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In Memoriam: We mourn the loss of Patricia Kirsch, who recently passed away in 2018. Pat was a seminal Garden founder who gave so much.

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SAVE *The* DATE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

JUBILEE OPEN HOUSE & JAPANESE GARDEN FESTIVAL

HONORING OUR PAST, CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE

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JUBILEE OPEN HOUSE
9-11:30 AM, FINE ARTS BUILDING

NIHON TEIEN MATSURI
Japanese Garden Festival

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 • 11:30 AM-5 PM

Please join us in celebrating our beautiful Garden and Normandale's 50th Anniversary!

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Koi Feedings and Tours
 - Japanese Martial Arts
 - Japanese Dancers
 - Gift Boutique
 - Food Trucks
 - Military Intelligence Service Veteran Bud Nakasone
 - Flute, Koto and Drum Performances
 - Origami, Ikebana, Bonsai Demonstrations
 - Kimono Wearing Demonstration
 - Kids Activities
 - Japanese Cultural Organizations
- \$10 Suggested Donation*

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GARDEN VIEWS & NEWS

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Greetings,

Normandale Community College is proud to be home to the Japanese Garden, one of the special landmarks of the Bloomington Community. For over 40 years, the Garden has been a peaceful and tranquil setting to relax, enjoy nature and celebrate special memories. As Normandale celebrates its 50th Anniversary, we are thankful to the faithful supporters of the Garden who have dedicated their time and efforts to make it a community treasure.

Joyce C. Ester, Ph.D.

President, Normandale Community College

Japanese Garden Festival

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 • 11:30 AM-5 PM

Join in the fun with your friends and family!

We are pleased to add another attraction to our exciting list of Japanese cultural attractions.

The Sansei-Yonsei Kai dancers have been with us for all of our fundraisers since our first Sukiyaki Dinner in 1981. This year they will also share secrets of wearing a kimono through demonstrations.

The family area called KOI LAND has moved to the lower level allowing more room for fun and games with the Midwest Koi Club nearby to answer your questions. Food and music are right next door.

As always, we are delighted to welcome back previous talented performers, exhibitors, craftsmen and food trucks.



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GARDEN NEWS & VIEWS:

CELEBRATING CHANGE

The goal of the Committee and the College is that all change shall be for the physical good of the Garden.

In this issue:

- Exciting Additions to Japanese Garden Festival
- Natural Stone Bridge Joins the Impressive Waterfall and Granite Steps
- Garden to Get Northside Facelift
- New Koi Join the Garden's School
- Increased Learning Opportunities in the Garden



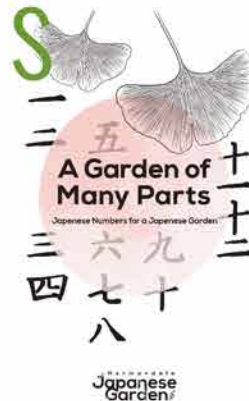


a garden of many parts

JAPANESE NUMBERS ILLUSTRATE THE GARDEN'S BEAUTY

Simple line drawings of Garden scenes lend themselves well to coloring or painting.

The newly published book, *A Garden of Many Parts*, will be available at the Festival. Japanese numbers are used with original drawings and haiku descriptions of Garden attractions. The simple line drawings of Garden scenes lend themselves well to coloring or painting. Illustrations were created by Ben Wong (husband of former Committee member Gail Wong) and graphic design by Brooke Coe. Committee member Val Wagner conceptualized the project and wrote the haiku. The book is suitable for children and adults. The cost is \$5 with proceeds going to support the Garden.



something for everyone

FAMILY PROGRAMS, FIELD TRIPS FOR SCHOOLS, HOME SCHOOL, SCOUT GROUPS

August 12 and September 9 wrap up our free "Show and Tell Sundays". Relax and enjoy the beauty and serenity of the Garden while learning about its unique features from 1-3 pm.

New this summer is the addition of *Imagine Japan!* taking place July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 18, Sept. 8, from 2:30-4 pm. This is an introduction to Japanese Gardens, and free to families. We meet in the Round Shelter of the Normandale Japanese Garden. Each child has the chance to design a mini dry garden (karesansui) and take home an Origami Happi Coat. Using the Family Discovery Tour Guide, families locate the garden's unique features (ages 7 and up).

