes the head of a turtle, considered in Japanese legend to represent good fortune. The Double Moon Bridge symbolizes the turtle's collar, and Woodward Lake is the turtle's body.

### 21 & 22 RESTROOMS

## YOUR DONATION MATTERS

This garden does not receive any fees gathered from the front gate.

*Shinzen's financial support comes from the generous private donations, memberships, private events, photo permits, tours, and through the invaluable support of our volunteers. Funding goes towards educational program development and capital improvements. Much of what you see in the five (5) acre Shinzen Garden is the result of the charitable contributions of volunteers through the maintenance of the grounds.*

*The Shinzen Friendship Garden, Inc. is led by the Board of Directors who ensures that the Garden meets the expectations of a non-profit 501(c)(3) and a charitable organization.*