New this fall is the addition of field trip programs and tours for schools, home school, and scout groups. Current availability is September 17-October 4, 2018 and May 13-June 5, 2019.

For more information, contact Cece Cope at njg.committee@gmail.com or call 952-358-8145.

VOLUNTEERS: DOCENTS, HOSTS... AND THE REST!

If you enjoy visiting the garden on weekends, you have probably met our new student docent, Daina Matan Gnoumba. She's an international student from Cameroon studying nursing. Daina is available to interpret the garden for visitors, lead tours or host reserved events that happen when she's in the garden all day on Fridays and Saturdays.

Committee members and volunteers serve as hosts and interpreters at other times. Committee members also return telephone calls and emails, help write articles and design publications, research solutions, as well as recruit and coordinate others.

If you have an interest in joining the Japanese Garden team as a Committee member or volunteer, contact Cece Cope at njg.committee@gmail.com or call 952-358-8145 for an application. Positive, energetic and committed individuals are very welcome!

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THANK YOU TO THREE LONGTIME GARDEN VOLUNTEERS



From left: Shirley Huskins, Joe Poell and Val Wagner

Shirley Huskins (member since 1980) chaired the Sukiya Dinner fundraiser for 23 years. Every April she recruited around 100 volunteers and planned all aspects, including ordering, delivery, setting up and serving about 1,000 to 1,200 visitors. She continues to host events, lead tours, serve on sub-committees and help with the annual Japanese Garden Festival.

Val Wagner (member since 1990) has served many roles, including Chair of Publicity and Festival. She is a nationally accredited Flower Show judge. Val has taken landscape design courses at Dakota County Technical College and through the National Council of Garden Clubs for evaluation of landscapes in public places.

Joe Poell (member since 2012) has participated in various Japanese Garden fundraising activities as a volunteer since he became a Normandale employee in 2000. His extensive relationships at the college have proven invaluable, especially as the committee prepares for the upcoming Festival.

ways to give

MAXIMIZE THE TAX BENEFIT OF YOUR GIFT

Many donors are wondering how recent changes to the federal tax law will affect their charitable giving. Starting in 2018, you can deduct charitable gifts of cash up to 60 percent of your adjusted gross income—up from 50 percent under the previous law. Other ways to give include:

Your Gifts of Appreciated Stock If you own stocks, mutual funds, or other publicly traded securities that have increased in value, you may want to consider using these assets to make charitable gifts.

Gifts That Provide Income to You You may wish to consider the benefits of using appreciated assets to fund a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. These gift options not only offer capital gains tax savings, but also provide income.

Gifts From Your IRA If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can make a qualified charitable distribution of up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA without having to recognize the distribution as income. This option provides

tax savings even if you do not itemize deductions.

Gifts in Your Will, Trust, or Other Estate Plan

Some people choose to designate the Normandale Foundation as the beneficiary of retirement assets, which is a simple and tax-efficient way to make an estate gift. Family or friends who inherit assets from a tax-deferred retirement plan will have to pay income tax when they withdraw the funds. However, if left to the Foundation, these assets will pass tax-free.

If you have already remembered Normandale in one of these ways, thank you for your generosity! We hope you will inform us so we may include you as part of our donor recognition event in the spring.

moments like these...

WEDDINGS, EVENTS AND PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS IN THE GARDEN

Did you know that our Garden is listed among the best inexpensive wedding venues in MN?

For \$200 per hour, your Garden reservation includes a host attired in a festival Happi coat,

who greets your guests and informs the public when the garden will again be open.

For more information, call 952-358-8145 or go to www.normandale.edu/jgweddings.



THE GARDEN GLOVE projects

This summer's projects focus on safety and guest experience in the Garden and include the following:

- The wooden entry gates and wood on the square shelter have been bleached by the sun and will be stained. This should return them to their original beauty.
- This year, Horticulturist Sam Kaufman and his helpers removed 14 barrels weighing thirty-gallons each of pine candles. Each of these small pieces of pine new growth are painstakingly removed one at a time – by hand.
- The eastern end on the north side requires the addition of sheet piling to control erosion. This work is scheduled to begin this fall, and will include landscape restoration in that area.
- Boulder work in the waterfall will result in an improved water performance—look for the "carp rock" as the water dances in an arc as it hits the boulder.
- Thanks to the Upper Midwest Koi Society, three koi were added and hundreds of sunnies were trapped and released into the marsh pond.

